

**Village of Middlefield Finance and Ordinance Committee Minutes
February 11, 2016**

The committee met in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 5:57 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Scott Klein-chair, Mr. Rick Seyer and Mr. Sam Morrow.

Also present: Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Mr. Dan Weir-Administrator, Ms. Jessica Giardina, Chief Tucholski and Mr. Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets and Utilities.

Agenda: There are no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2016 meeting minutes were presented for approval. ***Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (2). Mr. Seyer-abstained***

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Village Finances – Discussion:** Mr. Giardina stated the year has started off well. Both Income Tax and water/sewer collections were up for January. Discussion held regarding the village's debt service and interest rates; cannot repay these loans early.
2. **Downtown WWTP Pumpstation – Arcadis Proposal – Financing:** Mr. Weir stated that the only suggestion for financing would be through the Ohio Public Works Commission. The Village would need to apply for funding; could get a \$500,000 grant and then the village would need to come up with 20% and the rest would need to be on a zero interest loan. Discussion held regarding the cost of the project and if it can be designed differently to help cost some of the cost.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 16-103 An Ordinance Authorizing Various Activities Related to the Second Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt, Waiving any Prohibitions of the Codified Ordinances Regarding the same, and Declaring an Emergency:** This event will be held at Mineral Lake and alcohol will be permitted. ***Mr. Seyer made a motion to recommend Ordinance 16-103 to Council, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (3).***
2. **Ordinance 16-104 An Ordinance Rezoning Six Parcels of Land on North State Ave, from "R-2, Two Family Residential" to "GC, General Commercial", and Declaring an Emergency:** This was discussed in Planning & Zoning. Mr. Klein stated that Marjoan Assoc. (Briar Hill) is looking at consolidating and rezoning and the commission felt that all the parcels from Tare Creek south should be rezoning General Commercial to keep the parcels uniform. There will be a public hearing scheduled for this legislation for March 10th at 8:00 pm. Discussion regarding a correction that needs made to the ordinance and also to remove the emergency clause. ***Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Ordinance 16-104 to Council, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (3)***

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3. **Resolution 16-03 A Resolution Modifying the Neat Streets Exterior Home Improvement Rebate Program:** Discussion regarding the changes that were suggested. The change is that residents can apply for the rebate twice in 5 years. ***Mr. Seyer made a motion to recommend Resolution 16-03 to Council, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (3).***

4. **Review of Schedule of Village Fees – Recommendation to Council:** Mr. Weir stated that the committee needs to review these fees every year. The fees that are increased are the niche inscription and the cemetery fees. Discussed the zoning fees and if they need to be increased. The updated impact fee has been included as well as the 3% increase to the water and sewer rates. Mr. Weir stated that he added the Neat Streets Program to the schedule of fees. Discussion regarding the amount of snow plow permits that are issued. ***Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend that approval of the fee be made by Council, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas: (3)***

5. **Resolution 16-04 A Resolution Requesting the Geauga County Auditor to Provide Tax Advances for the 2016 Collection Periods, and Declaring an Emergency:** Mr. Weir stated that the County Auditor has not set the dates of when the distribution will be made. ***Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Resolution 16-04 to Council, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (3)***

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Nothing before the Finance Committee

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Finance Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.