

**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD'S
STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

The Village of Middlefield's Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Mr. Wiech with the following members present: Mr. Ron Wiech, Mr. Carl Hornung and Mayor Ben Garlich.

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities and Mr. Sam Morrow.

Agenda: No additions or deletions.

Minutes of August 13, 2015 were presented for approval. ***Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. All in favor: Yeas (3).***

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Cemetery Headstone Maintenance – Status:** Mr. Weir stated that he is still looking for someone to do this maintenance. Discussion regarding the budget for the cemetery. Discussion regarding cleaning along the fence line.
2. **B&O Right of Way – Discussion:** Mr. Weir stated that this is on the agenda to see if this property can be sold to the park district. The park district is not going to pave this end without them owning this section. Will still need to maintain utility rights and right to annex property off the right of way. Mr. Ehrhart stated that the department spent two days trimming trees on the north end and a culvert needed to be repaired on the south end. Mayor Garlich stated that Economic Development has invited the park district to their next meeting to discuss getting the village sections paved. The committee feels that the Village Council should entertain selling the B & O Right of way to the park district.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adjustment Journal – August:** Discussion regarding the adjustments. One adjustment was a credit refund. Mr. Ehrhart explained the adjustment for the meter numbers that were swapped around. Lengthy discussion regarding the frozen line adjustments and how to proceed in the future. The committee decided to address on a case by case basis. ***Mr. Wiech made a motion to approve the Adjustment Journal as presented, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (3).***
2. **West Farmington Water Proposal – Discussion:** Mr. Weir stated that a few weeks ago RCAP contacted the village in regards to the Village supplying West Farmington with water. West Farmington would like a transmission line run down the old B&O to supply water and would have a meter at the Middlefield Village Corporate line for billing. Would be roughly 10 miles to West Farmington and they would be looking to use 80 thousand gallons per day. Mr. Ehrhart stated that he is concerned about the village's aquifer recovery. Currently West Farmington is pulling their water from the Grand River but they are not meeting the limits required by the EPA. Mr. Hornung stated that he is dead set against

this. ***It is the consensus of the committee to not supply water to West Farmington.***

3. **Proposal for Downtown Pump Station from Arcadis – Discussion:** Mr. Weir stated that Arcadis is putting a proposal together and will hopefully have it done in a few weeks prior to the October meeting. Arcadis is not in favor of the above ground pump that the village currently have; they prefer a submerged pump. Looking at doing this project in phases.
4. **Handicap Parking at Post Office:** Mr. Weir stated that he received a call from a woman who complained that the handicap parking is behind the building and the postal workers have been parking the trucks there. Discussed possible options for moving the handicap spots. There is no good solution. Feels that the police needs to keep an eye on the space to make sure that the post office employees are not blocking the spot. Mayor to discuss with the Chief.
5. **Fire Hydrant Cleaning and Painting – The Hug Plug Fire Hydrant Cleaning System:** Watched a demonstration video. Discussion regarding how this device works. The machine can be rented to do all the hydrants. Mr. Ehrhart stated that he would like to see a live demonstration. The village has 200 hydrants currently. Mr. Morrow asked if a dry ice blaster has been considered. Mayor Garlich stated that Dillens also used one to clean the molds. Committee interested in looking at this option also.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Nothing before the committee

There being no further business before the Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities committee the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

PENDING

1. **Edgewood Drive Repair**
2. **Salt Storage**
3. **Impact Fee/Capital Improvement Plan**
4. **5 year Capital Improvement Plan**