

Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
November 6, 2014

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 Jr., Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Richard Seyer, and Mr. Ronald Wiech.

Also present: Dan Weir – Administrator, Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Tom Lee-Village Solicitor, Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities, Chief Tucholski, Leslie Gambosi-McCoy-Econ Director/Zoning Inspector, Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Thomas Delong, Phil & Linda Smallwood, Edna Davis Heather Mewlsia, Brian Dunigan, Alex Duncan,, Greg McClain, Tori McClain, Shelley McClain, Jeff Zeigler, Brian Zeigler, Jessica Kollmorgan, Terry Brown, Mark Longrich, Tina Rasman, Louise Fenselon, Tim Fenselon, Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf and Paula Shanal-Community Care Ambulance.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: November 6, 2014 regular meeting – Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6)

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Blue moved to authorize payments totaling \$301,730.79 seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

INCOME TAX REPORT – Report included in the packet. Income Tax is trending up over last year. Projecting a yearend total over 2.5 mil.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – Report in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she has been contacting perspective business. Looking at creating a job training facility. Chamber meeting was well attended. Discussed a traffic study for Industrial Parkway; will look at this after the first of the year.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. McCoy went over the permits issued. Included a total for the Neat Streets Program, how much money has been issued and how much remains. All residential violation have been taken care of or are in the process of being completed. Discussion regarding the Geauga Amish Historical Library opening.

DIRECTOR OF STREETS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report included in the packet. Mr. Ehrhart stated that the department had maintenance and repairs of the water and wastewater treatment plants. Streets sweeping, branch pickup, sidewalks replacement, and storm sewer replacement. The department picked 50 loads of leaves and did some snow plowing. The Christmas decorations were put up. Discussion regarding the overtime versus comp time.

POLICE REPORT – Report included in packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of November. The department is up almost 1,500 calls compared to last year's totals. Had the food drive at Walmart and Sav- a- lot. Have the Chinese auction hosted by Mary Yoder's this coming weekend and all proceeds are donated to the shop with a cop program and the food cupboard. Discussion regarding the curfew laws.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that the basketball teams will be starting next week and games will start at 9:00 am and

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will finish up at 9:00 pm on Saturday at the Middle School. Wrestling starts tournaments this week in Madison. Kitchen kids finished up by making granola and peppermint bark. The kids said that their favorite dish was making mash potatoes. Discussed Home for the Holiday and the judging. The winner will be announced on December 16th. Working on a yearlong brochure for all the programs that the village will offer in 2015.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report on the desk. Ms. Kollmorgan gave the Fire Departments statistics for the month of November. Runs are up for the year. Doing multi departmental trainings. The department have 2 members enrolled in paramedic school. Have been helping Windsor Volunteer Fire Department with special rescues. Santa around town has been scheduled for December 18, 2014. The department has a facebook page.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report on the desk. Have been very busy with training and refresher courses. Training 8 new paramedics. Community Care does offer CPR training.

FINANCIALS – Report included in packet. Mr. Giardina stated that water and sewer collection have increased from last year. Expenses are down compared to last year totals.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Announcements: Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Snacks with Santa is scheduled for this weekend from 10 to noon at the fire department. The Historical Society is having the festival of trees this weekend.

A Message to Residents of the Village – Mayor Garlich: Copies of the letter printed in the paper are available to the public to read and the letter is posted on the Village's website.

Certificates of Appreciation – Presentation by Mayor Garlich: Mayor Garlich handed out the Certificates of Appreciating to those in attendance. The Mayor gave a brief summary regarding each recipient's participation in the community and a photo was taken of each recipient in attendance.

Mark Longrich-Huskie Nation: Gave a presentation showing the conceptual plans created by O Sports. Discussed the various phases that are planned. Phase one is the concession stand and the new entrance. Phase two will be the field and the track around the field. Looking at an 8 lane track. The lighting is also planned to be moved behind the stand to they are not in the way of the spectators. Phase three is the seating with new stands installed and improvements to the visitor's stands. Looking at having approximately 3,000 seats available. Looking at reconfiguring the baseball fields so the concession stand and restrooms can be used. Huskie Nation will be holding a meeting next Tuesday at 5:00 pm to go over these plans at the Board of Education. Looking at a total of 9 phases. Discussion regarding funding. Have many fundraising activities coming up. Have the 3200 Meter Club and will be hosting a Night at the Races. Still waiting to see about any grant money that might be awarded. Applied for \$800,000 dollars in grants. Discussion regarding the contract with the school board and the agreement between the village that is still in negotiations.

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2015 Appointment and/or Elections:

Mayor Garlich opened the floor for nominations for President Pro-Tempore of Council. Mr. Blue nominated Mr. Seyer. Mr. Hornung nominated Mr. Klein. Mr. Klein did not accept the nomination. Mayor Garlich closed the nominations. Rick Seyer is the President Pro Tempore for Council.

Council Committee Appointments:

Finance & Ordinance: Mr. Seyer, Mr. Klein and Mr. Wiech.
Public Safety: Mr. Hornung, Mr. Blue and Mr. Hofstetter
Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities: Mr. Wiech and Mr. Hornung
Recreation Committee: Mr. Hofstetter and Mr. Seyer
Economic Development: Mr. Blue, Mr. Hornung, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Schill and Ms. Breyley

Mayor Appointments:

Cemetery Sexton: Ms. Marcia Bryson
Planning & Zoning: Ms. Edna Davis
Development Loan Review Committee: Mr. McDowell, Mr. Klein, Mr. Hofstetter, Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Baker.
Tax Abatement Housing Council: Mr. Dennis Szymanski and Mr. Dan Gyure
East Geauga Fire District: Mr. Hornung
Fire Prevention Officer: Ms. Sandy Christensen

Council Appointments:

Tax Abatement Housing Council: Mr. Nick Giardina and Mr. Scott Klein. Mr. Seyer made a motion to appoint Nick Giardina and Scott Klein, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6)

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 14-143 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT WITH WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A. AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VICTORIA NAGY & ASSOCIATES L.P.A. TO PROVIDE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION LITIGATIONS AND COLLECTION SUPPORT.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 14-143 by title only.

No discussion held.

Mr. Seyer made a motion to place Ordinance 14-143 on First Reading, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6)

ORDINANCE 14-144 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 911.21 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF BOOSTER PUMPS AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 14-144 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 14-144 on First reading, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6)

This legislation was a recommendation from the EPA to prohibit residential from installing a booster pump on their property.

RESOLUTION 14-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES AT A MONTHLY COST OF \$13,903.48, AND DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO CONTRIBUTE \$500.00 TO EACH EMPLOYEE'S H S A ACCOUNT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 14-26 by title only.

No discussion held.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6)

Mr. Klein made a motion to **pass** Resolution 14-26, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6)

Mr. Seyer stated that the employees for the first time will be responsible for contributing 5% to the cost of their health insurance.

RESOLUTION 14-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE GEAUGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 14-27 by title only.

Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required readings and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6)

This is a request of the County Prosecutor to add a renewal every two years to the contract.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **pass** Resolution 14-27, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (6)

SECOND READING – Nothing before Council.

THIRD READING

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RESOLUTION 14-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTENT TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT MUNICIPAL OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY VIA INTERNET AUCTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 14-22 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **pass** Resolution 14-22, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas: (6)

PENDING PASSAGE

RESOLUTION 14-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CARDINAL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHEM TECH PROPERTIES LIMITED TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT BY CHEM TECH TO THE CARDINAL SCHOLLS IN LIEU OF THE PARTIALLY-ABATED REAL ESTATE TAXES REQUIRED BY THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 12-24, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 14-21 by title only.

The agreement has been signed and is ready to be put into place. First payment will be issued in 2016.

Mr. Klein made a motion to **pass** Resolution 14-21, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6)

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Ms. Breyley went over the statistics for the pages that are viewed.

VILLAGE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Economic Development (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hornung) – In packet.

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) – In packet.

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

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Gyure/Ms. Davis) – In packet.

VILLAGE CALENDAR: Moved the Planning & Zoning Meeting to Tuesday December 23 at 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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Mr. Klein moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:19 pm to discuss possible litigation and employee compensation, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6)

The regular session of Council reconvened at 8:59 pm

Mr. Hornung made a motion to recommend a 3% wage increase for the employees of the Village of Middlefield, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6)

There being no further business before Council the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER