

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
February 11, 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 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, Mr. Michael Cipolla-WWTP & WTP Operator, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Ms. Leslie McCoy-Econ Dir/Zoning Insp., Chief Tucholski, Chief Bill Reed- Middlefield Fire Department, Patty Fulop-Geauga County Airport, Ben Nicastro-Geauga County Airport, Paula Shenal-Community Care Ambulance and the Middlefield Recreation Youth Wrestlers.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No Additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2016 regular meeting – Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5). Mr. Seyer-Abstained

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Wiech moved to authorize payments totaling \$309,625.57, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income tax and Financials – Reports in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that January collections were up over last year.

ECON DEV./ZONING INSP. REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that January has been a pretty busy month working on existing projects. Issued a few zoning permits for the month of January and still working with property owners on some violations. Arby's was purchased by corporate and they will be making several improvements.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mr. Ehrhart stated the department has their usual maintenance at the plants. The department has done a bit of snow plowing and sidewalk snowplowing. When the weather holds out the street sweeper has been out cleaning the roads. The department has done sewer main cleaning and there was a major water main break that was repaired. Mr. Ehrhart thanked the Police Chief for all his assistance with traffic control. Mr. Ehrhart introduced Mr. Michael Cipolla, the Water Plant Operator, he has been with the village since 1992. Mr. Cipolla gave a presentation regarding the village's drinking water. Mr. Cipolla assured the Mayor and Council that the village's water is not corrosive. On a yearly basis Mr. Cipolla will take several samples from various older homes around town to detect for lead and copper in the water, all homes came back as nondeductible except for one, that had <2 parts per billion and the village cannot exceed 15 parts per billion. The test results are sent to the village and directly from the lab to the OEPA. Mr. Wiech asked Mr. Ehrhart about the Villages salt supply. Mr. Ehrhart stated that the village is on average and has received the ordered salt in a timely manner.

POLICE REPORT – Report included in packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of January. Chief Tucholski stated that there was two break in's over the weekend at El Patrons and China Dragon, the glass doors were broken. Discussion

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regarding what a rule four is. Chief Tucholski explained that this is usually done when someone is transported to the jail.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that basketball has two more weeks. The Athletic Boosters will be hosting a tournament in March for the program. The wrestling season is over. The Adult Basketball League will be held in March. Currently have 3 teams signed up and need one more. The Adult Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 19th at 8:30 pm at Mineral Lake Park and the cost is \$10.00 per ticket. The Kids Easter Egg Hunt will be March 19th at 10:00 am at Jordak.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report included in the packet. Chief Reed gave the statistics for the month of January. Calls to date are up from last year. Discussion regarding the power blip and what it does to the alarm drops. Chief Reed stated that the department has to check each alarm. Discussion regarding the industries that have Mill Rescue Crews. There was an employee today that needed rescued at one of the industries and the companies Mill Rescue Team got to him and then Community Care transported.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report included in packet. Ms. Shanal stated that Community Care has been extremely busy the last couple of months in the Village.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Presentation of Proclamation Celebrating Pauline Fritinger's "100th Birthday": Mayor Garlich read the Proclamation and presented it to Mrs. Pauline Fritinger..

Recognition of Youth Wrestlers: Mayor Garlich presented the Youth Wrestlers with certificates of achievements for an outstanding year. Mayor Garlich recognized Brian Zeigler for his outstanding coaching and dedication to the program.

FIRST READING -

ORDINANCE 16-103 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE SECOND ANNUAL ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT, WAIVING ANY PROHIBITIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-103 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 16-103 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Klein made a motion to **pass** Ordinance 16-103, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas ().

ORDINANCE 16-104 AN ORDINANCE REZONING SIX PARCELS OF LAND ON NORTH STATE AVE. FROM "R-2, TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" TO "GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY – (Public Hearing March 10th @ 8pm.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-104 by title only.

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Mr. Klein stated that Briar Hill Nursing Home will be starting a very large expansion in June or July and they currently own the corner lot and two more lots south on North State and Tare Creek. Briar Hill is requesting to rezone these lots. The Planning Commission felt that all the lots south should be rezoning to have consistency. Some corrections will be made on the ordinance regarding the property owners by Mr. Lee.

Mr. Klein made a motion to place Ordinance 16-104 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 16-03 A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE NEAT STREETS EXTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT REBATE PROGRAM

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 16-03 by title only.

Mayor Garlich stated that council has decided to place a cap that is available within a 5 year period. \$300 maximum payment, total of \$600 over a 5 year time span.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Resolution 16-03 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll Call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 16-04 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GEAUGA COUNTY AUDITOR TO PROVIDE TAX ADVANCES FOR THE 2016 COLLECTION PERIODS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 16-04 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 16-04 an emergency, seconded by Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6)

This is required to get the advances of the property taxes collected.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Resolution 16-04, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6)

SECOND READING – Nothing before Council

THIRD 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. Klein made a motion to pass Resolution 15-19, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6)

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

NEW BUSINESS

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1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Report in the packet. Ms. Breyley stated that views are up compared to last year.
2. **Planning Commission Appointment by Mayor Garlich:** Mayor Garlich stated that he has appointing Dave Dietrich to this vacancy.
3. **Airport Authority Request to Remove Trees on B&O:** Ms. Patty Fulop thanked Council for appointing Ben Nicastro to the Airport Board, he is a great asset. Ms. Fulop stated that the Airport is applying for a grant to have trees removed that are becoming an obstruction in the path of flights. Need to look at trees on adjoining property including along the B & O Right-of-way. The grant is good for a one time removal. If the tree is small and not removed and then grows into the flight path then the village would become liable. Looking at removing brush and trees on about 3 and ½ acres of land. This will be at no cost to the village. This project will include clear cutting, stump removal and reseedling. Mr. Klein made a motion to approve the Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Airport for the tree removal, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).
4. **2015 Year End Report – Village Administrator:** Mr. Weir gave a power point presentation showing a review of the villages activities for 2015.
5. **Spring Clean-up Day – Saturday May 21st:** Universal Disposal has submitted a quote. The fee has increased \$100.00 per load this year. ***Mr. Hornung made a motion to recommend Universal Disposal for the 2016 Annual Clean Up, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).***
6. **Schedule of Village Fees – Annual Approval:** The changes are in the Foundation fees and the burial fees. The inscription fees on the columbarium also increased. ***Mr. Blue made a motion to approve the schedule of fees, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6)***
7. **GTV STREAMING ON INTERNET – Email from Dave Jevnikar:** Discussion regarding the email. Council would like Mr. Jevnikar to attend the next meeting meeting and explain what the plan will be.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mayor Garlich/Carl Hornung/Sam Morrow) – In packet.

Public Safety (Mr. Seyer/Mr. Blue/Mr. Wiech) – In packet.

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

Parks & Recreation (Mr. Wiech/Mr. Hornung/Mayor Garlich) – In packet.

Economic Development (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hornung) – In packet

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Gyure/Ms. Davis) – In packet.

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VILLAGE CALENDAR: On the desk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hornung made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:44 pm to discuss personnel and litigation, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6)

The meeting reconvened at 9:04pm.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER