

**Village of Middlefield Regular Council Minutes
December 31, 2014**

Council met in regular session. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.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, and Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: December 31, 2014 regular meeting – Mr. Hofstetter moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).
Correction needed on page 3.

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Klein moved to authorize payments totaling \$292,472.01 seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).* Mr. Seyer questioned the vacation buy out on the pay claim. Mayor Garlich stated that is part of the discussion that will take place in executive session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE 14-145 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 14-145 by title only.

Mr. Giardina stated that this is the estimated budget to keep the village running through the first quarter of the year. This will be amended in April.

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

Mr. Hornung made a motion to pass Ordinance 14-145, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 14-146 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2014 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 14-145 by title only.

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

This is the final budget for the 2014th year. Income tax was up from last year. Water and sewer were also up from last year's totals. The biggest thing is each department has to control spending. Discussion regarding the carry over. Discussion regarding

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looking at increasing water and sewer rates due to the cost to operate the plant has increased. Discussion regarding the downtown pump station and the costs that could be incurred should the station go down.

Mr. Hofstetter made a motion to pass Ordinance 14-147, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 14-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 14-28 by title only.

Mr. Giardina explained what the transfers were and the reason behind them. Lengthy discussion regarding the transfer into the recreation fund.

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

Mr. Blue made a motion to **pass** Resolution 14-28, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hornung moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:30 am to discuss personnel and litigation, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6)

The regular session of Council reconvened at 9:05 am.

ORDINANCE 14-147-ALTERNATE- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGE RATES FOR THE NON-POLICE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 14-147 by title only.

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

Mr. Wiech made a motion to **pass** Ordinance 14-147, seconded by Mr. Hofstetter. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 14-148-ALTERNATE- AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGE RATES FOR POLICE OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 14-148 by title only.

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

Mr. Wiech made a motion to pass Ordinance 14-148, seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6)

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SECOND READING – Nothing before Council.

THIRD READING –Nothing before Council

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing before Council.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing before Council

There being no further business before Council the meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER