

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
January 14, 2016

Council met in regular session. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Sam Morrow, Mr. Rick Seyer-excused and Mr. Ronald Wiech.

Also present: Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Jessica Giardina, Mr. Tom Lee-Village Solicitor, Mr. Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Ms. Leslie McCoy-Econ Dir/Zoning Insp., Chief Tucholski, Sgt. Savage, Officer Nevison, Ms. Kim Breyley, Okeylene Hopkins, Roger Hanna, Chief Bill Reed-Middlefield Fire Department and Alex Duncan.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No Additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes: December 31, 2015 regular meeting – Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Hornung moved to authorize payments totaling \$182,218.00, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5).* Mayor Garlich asked about the payment to Grendell. It was a loan payment.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income tax and Financials – Report in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that the final numbers are in for 2015. Income tax is up about 60,000 from 2014. With the road project our carryover was not as large as the Council would like to see.

ECON DEV./ZONING INSP. REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she submitted two industrial parcels to the state add. The process will tell the property owners what is needed to make the parcels marketable. At the end of the process the parcels could be certified and therefore be very competitive and will bring industrial companies to look at properties in the village. This is a free program. Briar Cliff has resubmitted changed plans for an addition and other improvements to the nursing home and will be coming before the Planning Commission at the end of the month. Mayor Garlich stated that they attended a meeting with ODOT regarding safety with the Amish Community.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mr. Ehrhart stated that the department did routine maintenance at the WWTP & WTP. The downtown pump station has been getting all the pumps rebuilt and doing maintenance. The department did meter readings & repair. The small dump truck went in and got sand blasted and repainted to try and extend the life of the truck. The department also did street sweeping, taking holiday decorating down and some snowplowing and salting of the roads and sidewalks. Mr. Ehrhart thanked Chief Tucholski for all his help that he assists the road department with. He is always willing to jump in and assist the department with water main breaks or jumping into a plow truck to help out.

POLICE REPORT – Report included in packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the year. Call of service were up about 200 compared to the year before.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that all basketball games for this weekend had to be cancelled due to a volleyball

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tournament at the school. The adult coloring contest went very well. The holiday lighting contest went very well and there were lot of homes decorated in the village this year. The wrestling program is about half way through their season.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report on the desk. Chief Reed gave the statistics for the month of December and the 2015 year. Chief Reed stated that the runs for the total year were 733 which is up about 54 runs from last year. Chief Reed commended Fire Fighter Thompson for his part in saving a life of a lady at the mall. In February the department will have 10 certified paramedics. The ORC requires that each Municipality have a Fire Prevention Officer. The Chief is the Officer for Middlefield Township and Huntsburg. Mr. Lee will look at what is required for this change.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report included in packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Mayor Garlich gave the Oath of Office to Officer Nevison on his promotion to Sergeant.

FIRST READING -

ORDINANCE 16-101 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE PROMOTION OF POLICE OFFICER JUSTIN NEVISON TO SERGEANT OF THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-101 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 16-101 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Klein made a motion to pass Ordinance 16-101, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 16-102 AN ORDINANCE EMPLOYING THOMAS J. LEE AS VILLAGE SOLICITOR AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD FOR 2016, RATIFYING LEE'S EMPLOYMENT FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH THE PRESENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-102 by title only.

This is a one year contract. The increase is \$5.00 per hour. Mr. Lee stated that with Ms. McCoy handling the Zoning he is not needed as much in that department.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 16-102 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Wiech made a motion to pass Ordinance 16-102, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5).

RESOLUTION 16-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY TO APPLY FOR THE

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"TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE" PROGRAM FOR AN AMISH BUGGY LANE FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 16-01 by title only.

Ms. McCoy stated that this is a program that has two parts the planning and then project. This is a joint application with the Township. The study will look at State Route of 87 and 608.

Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 16-01 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll Call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Resolution 16-01, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5).

RESOLUTION 16-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BRANT A. AND YVETTE M. ZEMELKA, FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE VILLAGE OF \$4,000, IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ZEMELKAS' CLAIM AGAINST THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich Introduced Resolution 16-02 by title only.

Discussed the pump station and why it failed. One pump has been repaired and will be pulling and do maintenance on the other pump.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 16-02 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Klein made a motion to pass Resolution 16-02, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

SECOND READING

RESOLUTION 15-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VILLAGE'S UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 913 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE 2016 AND 2017 CALENDAR YEAR.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-19 by title only.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Resolution 15-19 on seconded reading, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5)

THIRD READING – Nothing before Council

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

NEW BUSINESS

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1. **Planning Commission Appointment:** Had a member of the committee resign due to health issues. This is a Mayor appointment. Would like to have the applicants to the next commission meeting.
2. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Report in the packet. Ms. Breyley went over the statistics. Mr. Klein stated that he went to look at the Agenda and thought it was easy to find and had no problem reading it on his phone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Parks & Recreation (Mr. Hofstetter/Mr. Seyer/Mayor Garlich) – No meeting in December

Finance & Ordinance (Mr. Seyer/Mr. Klein/Mr. Wiech) – In packet.

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mr. Wiech/Mr. Hornung/Mayor Garlich) – No meeting held in December.

Public Safety (Mr. Hornung/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hofstetter) – No meeting held in December

Economic Development (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hornung) – No meeting held in December

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Gyure/Ms. Davis) – No meeting held in December.

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing before Council

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER