

**Village of Middlefield Finance and Ordinance Committee Minutes**  
**March 6, 2014**

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The committee met in regular session. Mr. Seyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Scott Klein and Mr. Ronald Wiech.

**Also present:** Mayor Garlich, Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Ms. Carrie Ehrhart – Office Asst., and Arnold Stanko – Chief of Police.

**Agenda:** No additions or deletions

**Approval of Minutes:** February 6, 2014 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Klein moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (3).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Renewal of Current Police Levy with a 1.0 Mill addition-Discussion:** Discussion regarding the option for the levy. Mr. Seyer asked the Chief why the department needs more money. The chief stated that the collection of tax revenue has decreased by \$100,000 over the years. Discussion regarding the police department budget and various expenses. Discussed the need for the replacement versus the renewal. ***Mr. Wiech made a motion to recommend to Council to approve a 2 Mill Replacement Police Levy, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll Call: Yeas (3)***
2. **American Fireworks Contract for Summerfest:** The quote is from American Firework and this company has provided this service for the village since 1999. The company puts on a very nice show. ***Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend approval of the contract to Council, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll Call: Yeas (3)***
3. **Review List of Village Charges/Fees:** Mr. Weir stated that the fees need to be reviewed every year. Discussion regarding the charge for snow plow permits. Discussion regarding the Columbarium costs. *It is the consensus of the committee to not increase any fees this year.*
4. **Enernoc Contract – Payments to Village for WWTP temporarily off power grid:** Mr. Weir stated that this company contacted the village and submitted the proposal that they will pay the Village xxx amount of dollars if the village would be willing to shut down the power to the plants and run on generator during high peaks of electrical usage times. Discussion regarding the way this would work for the village. Mayor Garlich would like to see a cost versus profit. Mr. Weir will take a closer look and this proposal and get more in depth information for the next meeting.
5. **Ordinance 14-105 An Ordinance Authorizing the Village Administrator to Pay Cobra Premium Payments on Behalf of Police Officer Erin Thomas During the Period of her Disability, and Declaring an Emergency:** Mr. Seyer stated that the Ordinance states that the village would pay for the length of the COBRA option, which is 18 months. Would be about \$318.00 per month. **Mr.**

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**Klein made a motion to recommend Ordinance 14-105 to Council, seconded by Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (3)**

6. **Health Care Compensation:** Discussion of the chart that was prepared. Mr. Seyer suggested that maybe the committee should look at the amount of income and base the percentage paid on that. Need to confer with legal counsel if this is allowable. The committee discussed at length charging the employee 5% of the cost of the insurance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Seyer adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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