

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
April 14, 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. 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, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Ms. Leslie McCoy-Econ Dir/Zoning Insp., Chief Tucholski, Lt. Savage, Chief Bill Reed-Middlefield Fire Dept., Alex Duncan, Judy Stone and Dick Stone

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No Additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes: March 10, 2016 regular meeting – ***Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).***

Payment of Bills: ***Mr. Morrow moved to authorize payments totaling \$299,873.94, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).***

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income tax and Financials – Reports in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that Income tax is slightly up compared to last year. Water and sewer collection is down compared to last year. Expenses are holding steady.

ECON DEV./ZONING INSP. REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she has been meeting with Team Neo. Working with Team Neo to get funding to help fix up the old Johnson building. Should bring more business to town. On a list to be considered for money for the study of buggy lanes north and south of town. Zoning Permits have started picking up. There are still some violations that are being worked on now that the weather has improved. Discussion regarding the Dines property and the violations; the owners are in contact. Mr. Wiech inquired about the old Ames Building. Ms. Gambosi stated that they owners are still in negotiations and that the access should be started late spring.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mr. Ehrhart stated the department performed routine maintenance at the plants, snow plowing and salting. Spring cleanup on the streets, sweeping and have started to prep Eagle Park for opening. There are approximately 70 meters left to be changed, the department is knocking on doors and have currently installed 12 meters. Starting in October a surcharge will be added to the bills for those residents that have not changed their meters. Prepped fields for soccer and the ballfields. Discussed only opening Eagle Park for a limited number of days per week.

POLICE REPORT – Report included in packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of March. Call to date are 417 which is up a little bit from last year. Chief Tucholski gave an overview of the cases that the department has been working.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that the Adult Basketball League has concluded and will having a tournament in the future. The Adult Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. The Kids Easter Egg Hunt was also a success. A new Yoga class will be starting soon. Kitchen Kids have started. Soccer has kicked off with practices. Softball & baseball started practices this week.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report included in the packet. Chief Reed gave the statistics for the month of March. Discussed a few of the calls that the department has been participating in. The department will be doing a live fire training this Saturday, first house east of Troy mill. Looking at a grant through FEMA for a new truck. The life of a fire truck is 25 years and then it loses the ISO rating.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report included in packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- Nothing from the audience.

FIRST READING -

ORDINANCE 16-110 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 16TH ANNUAL CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH RIB BURN-OFF, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING THE SAME.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-110 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 16-110 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 16-111 AN ORDINANCE HIRING BRYAN P. DAWSON AS A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER, CONTINGENT UPON HIS COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 139.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AT THE PAY RATE OF \$20.07 PER HOUR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY..

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-111 by title only.

Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 16-111 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Wiech made a motion to pass Ordinance 16-111, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mayor Garlich administered the Oath of Office to Officer Dawson.

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 16-105 AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEMBERS, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-105 by title only.

Mr. Seyer made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 16-105 and emergency, motion seconded by Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5)

Mr. Seyer made a motion to pass Ordinance 16-105, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).

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ORDINANCE 16-106 AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR THE MAYOR, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-106 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 16-106 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5)

ORDINANCE 16-109 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 911.01(C) AND AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 911.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW FOR TEMPORARY DISCONTINUATION OF WATER SERVICE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-109 by title only.

Mr. Morrow stated that this was discussed in Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities and was recommended to council to permanently **TABLE** the Ordinance.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to permanently **TABLE** Ordinance 16-109, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5)

RESOLUTION 16-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CARDINAL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE SCHOOL FACILITIES FROM SEPTEMBER, 2016 THROUGH AUGUST, 2017.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 16-08 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place Resolution 16-08 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5)

THIRD READING

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

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 16-104 by title only.

Ms. McCoy explained that a sliver parcel had not been included in the original Ordinance and this revised Ordinance includes that parcel.

Mr. Blue made a motion to pass Ordinance 16-104, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

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

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 16-03 by title only.

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Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Resolution 16-03, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow.
Roll call: Yeas (5).

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Report in the packet. Ms. Breyley stated that the views were up about 7% from last month. Mobile use is at 51%.
2. **Mosquito Spraying – Zika Virus concern from Village Resident:** Mr. Weir stated that he received an email from a resident that was concerned about the Zika Virus. The warnings have increased in the last two weeks. Some of the ways that this can be managed is through a mosquito management program. Have to have a permit from the EPA to spray and would have to hire a contractor to spray. The Village use to spray years ago, probably been 20+ years. The village doesn't have any ditches so most of the issues are from residents back yards. Mr. Blue recommend putting information or suggestion, on how to control the mosquitos, on the website regarding this issue. Mayor Garlich would like to know what other communities and the county are doing regarding this epidemic.
3. **Letter from Ken Radtke, Jr., President – Geauga County Health Advisory Council:** Discussion regarding what inside millage is and what it means to the village. Consensus was not to send letter objecting to the accreditation of the County Health District.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

Economic Development (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hornung) – Minutes are in the packet.

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

VILLAGE CALENDAR: In packet.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – Nothing before council

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER

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