

Minutes

MIDDLEFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2014

PRESENT: Joe Kearns, Scott Artioli and Ed Vivier. Janine Savoy and Judy Hoag send their regrets.

The meeting opened at 6:35 pm.

The minutes of the February 3, 2014 meeting were accepted unanimously as read.

The Finance Committee began interviewing the various department heads. At tonight's meeting the committee interviewed the Chief of Police, Thomas Austin, regarding his budget for FY15. Some of the topics touched upon were:

1. State unfunded mandates.
2. The problem of taking scheduled police training courses during the day.
3. The increased amount of elderly calls for service.
4. The number of new people moving into Middlefield.
5. The increasing problem of domestic violence.
6. The establishment of a five-year plan for the Police Department.

Chief Austin also mentioned that his salary will be level funded but that he will need an increase in funds for training and to purchase protective vests for the police officers. Chief Austin said he will get back to us regarding the cost to purchase the vests.

Ed Vivier, Director of Middlefield EMS, said that the EMS funds for FY15 would be level funded and that he hopes to have a few more people volunteer for the EMT courses.

Chairman Joe Kearns and the Finance Committee again went over the Annual Town Meeting Warrant line by line and discussed their recommendations for each item.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 6:30 pm because of the holiday on Monday. Members of the COA Board have been invited to present their budget

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Vivier
Secretary

