

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
October 1, 2015

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 Hofstetter, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Rick Seyer and Mr. Ronald Wiech.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, 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. Kim Breyley, Mrs. Judy Stone, Mr. Richard Stone, Mr. Freeman Miller, Mr. Steve Tucker, Ms. Shelby Smith, Ms. Paula Shenal-Community Care Ambulance, Ms. Edna Davis, Mr. Alex Duncan, Chief Bill Reed-Middlefield Fire Department, Sam Morrow – Glen Valley Farms and Ms. Ann Wichart-Maple Leaf.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No Additions or deletions.

Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2015 regular meeting – Mr. Klein moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Hornung moved to authorize payments totaling \$319,954.14, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).* Mayor Garlich asked the council members to think of ways to cut the budget.

INCOME TAX AND FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Report included in the packet. Briefed the finance committee on the monthly totals due to how the month closed. Water revenue is down; look at large water users and see if any are significantly down on usage.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Report included in the packet.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Report included in the packet.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report included in the packet. Water treatment plant maintenance. Had a lift station repair at the wastewater treatment plant. The department watered the flowers, chipping, water meter reading and replacement, and hydrant flushing. Regraded the ball fields to help with drainage. The department worked on grass mowing and street sweeping. Mayor Garlich asked if all the snow equipment is ready. Mr. Ehrhart stated that all equipment is ready. Discussion regarding the amount of salt that is on hand. Salt prices is down compared to last year. Typically the village uses 4 to 5 hundred ton of salt. Mr. Blue asked if the village will get any of the settlement from the salt law suit. Mayor Garlich stated that the village should receive something. Discussion regarding the centrifuge that needs repaired at the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Garlich commended Mr. Ehrhart on the control of overtime.

POLICE REPORT – Report included in packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of September. The department participated in the DEA drug takeback day. This year the department collected 76 pounds of prescription medication to be destroyed. The department did an in house training on traffic stops scenarios with hostile interaction. Officer Aveni performed CPR on an unresponsive male. The Shop w/ a Cop fund was awarded a \$2,500.00 grant from WalMart. The Shop w/ a Cop raffle

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raised just over \$2,000. The department has been preparing for Sgt. Savages leaving. Officer Nevison is training to be promoted to Sgt. Officer Notarian is progressing. He is finishing the second phase of his training. The department is getting an \$800.00 refund from OPATA for continue training reimbursement. Total training hours to date is 825. Trick or Treat is scheduled for October 31 at 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that the Youth Football teams is undefeated. Kitchen Kids got postponed a week as the instructor sustained an injury to her foot. The missed week will be added to the end of the program. The soccer program have started games and 3 teams will be going to a tournament. The volleyball program will begin games next week. Mr. Longrich is running a basketball shooting camp and has 7 participants. Currently taking registration for Basketball, Basketball cheerleading, wrestling and will be having a Halloween coloring contest.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report on the desk. Chief Reed gave the statistics for the month of September. Have had 541 calls year to date. Continue training with neighboring department. Currently have 4 houses to use for live fire training.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report included in packet. Working on reviews and training.

FINANCIALS – Report included in packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Mr. Wiech made a motion to accept a check from the American Legion Post #459 for \$100.00 for the Shop w/ a Cop, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6)

Tree lighting will be Friday November 27th.

Metzenbaum Center – Representative: Mr. Steve Tucker-Business Director for Metzenbaum Center. Gave a brief overview of what Metzenbaum offers. Metzenbaum has a 1Mill additional levy on the ballot for November. Mr. Miller gave a presentation of how families utilize the Metzenbaum Center. He has personal experience with the Metzenbaum Center, and knows how fortunate the county is to have such an organization.

Cardinal School Levy – Mr. Scott Klein, Co-Chair of Cardinal Levy Committee: Mr. Klein stated that he is Co-Chairman for the Levy Committee. He is seeking to get support from Council for this levy. This is a 2 mill levy for 5 year and will raise approximately \$600,000 a year to make improvement to the building, parking lots, etc. Mayor Garlich stated that he feels that the school board has done a great job prioritizing where the money should be spent.

FIRST READING

RESOLUTION 15-14 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015 GEAUGA COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-14 by title only.

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Mr. Weir stated that every 5 years this plan is updated. This plan would be used if the county would have a natural disaster and is needed for funding through FEMA.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Resolution 15-14 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 15-15 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTENT TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT MUNICIPAL OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY VIA INTERNET AUCTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-15 by title only.

Mr. Weir stated that this needs to be passed each year to allow the village to sell via the internet. This is a state requirement. Items are sold as is, where is. Advertise in the paper and post notices in town along with the internet site of Govdeals.

Mr. Blue made a motion to place Resolution 15-15 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 15-16 A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE SUPPORT OF VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR THE CARDINAL LOCAL SCHOOLS, FIVE YEAR, 2 MIL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT LEVY, KNOWN AS ISSUE #25 ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 BALLOT.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 15-16 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5). Mr. Wiech voted no.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Resolution 15-16, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (5). Mr. Wiech voted no.

Lengthy discussion regarding why Cardinal Board of Education opted out of the consolidation plan.

ORDINANCE 15-123 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 143.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION AND SPECIFY DUTIES OF THE TREASURY INVESTMENT BOARD.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-123 by title only.

Mr. Weir stated that the village has an Investment Policy for investments that are longer than 6 month must be approved by the Treasury Investment Board. They must meet quarterly.

Mr. Klein made a motion to place Ordinance 15-123 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING –

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ORDINANCE 15-121 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO IMPLIMENT STATE-MANDATED CHANGES IN THE VILLAGE'S INCOME TAX CODE.

Mayor Garlich introduces Ordinance 15-121 by title only.

Mr. Lee stated that this is state-mandated changes. The Finance Committee met last month and chose some options. This is a revised version showing the changes. Discussion regarding the other options that need to be determined by Council. The Tax Review Board Members will not have to be a resident of the village. The Tax Review Board Members will have the option to be paid. Any changes to the tax code will be approved through council.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to amend Ordinance 15-121 that was placed on first reading with the 4 correction and to place Ordinance 15-121 on second reading, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 15-122 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 505.21 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO MORE CLOSELY REGULATE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOGS OR CATS ALLOWED PER DWELLING UNIT.

Mayor Garlich introduces Ordinance 15-122 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place the amended Ordinance 15-122 on second reading, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yea (4). Mr. Wiech and Mr. Blue voted no.

THIRD READING –

ORDINANCE 15-117 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 147.09(a)(1) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE A LANGUAGE CHANGE CONSISTENT WITH RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT PRECEDENT.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-117 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **pass** Ordinance 15-117, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 15-118 AN ORDINANCE RENAMING MINERAL LAKE TO "BOB GIARDINA" LAKE.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 15-118 by title only.

Mr. Blue made a motion to **pass** Ordinance 15-118, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (6).

PENDING PASSAGE – Nothing before Council

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

NEW BUSINESS

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1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Report in the packet. September was a little slow. Police Blog has slowed down some also.
2. **NOACCA Safety Audit Meeting – Discussion:** Mr. Weir stated that the meetings are in regards to installing buggy lanes along 608. They were looking for statistics about buggy versus car accidents. This is the first step in the process.
3. **Maple Highland Trail (B&O) – Discussion:** Mr. Weir stated that John Oros attended the Econ Meeting to discuss getting the north and south portion paved. It is hard to get the Park District to pave the trail when they don't have a lease with them. The Park District will provide a sample of the 50 year lease that would be needed.
4. **NOPEC General Assembly Meeting – Appointment of Proxy:** Mr. Weir stated that a proxy or the Mayor needs to attend the meeting. ***Mr. Blue made a motion to appoint Mr. Weir as the proxy for the NOPEC General Assembly Meeting, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).***

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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) – No meeting held in September

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing before Council

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER