

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
April 2, 2015

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

Also present: Dan Weir – Administrator, Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Tom Lee-Village Solicitor, Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities, Chief Tucholski, Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Kim Breyley, Chief Bill Reed-Middlefield Fire Department, Judy Stone, Richard Stone, Edna Davis, Roger Hanna, Sam Morrow-Glen Valley Drive, Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No Additions or deletions.

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

Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2015 special 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 \$221,050.60, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5).*

INCOME TAX REPORT – Report included in the packet.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT - The collections are trending up from last year. Water and Sewer are up over last year. The expenses of the village are down. Mr. Wiech thanked all the department heads for keeping down cost and controlling overtime. Mr. Giardina stated that all the departments are working hard to stay within their budgets.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Nothing Submitted

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Nothing Submitted

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mr. Ehrhart stated that the department worked on street repair, streets sweeping and trash pickup. Had equipment repairs, sanitary sewer cleaning, storm sewer repairs, maintenance at the plants, meter reading and meter replacements. Mr. Klein asked about the annual cleanup day. Mr. Weir stated that it will be May 16th. Mayor Garlich questioned the amount main breaks. Mr. Ehrhart stated that there was only one main break the rest were frozen service lines under the road. There were a total of 6 frozen service lines they were 3 to 4 feet deep. Mayor Garlich asked how old the village's infrastructure is. Mr. Ehrhart stated depend on the area of town that you are referring to. Some areas were installed in the 1960's and some are only a year old.

POLICE REPORT – Report included in packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of March. The department is about 120 calls above last year to date. April 15th at noon the department will be having a full test (1:30 minutes) for the tornado siren. Sgt. Savage has two more weeks of training at PELC and then will be submitting the application for the FBI academy. Officer Thomas will be talking at an all-female class given by Columbus Police Department titled "Female Enforcers Class".

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PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mayor Garlich stated that the Youth Easter Egg Hunt went well as did the Adult Easter Egg Hunt. ***Mr. Wiech made a motion to accept all of the donations for the Easter Egg Hunt, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).***

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report on the desk. Chief Reed gave the statistics for the month of March. Discussed the training offered by the State; Council man Hornung is interested in attending. Mr. Wiech asked about the gas spills listed. Chief Reed stated that they are typically at the gas stations. Chief Reed recognized Sgt. Savage for his use of life saving techniques at an accident scene.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Nothing Submitted.

FINANCIALS – Report included in packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 15-107 AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE VILLAGE'S "REC CENTER CONSTRUCTION FUND" TO THE "INCOME TAX FUND".

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-107 by title only.

Mr. Weir stated that by state law a municipality is allowed to accumulate fund for a project up to ten years and the village is at that point and it needs to be transferred back to the fund it was deposited from.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 15-107 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 15-108 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 147.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO SPECIFY THAT ALL VACATION HOURS EARNED BY VILLAGE EMPLOYEES ARE TO BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE DURING THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY ARE EARNED, AND TO CLARIFY VARIOUS RELATED PROVISIONS.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-108 by title only.

The Finance Committee discussed this at length and feels that section 147.01 should be kept at the same. It is a good moral booster for the employees and does not cost the village any additional money. It was the consensus of Council to not move the legislation forward.

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SECOND READING –

ORDINANCE 15-104 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 181.11(D) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL OFFICER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR AND THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, TO ESTABLISH A DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENT PLAN, SUBJECT TO SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-104 by title only.

Council had questions at the last council meeting regarding the delinquency. Those questions have been answered and feels that this legislation should move forward

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 15-104 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **pass** Ordinance 15-104, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

THIRD READING – Nothing before Council

PENDING PASSAGE – Nothing before Council

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley** : Ms. Breyley gave an overview of the use. Views are down for March but up 8% over last year. Discussion regarding the mobile use. Usage did increase over the weekend due to the pictures from the Easter Egg Hunts. Discussed putting a police blotter on the website.
2. **Village 2014 Year End Report – Review**: Mr. Weir gave an overview of the 2014 year-end report. Mayor Garlich stated that the finance committee is looking into ways to increase the revenue collected on interest for investments. Gave an overview of the grants that the village received in 2014. Discussed the increase in expenses for the water and sewer accounts. Expenses are outgrowing the revenue. The last rate increase was in 2010 and needs to have an annual increase to keep up with the growing expenses. Mr. Lee stated that the debt service for the plants are not included in the expenses.
3. **Division of Liquor Control Hearing – Vinny's Pizza**: This is simply a notification to the village. The Village of Middlefield declines the right to a hearing.
4. **Glen Valley Drive Project – Engineers Estimate**: Mr. Klein stated that the Village is looking at doing phase 2 and phase 3 as one and looking at getting the project completed this year. Will be preparing the bid packet and hopefully will get the project totals to come in close to the engineers estimates. The estimates is \$465,000.00 for the rest of the project. Mr. Morrow thanked council on behalf of the residents of Glen Valley.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mr. Wiech/Mr. Hornung/Mayor Garlich) – In packet.

Parks & Recreation (Mr. Hofstetter/Mr. Seyer/Mayor Garlich) – In packet

Public Safety (Mr. Hornung/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hofstetter) – In packet.

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

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - Nothing before Council

Mr. Hornung made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:19 pm to discuss litigation, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5)

The meeting reconvened at 8:48 pm.

The being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER