

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
February 9, 2017

Council met in regular session. Mayor Garlich called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Sam Morrow, Mr. Ron Wiech and Mr. Rick Seyer.

Also present: Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Mr. Tom Lee-Village Solicitor, Ms. Leslie McCoy - Administrator, Mr. Nick Bellas-Zoning Inspector, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Chief Tucholski – Police & Director of Streets & Utilities, Lt. Savage, Mr. Alex Duncan, Mr. Zwolinski-Kiwanis, Ms. Joan Czuchra, Ms. Fran Hanna, Mr. Roger Hanna, Mr. Kyle Kaplan, Mr. Terry Delbo, Mr. Bob Delbo and Lt. Tony Yeropoli.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Add under New Business Tare Creek Project.

Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2017 regular meeting – *Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Wiech moved to authorize payments totaling \$216,783.58, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that in the Finance Meeting the committee went over the 2016 financial totals. The year ended up pretty good. Discussed Income Tax; withholdings were up.

ECON DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she has been working on a few projects. The bike trail is still being worked on; approximately a \$600,000.00 project. Discussion regarding the Revolving Loan Fund.

ZONING REPORT: Report is included in the packet. Mr. Bellas stated that the Planning commission held two hearing. A home occupation and Open storage. Has given two verbal warnings regarding garbage kept neat in a commercial area. Received a letter from the citizens against marijuana.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated that the department has had a lot of vehicle repairs in January. Lots of snow plowing and sidewalks plowing. The pump station in front of Marathon went down and had to have one of the pumps repaired. Discussion regarding the different sizes of the pumps and whether they can all be changed to the same size. Still have 10 meters that need to be replaced for residential. Then will be starting on commercial businesses with the meter changes.

POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of January. 395 calls for service for the year. Purchased some new uniforms for the department. Discussed some of the thefts and what is being prosecuted.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that this is the last week for regular season basketball and tournament will be the next two weekends at the Middle School. The wrestling program had three wrestlers

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that qualified to wrestle at state which is this weekend in Austintown. The Egg Hunt will be April 8th and tickets will go on sale March 1st. The kid's hunt tickets will be \$2.00 and the adult hunt tickets will be \$15.00. Baseball, Softball and Spring Soccer registration is currently being taken.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report is included in the packet. Lt. Yeropoli gave the statistics for the month of January. 50 runs for the month. The new truck is shaping up and should still be delivered in the fall of 2017. The department is holding refresher classes for EMT and Paramedics. Mr. Seyer asked about the limited use of the building. Lt. Yeropoli stated that there are renovations occurring for making bunk rooms. The space is currently being used for bunk rooms and classrooms. Kiwanis thanked the Fire Department for all the years of use and help with the fish fries.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

An audience member asked the Mayor to give an overview of the Refuse Program. Mayor Garlich stated that the Council looked at this program to add value to the community. There were two goals to save the residents money and to get rid of the recycling center. The program was put out for bid and Rumpke was the lowest and best bid. Refuse and recycling containers will be put curb side and will be picked up weekly the resident will be billed through the village and the cost will be included with the quarterly water bills. Garbage is mandatory but the recycling is not, however they will deliver a can and you have 90 days to return the recycling containers. The village will still have the Annual Clean-up day but large items can be put out on your regular pick up day.

Ms. Joan Czuchra – Woodsong Drive – Asked about the cost of the recycling center. The Mayor stated that the village did not pay for the program but did have to pay the service department for cleanup. Seyer stated that the program is paid for through the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District. Talked about the orange bags that she currently use.

Mr. Terry Delbo –Middlefield Township – complained about not knowing about this program ahead of time. Just received the letter a couple days ago. Questioned why it was not included with a past water bill.

Mr. Wiech stated that the village also looked at how this program will help to keep the infrastructure of the roads from deteriorating. Instead of having large garbage trucks everyday on village roads now it will be two trucks once a week.

Mr. Terry Delbo made several derogatory comments regarding the council and the program. Called the Council members communist. Continued to argue with the Mayor and Council regarding the issue.

Mr. Hanna – Woodsong – Asked about the garbage cans and not being able to fit into the garage in the subdivision.

Mr. Giardina stated that the village is not making anything on the program. It is a pass through to the residents. The village has to pay the fees up front.

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FIRST READING -

RESOLUTION 17-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 17-03 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 17-03 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 17-03, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-102 AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE TAXING AUTHORITY THE TOTAL TAX VALUATION OF THE SUBDIVISION AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OR REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-102 by title only.

Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 17-102 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 17-102, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

RESOLUTION 17-01 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2017 TRAFFIC SIGN RETRO REFLECTIVITY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 17-01 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Resolution 17-01 on Second Reading, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 16-145 AND ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 945 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE REFUSE SERVICE FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (REVISED)

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-145 by title only.

Amended to add the Fund specific for the Refuse Collection. First money out of the bill will go to refuse and then will be distributed to the water & sewer funds. Mr. Lee went section by section to point out the amendments. Mr. Wiech asked about the Tire Recycling Program

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Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 16-145 on Second Reading as amended, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-101 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 3RD ANNUAL ADULT EGG HUNT, WAIVING ANY PROHIBITIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-101 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place Ordinance 17-101 on Second Reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

THIRD READING

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Report in the packet. Views are way down for the month of January. The pages have all been updated and includes new photos. Mayor Garlich suggested putting a monthly or weekly feature on the website and on Facebook to help increase traffic.
2. **Dog Park:** Ms. Warren stated that she has been working on the location for the dog park. She has contacted contractors regarding the fencing, the service department for water and play features for the dogs. Will have a large dog area and a small dog area with non-see through fencing. Mr. Klein spoke to Ms. Gail Jaite regarding her thoughts on the park and she gave several really good ideas.
3. **Custom Planting & Hanging Baskets – 2017/2018 Contract:** Ms. McCoy stated that this is for the planning of the flowers and the hanging baskets. The contract is for 2017 and 2018 and it is the same cost that the village paid in 2016. ***Mr. Seyer made a motion to approve the contract as submitted, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).***
4. **Tare Creek Project:** Mayor Garlich stated that there is a business that would like to come in and be a long term business. The issue is the business cannot legally install the utilities to the property. Mayor Garlich went through the spreadsheet. Big payroll and a big water/sewer user. The village will have to look at creative financing. Mr. Klein stated that the Finance committee was in favor of this project. The Village will be able to use some of the area for storage of the Village's salt supply. Ms. McCoy stated that she has been looking into different funding options. Getting rated for bonds is expensive. ***It is the consensus of Council to move forward with the project.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mayor Garlich/Carl Hornung/Sam Morrow) – Minutes are included in the packet.

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Public Safety (Mr. Seyer/Mr. Blue/Mr. Wiech) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Finance & Ordinance (Mr. Klein/Mr. Seyer/Mr. Morrow) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Parks & Recreation (Mr. Wiech/Mr. Hornung/Mayor Garlich) – Minutes are included in the packet.

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

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Dietrich/Ms. Davis) – Minutes are included in the packet.

VILLAGE CALENDAR: In packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing before Council

There being no further business before Council the regular session adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER