

**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD'S
STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 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 and Mr. Sam Morrow. Mayor Garlich is excused.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities, Ms. Leslie McCoy-Econ Dir./Zoning Insp. Roger Hanna, and Nick Giardina.

Agenda: No additions or deletions.

Minutes of August 4, 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. **Service Department Finances – Review:** The Streets Department draws from several funds and their budget gets complicated. Mr. Giardina stated that the department is doing well on spending. Discussion regarding the sports lights. Mr. Weir stated that it is for the electric on the lights at the field.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adjustment Journal – August:** There were no adjustments for the month of August.
2. **Resolution 16-15 A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Village Administrator to Prepare Bid Specifications and Submit for Public Bid an Exclusive Contract for Residential and Municipal Waste Hauling, Disposal and Recycling Services, and Declaring an Emergency.** Mr. Weir stated that this was discussed at the Council meeting and that council wanted to move ahead with the process. The village administrator and some council members have received calls from residents. This contract will not include the condos. Discussion regarding billing and rental properties. ***Mr. Hornung made a motion to recommend Resolution 16-15 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (2).***
3. **Proposal for Water Tower Inspection and Repair – Pittsburg Tank & Tower Maintenance Co., Inc.:** Mr. Ehrhart stated that this is the tower on South State that is in need of inspection; not mandated but recommended. Mr. Ehrhart explained the process. ***Mr. Hornung made a motion to approve the inspection and repairs of the Water Tower, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (2)***
4. **Street Repair/Drive Apron Work in Woodsong – Miller Curbing & Paving:** Mr. Hornung stated that he discussed this with the Mayor. Mr. Hornung feels that the apron repair should be tabled until the next meeting when all members are present. ***Mr. Hornung made a motion to approve the road repairs and the***

one apron included in the catch basin repair, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor Yeas (2)

5. **Review of Water/Sewer Rates – Recommendation to Council:** Mr. Weir stated that per Codified rates need to be reviewed each year. Mr. Giardina stated that the amount of repair and maintenance that are done at the plants, cost have increased and debt payment. The increase from last year the village has pretty much stayed at the breakeven point. With the senior discount the village collection is going down each year with an aging population. Mr. Hornung stated that the village still has the Downtown Pumpstation Project in the future. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to recommend a 3% rate increase on the water/sewer minimum cast and overage cost to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (2)**

6. **Amendment to Ordinance 16-126 to Provide an Exception for Medical Conditions:** Mr. Weir explained that this is about the radio read meters. The claim is that there is an electrical force that radiates off the meter is minuscule. A cell phone or microwave puts off more electric force. People with medical issues are calling and refusing to change the meter and refusing to pay the surcharge. After further discussion a medical issue can exempt from replacing the meter; the resident is responsible for providing the reading to the village and the village is required to verify the readings once per year. The resident needs to provide proof from a medical expert. Discussion regard a possible shield to cover the meter such as is sold from wifi routers. Ms. McCoy stated that she found a website that sells the shield; www.smartmeterblock.com.

7. **General Discussion:** Mr. Hornung stated that the residents on Sperry are trapping cats and taking the cats to Rescue Village to get the cats spayed/neutered and then return to the area. Discussion regarding lighting the flag at the cemetery. Mr. Ehrhart stated that there is no electric at that location so it would need to be solar. Mr. Hanna requested more signs installed in Woodsong with the “No Parking Sign” on the hydrant side of the street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Nothing before the committee

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm.

PENDING