

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
July 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, Leslie McCoy-Economic Development & Zoning Inspector, Kim Breyley, Chief Bill Reed- Fire Department, Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf, Alex Duncan and Sam Morrow-Glen Valley Farms

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No Additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes: June 4, 2015 regular meeting – Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (3). Mr. Hofstetter abstained.

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Wiech moved to authorize payments totaling \$892,823.71, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (4).* This includes the semiannual loan payments.

INCOME TAX REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that income tax had been trending up and is up 9.28% for the year. A lot of the income tax is from withholding from business. Water and sewer is down from 2014 but up from 2013. The deficit is due to getting quite a bit of delinquent accounts paid off in 2014.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT –

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she has been working on leads to fill some of the empty spaces in the village. Mayor Garlich stated that Mr. David Ford of Federal Improvement Co will be putting up a new building on Industrial Parkway. It looking at multiple phases for this project.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that zoning has been pretty busy. Has had quite a few commercial inquires. Discussion held regarding the house that is being built on Royal Oak.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mr. Ehrhart stated that the department worked on sewer main cleaning, catch basin cleaning, meter reading and replacement, monthly chipping, ball field maintenance and set up. It has been a very frustrating year with the ballfields this year. Grass mowing and maintenance and repairs at the plants. Had a water main break on Kenwood on Monday evening. Received an alarm from the well house north of town. The electric pole was struck by lightning and disabled the emergency generator that runs the well house in the loss of power. Had to use an emergency stand by generator supplied by Buckeye Power Sales. By 11:00 am the well house was back up and running and the village was pumping water back into the village. No village equipment was damaged other than the generator switch board. Lengthy discussion regarding the construction project on Glen Valley. The new tractor has been picked up and is at the garage. The new signs have been picked up and installed.

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POLICE REPORT – Report included in packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of June. Chief Tucholski stated that they held the Public Shooter Simulator and not very many residents attended. Would like to hold another and will try and get the word out better to the residents. The department received a free Humvee through the federal government. Will be painting it black and use it for PR events. Unit one is currently at the shop being stripped and the new car should be ready shortly. Discussion regarding the police department overtime pay. Chief Tucholski stated that the department is fully staffed and this helps with the overtime.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that the dunk tank at Summer Fest raised \$288.00 for the Shop w/ a Cop Program. Geauga Bow has donated a gun and the police department is holding a raffle. At Summer Fest Brandon Wroblewski took first place in the talent show. This baseball/softball season has been extremely wet. Tournaments hopefully will start next week. Cop n' Kids fishing had 40 participants. Ms. Warren thanked all the local businesses for their generous donations. All the participants went home with something. Adult softball is in their 5th week and will be having tournament at the end of August. Extended the deadline for Youth football and Jr. Cheerleading. Currently taking resumes for the Program Supervisor Position until July 16th. The Amish Buggy Classic 5K race will be held on July 25th at 8:00 am.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report on the desk. Chief Reed introduced Dan Rhodes the senior captain for the department. Chief Reed gave the statistics for the Fire Department for the month of June. Included in the report is a write up regarding the Revised Inspection Program. There is another paragraph regarding the importance of lock boxes for Commercial and Industrial so the department does not have to break the door.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report included in packet. Response times look pretty good.

FINANCIALS – Report included in packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

2016 Tax Budget – Public Hearing July 15th at 6:00 pm.: Will have a special council meeting this night and the Budget has to be at the County by July 20th.

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 15-113 AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 15TH ANNUAL CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH RIB BURN-OFF, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-113 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 15-113 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

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Mr. Klein made a motion to pass Ordinance 15-113, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 15-114 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-114 by title only.

Mr. Weir stated that this legislation is to include the "Rec Construction Fund" in the budget so that the money can be spent on the Glen Valley Project.

Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 15-114 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Ordinance 15-114, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 15-115 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE INCREASE OF THE INCOME TAX FUND FOR 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-115 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 15-115 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5)

This amount will just be shown in the fund but not as parts of the Income Tax Collection.

Mr. Klein made a motion to pass Ordinance 15-115, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5).

RESOLUTION 15-06 A RESOLUTION DECERTIFYING THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BONNER FARMS BUSINESS PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-06 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 15-06 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Resolution 15-06, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (5).

RESOLUTION 15-07 A RESOLUTION DECERTIFYING THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY AND STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVMEENTS AT THE BONNER FARMS BUSINESS PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-07 by title only.

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Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 15-07 an emergency, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yes (5).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Resolution 15-07, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

SECOND READING –

ORDINANCE 15-111 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-111 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 15-111 on second reading, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

THIRD READING –

ORDINANCE 15-109 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 911.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A THREE PERCENT INCREASE IN WATER RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF WATER RATES BY THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE IN AUGUST, 2016 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-109 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to pass Ordinance 15-109, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 15-110 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 907.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A THREE PERCENT INCREASE IN SEWER RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2016, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF SEWER RATES BY THE STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE IN AUGUST, 2016 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL CLARIFICATIONS.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-110 by title only.

Mr. Blue made a motion to pass Ordinance 15-110, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

PENDING PASSAGE – Nothing before Council

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Ms. Breyley stated that the views are still good and views are still up over last year. The new website is just about ready to launch.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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) – No meeting in June.

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

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hornung made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:11 pm to discuss possible litigation and personnel, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (5)

The Council meeting reconvened at 8:50 pm.

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER