

**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD'S
STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

The Village of Middlefield's Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Mr. Wiech with the following members present: Mr. Ron Wiech, Mayor Ben Garlich and Mr. Carl Hornung.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, and Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities.

Agenda: No additions or deletion to the agenda.

Minutes of January 13, 2015 were presented for approval. ***Mayor Garlich moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (3).***

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Feral Cats - Discussion:** Mr. Hornung stated that he has met with Ms. Miller and Rescue Village would like to set up direct billing with the village for each spayed or neutered cats. Mr. Weir to contact Ms. Miller regarding cost and also Rescue Village for invoicing.
2. **New Street Light Corner of Woodsong and W. High Street - Status:** The pole has been installed just waiting on running the wire across St. Rt. 87 and installing a light fixture.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adjustment Journal – January - None:** There were no utility adjustments in the month of January.
2. **Water/Sewer Rate – Discussion:** Mr. Weir presented an analysis of the current rates. Looking at increasing rate about 3% per year. The debt service is not included in the operation cost. The rate have stayed static but the operating cost have increased. Mr. Weir's recommendation is doing a 3% increase annually. Discussed the option of doing an increase starting in 2015. Discussed current rates in other communities. **Mr. Wiech made a motion to recommend the rate increase to council, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor (3).**
3. **On-Hand Spare Equipment for Service Dept. – Discussion:** Mr. Ehrhart stated that it has been a hard winter on equipment. Had a tractor go down and needed parts and no one had the parts available. Had to borrow a tractor to do the sidewalks. Now the tractor is repaired and back in operation. The department really needs a backup tractor. Maybe trade in the smaller tractor for a larger one with another blower. Need another truck plow too. Mr. Ehrhart will get a quote for a new tractor outfitted for snowplowing. The tractor snowplow really takes a beating; running 14 hours a day chewing through snow and ice. Discussed the need for another truck for the service department. The big plowing and salting trucks are 16 years old and 8 years old. ***It is the consensus***

of the committee for Mr. Ehrhart to purchase an extra blade and to get a quote for a new tractor with the trade in of the older smaller tractor.

4. **Mercury Variance for Wastewater Permit – Discussion:** Mr. Ehrhart stated that the EPA stated that the Village needs to have a variance for the Mercury reading. The village will have to have a study done and pay the EPA for a 3 year variance. Discussion regarding what is involved in the study.

5. **Request for Sanitary Adjustment – William Wood, Michael Hofstetter, LaRue Westover:** Mr. Hornung stated that Mrs. Wood stated that the toilets that were installed by the builder were leaking. They replaced those toilets with an American Standard toilets and they also leaked. Mr. Wiech stated that the water came out the faucet and then went down the drain and feels that they need to get a new meter installed. The water was treated from the water plant and the water went through the sewer and was processed. ***It is the consensus of the committee to not grant any reduction in Mrs. Wood water and sewer bill.*** Discussion regarding Mr. Hofstetter leaking outside faucet. With the radio meter this is clearly an outside leak and leaked for about 32 hours. ***It is the consensus of the committee to reduce the sewer use to the minimum charge of \$52.41.*** Discussed Mr. Westover bill and his sewer reduction request. ***It is the consensus of the committee to give Mr. Westover a credit of \$61.35.***

The streets meeting will be moved to March 19th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Nothing before the committee.

Mr. Wiech adjourned the Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities meeting at 6:45 pm.

PENDING

1. **Glen Valley Drive Phase II:**
2. **Edgewood Drive Repair**
3. **Salt Storage**
4. **Bonner Industrial Park II**
5. **Drinking Water Source Protection Plan**
6. **Review of Impact Fee/Capital Improvement Plan**
7. **Pickup Truck Replacement for service Department**
8. **Tare Creek Parkway Funding**