

**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD'S
STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES MEETING
APRIL 9, 2015**

The Village of Middlefield's Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee was called to order at 5:30 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, Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities and Sam Morrow.

Agenda: No additions or deletion to the agenda.

Minutes of March 19, 2015 were presented for approval. ***Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Mayor Garlich. All in favor: Yeas (3).***

Mr. Hornung gave an update on the feral cat T-N-R program. Have done a total of 11 cats to date. Discussion regarding the cats at Mineral Lake Park.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adjustment Journal – March:** There was one adjustment for an overpayment from the County Auditor. ***Mr. Hornung made a motion to accept the adjustment journal as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. All in favor: Yeas (3).*** Lengthy discussion regarding the planned improvement to the property along Northview that was recently purchased at sheriff's sale.
2. **Cemetery Headstone Maintenance:** Mr. Weir stated that Mr. Ehrhart and himself did an inspection at the cemetery and noted that the older headstones are leaning and some of the bigger monuments are tipped. Looking at options of how to handle the older monuments; there are no footers. The problem arises as some of the monuments are from the 1800's and not sure how to contact any family that could be left to inform that repairs are needed. Mr. Weir has reached out to other communities to see how they handle this issue. Mr. Wiech suggested that maybe the State Historical Society might have some funding or names of people who do this. Also suggest contact the veterans. Mr. Weir will gather more information regarding proper repair of the older monuments.
3. **ODOT Invoice for High Street Work:** Mr. Weir stated that he received an invoice for almost \$19,000.00. The village would pay for anything in the village that the village requested and the handicap accessible walks. Also charged for the parking spaces in front of the school and the plaza at the corner of West High Streets and North State Avenue. The only questionable charges are for the handicap ramps that were done 3 times due to the grade not being correct. The contractor installed the ramp as per the plans supplied by ODOT. The committee feels that this issue is between the contractor and ODOT. ***Mr. Wiech made a motion to refuse payment to ODOT for the mistakes with the handicap ramps, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: (3).***

4. **Dominion East Ohio Letter:** Dominion is requesting an increase from 2017 to 2021. The village is not in favor of any increases in fees.
5. **Snowplow/Tractor Purchase:** Mr. Ehrhart stated that the cost for the tractor with a front end loader. This tractor has a little bigger motor. The loader comes off to put the mower deck on. This tractor will also be very useful during baseball season. This is a lighter tractor than the backhoe and will be better to put dirt on the fields; it will do less damage. This cab is solid with heated windows; the current tractor has a canvas cab and the guys have to dress to be outside. Will keep the old tractor not worth much in trade in. Would have 2 tractors to do the sidewalks if need be. ***Mr. Wiech made a motion to recommend the purchase of the tractor to Council, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (3).***

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Mr. Wiech made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:10 pm, to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (3)

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 pm.

Mr. Wiech adjourned the Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities meeting at 6:31 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**