

**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD'S
STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

The Village of Middlefield's Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chairman Mr. Hornung with the following members present: Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Sam Morrow and Mayor Ben Garlich.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities, Ms. Leslie McCoy-Econ Dir./Zoning Insp. and Patty Fulop-Geauga County Airport.

Agenda: No additions or deletions.

Minutes of January 8, 2016 were presented for approval. ***Mr. Morrow moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (2).***

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Downtown Pump Station Improvements – Status:** Mr. Weir stated that Ms. McCoy is currently looking to see if there are any grants available. Will still need to do through OWDA for a zero interest loan. Discussed being able to sell bonds. Ms. McCoy stated that the village is not rated to sell bonds and it's very expensive. Pre-application for funding will be coming out and Mr. Weir would like to get the applications submitted.
2. **Royal Oak Clean-up after Dog Signs – Status:** Mr. Ehrhart stated that the signs have been ordered and should be installed soon.
3. **Minimum Water/Sewer Charges:** Mr. Weir stated that a business is requesting not to pay their minimum quarterly bill. Discussed having a turn on fee that is more expensive than to just pay the minimum. Mr. Weir will review and have a recommendation for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adjustment Journal – January:** No adjustments were made in January.
2. **Spring and Summer Street Repairs – Potholes:** Mr. Ehrhart stated that the crew has been out patching. Noted that there is work needed on Lake Avenue, Valplast and also Edgewood. Discussed a section on Woodsong that needs some repair. Mr. Morrow questioned the condition of the intersection at 608 and 87. Mr. Ehrhart explained ODOT's 10 year cycle policy. The intersection was paved when 608 was paved years ago, they did not resurface it when 87 was resurfaced. The committee told Mr. Ehrhart what a great time job that he and his crew did Saturday on the major water main break.
3. **Water Park – Signage and Repairs:** Mr. Hornung is questioning if all the signage that was requested last year has been completed. Mr. Ehrhart stated that he believes all that has been completed. Mr. Ehrhart will check with the Recreation Director to make sure that nothing else is needed. Discussed the

option to privatize the water park or fence it and charge people to get into the park.

4. **Village Infrastructure – Discussion:** Discussion regarding the major water main break that happened over the weekend on the 4” main. This water line was installed in approximately the 1940’s. There are actually 2 lines that run along South State part of the street is tie into the 8” main but there are still quite a few properties tied into this line. Discussion regarding the other water main lines in the Village. Mayor Galich suggested listing priorities for repair and replacement.
5. **Spring Clean-Up – May 21st – Proposal from Universal Disposal:** The cost for picking up has increased \$100.00 per load. The amount of garbage that has been picked up has steadily increased over the years. ***Mr. Hornung made a motion to recommend to Council to awarding the Spring Clean-Up day contract to Universal Disposal.***
6. **Airport Authority Request to Remove Trees on B&O:** Ms. Fulop stated that the trees have become an obstacle according to the FAA. The airport will be able to get a grant to have the trees removed. This year will remove all the trees that are currently on the airport property. Next year will do all the properties that the airport has permission to cut the trees on. ***Mr. Hornung made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the removal of the trees, seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (3)***
7. **Neat Streets Program Reimbursement Limits:** The committee is looking at putting a minimum amount of times that a property owner can apply for the Neat Streets Reimbursement. Currently the resident can apply for the refund after 365 days have passed. Mayor Garlich stated that he feels it should be a cap of \$600.00 within a 5 year period. ***It is the consensus of the committee to change the program to only allow a maximum of \$600.00 in reimbursement within a 5 year period.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

Mayor Garlich made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 12:59 pm to discuss personnel, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (3)

There being no further business before the Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities committee the meeting adjourned at 1:22 pm.

PENDING

1. **Edgewood Drive Repair**
2. **Salt Storage**
3. **Cemetery Headstone Maintenance**
4. **B&O Right of Way – Clearing/Status**