

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
November 9, 2017

Council met in regular session. Mayor Garlich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Rick Seyer, Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Sam Morrow and Mr. Ron Wiech.

Also present: Mr. Tom Lee-Village Solicitor, Ms. Leslie McCoy - Administrator, Mr. John Boksansky, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Chief Joe Tucholski, Lt. Brandon Savage, Ms. Kim Breyley, Ms. Joyce Porozynsky, Chief Bill Reed- Middlefield Fire Department, Mr. Alex Duncan, Mr. Kyle Kaplan, Ms. Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf, Mr. Roger Hanna, Mr. Chris Koepf-CCAN, Mr. Don Rice-Metzenbaum and Ms. Joan Czuchra.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No additions or deletions to the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2017 regular meeting – *Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Wiech moved to authorize payments totaling \$321,657.51 motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that Income Tax Collection has rebounded compared to last year. Water/Sewer Collections are up due to the monthly collection. Looking to have a \$200,000 to \$300,000 carry over for the year.

ECON DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she is continuing to oversee various projects. Finished the S. Springdale grant application and other funding source application and finalizing the Middlefield Health Program. The bike trail paving has been completed.

ZONING REPORT: Report is included in the packet. Mr. Boksansky stated that there were several residential and commercial permits issued. The Geauga Vision project has begun and the time capsule has been moved. Discussion regarding the 8 Unit building on Northview Drive and the installation of a sign without a permit and the condition of the driveway. Discussion regarding the various violations. Dollar Tree has submitted application and plans to go into the extra space by the new Tractor Supply Building. Mr. Rick Seyer stated that he is impressed with the Job that Mr. Boksansky is doing and commended him on keeping regular business hours. Mayor Garlich stated that the Burger King building looks phenomenal and that he likes the upgrades that Walmart did with the brighter paint.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated the department removed a tree on Grove Street. The sidewalk and an apron will need to be repaired. The department have prepped all the trucks and the salt spreaders have been installed. Picked up the donated salt from Rothenbuhler's Cheese house and have begun mixing the salt into the road salt. Still have some concrete work to complete with sidewalk repairs and around the hydrants on Grove Street. Park bathrooms have been closed and winterized. The stone bathroom doors by Bob Giardina Lake will need to be replaced. Really pitted and in bad shape. Still looking

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to do road repairs to Tare Creek and Lake Street. The WWTP need to replace some of the UV Lights used in the treatment. LED lights have been ordered but the poles that the Illuminating Company submitted were not the right poles so waiting on them to correct the numbers.

POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of October. There have been 437 calls for service to date; this is up from the previous year. The equipment is ready to go for winter. Nothing major happening. Currently looking at one guy to fill the last spot.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that this Saturday will be the next Gun Safety & Drug Awareness Class. Football and Cheerleading have come to an end. Volleyball ended with a Tournament. Middlefield team 2 took first and Newbury took second. The Third and fourth grade teams finished Middlefield first and Newbury second. The soccer season has ended. Kitchen kids has wrapped up and will hold another class after the first of the year. Basketball started practices this week and cheerleading has also started. Mr. Warren showed photos of the Halloween decorating contest and announced the winners.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report is included in the packet. Chief Reed gave the statistic for October. 668 runs to date for the year. The department is still training on the new truck. Chief Reed thanked all the helpers for the Halloween Party.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Koepf gave the statistics for the month of October. 128 call for the month and 1,048 calls for the year. Down a little from last year. Average response time is 4:33.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Don Rise, Superintendent of Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities/The Metzenbaum Center: Asked Question and gave the answers regarding Metzenbaum regarding the number of participant and ages. Jobs that are provided and the number of participants in the Metzenbaum Center Programs.

Mayors Notices: Thanks to all who voted. Glad the school levy passed. The Village of Middlefield Ambulance Levy passed; thank you to the voters. The tree lighting will be Nov. 24th at 7:00 pm and the Cardinares will be performing. Ms. Breyley gave a brief overview of the Grinch coming to town. All new toys will be donated to Santa's Hideaway. Firework scheduled at Great Lakes Outdoors Supply on December 9th at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearing Notice – December 7, 2017 7:30 pm for Ordinance 17-127 and 17-135.

APPOINTMENTS-

1. **Election-President Pro-Tempore of Council- Mr. Scott Klein**. Mayor Garlich opened the floor to nominations. Mr. Hornung nominated Mr. Klein to the position of Council President, nomination seconded by Mr. Morrow. Mayor Garlich closed the floor to nominations. **All in Favor: Yeas (6)**
2. **Appointment by Mayor-Council Member Committee-(Chairman, First Name)**
 - a. Finance & Ordinance: 1.Mr. Sam Morrow 2. Mr. Scott Klein 3. Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti

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- b. Public Safety: 1. Mr. Ron Wiech 2. Mr. Bill Blue 3. Mr. Carl Hornung
- c. Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities: 1. Mr. Carl Hornung 2. Mr. Sam Morrow
- d. Recreation Committee: 1. Mr. Carl Hornung 2. Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti
- e. Economic Development: 1. Mr. Bill Blue 2. Mr. Carl Hornung 3. Mr. David McDowell 4. Mr. Dave Dietrich 5. Mr. Dick Schill 6. Ms. Kim Breyley

3. Appointment By Mayor

- a. Cemetery Sexton: Ms. Marcia Bryson
- b. Development Loan Review Committee: 1. Mr. Dave Dietrich 2. Mr. Bob Baker 3. Mr. Dave McDowell
- c. Fire Prevention Officer: 1. Chief Bill Reed
- d. Tax Abatement Housing Council: 1. Ms. Therese Feicht 2. Mr. Dennis Szymanski

4. Appointment By Council

- a. Tax Abatement Housing Council (3 yr term): 1. Mr. Nick Giardina 2. Mr. Scott Klein. Mr. Hornung made a motion to appoint Mr. Giardina and Mr. Klein to the Tax Abatement Housing Council, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in Favor: Yeas (6)

FIRST READING -

ORDINANCE 17-137 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTED POSITIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-137 by title only.

Mr. Klein made a motion to declare Ordinance 17-137 an emergency and place on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-138 AN ORDINANCE HIRING ADVANCED ACCOUNTING CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST THE VILLAGE'S FISCAL OFFICER WITH CERTAIN ACCOUNTING AND BOOKKEEPING FUNCTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Blue made a motion to declare Ordinance 17-138 an emergency and place on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-139 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2017 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-139 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 17-139 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 17-138, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-140 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGE RATES FOR THE NON-POLICE EMPLOYEE OF THE VILLAGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-14 by title only.
Council approved a 2.5% increased based on merit.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to declare Ordinance 17-140 an emergency and place on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-141 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGE RATES FOR POLICE OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-141 by title only.

Council approved a 2.5% increase.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to declare Ordinance 17-141 an emergency and place on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-142 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 182.014(C) AND AMENDING EXISTING CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO IMPLEMENT THE MOST RECENT STATE-MANDATED CHANGES TO THE VILLAGE'S INCOME TAX CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-142 by title only.

This is just putting the village in alignment with HB 49. Discussion regarding the changes.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to declare Ordinance 17-142, an emergency and place on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-143 DECLARING THAT THE REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED UNDER THE 1.45 MIL TAX LEVY FOR AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES APPROVED ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 IS GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY NEEDED, REQUESTING THE GEAUGA COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION TO DECREASE THE LEVY BY APPROXIMATELY 31% TO 1.00 MILLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-143 by title only.

Mayor Garlich gave a brief overview of why the decrease is needed.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to declare Ordinance 17-143 an emergency and place on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

RESOLUTION 17-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTENT TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT MUNICIPAL OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY VIA INTERNET AUCTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 17-20 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Resolution 17-20 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow Roll call: Yeas (6)

RESOLUTION 17-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMIT THAT WOULD ENABLE RETAIL SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 17-22 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place Resolution 17-22 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5). Mr. Seyer voted No.

ORDINANCE 17-135 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1165.07(K) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE VILLAGE'S REMEDIES AND RIGHTS IN REMOVING SIGNS PLACED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-135 by title only.

Mr. Klein made a motion to place Ordinance 17-135 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 17-136 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INSCLUSION OF CERTAIN COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-135 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 17-136 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

THIRD READING

ORDINANCE 17-127 AN ORDINANCES ENACTING NEW SECTION 1159.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "CLOTHING DONATION CONTAINERS" AND ADDING DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 1131.05. (Public hearing 12/7/2017 at 7:30 pm)

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-127 by title only.

ORDINANCE 17-130 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 911.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN WATER RATES, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-130 by title only.

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Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 17-130, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5). Mr. Wiech voted No.

ORDINANCE 17-131 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 907.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN SEWER RATES, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 17-131 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 17-131, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (5). Mr. Wiech voted No.

OLD BUSINESS –Nothing before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Report in the packet. Ms. Breyley stated it was a good month up from last month and last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

Public Safety (Mr. Blue/Mr. Morrow/Mr. Klein) – Minutes are included in the packet

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

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Morrow/Mr. Wiech) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Economic Development Committee (Mayor Garlich, Mr. Blue, Mr. Hornung, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Schill, Ms. Breyley) – No meeting in October.

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Dietrich/Ms. Davis) – Minutes are included in the packet.

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

The Council meeting is moved to December 7th and there are no committee meeting for the month. Planning and Zoning is scheduled for December also if needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing before Council.

There being no further business before Council the regular session adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

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Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER

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