

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
February 14, 2019

Council met in regular session. Mayor Garlich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Bill Blue, Mr. Ron Wiech, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti and Mr. Sam Morrow.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy - Administrator, Mr. Tom Lee-Solicitor, Chief Tucholski, Lt. Savage, Mr. John Boksansky-Zoning Inspector, Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Ms. Jess Giardina, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Ms. Joyce Porozynski, Ms. Joan Czuchra, Ms. Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf, Ms. Judy Stone, Mr. Dick Sone, Mr. Dan Mix, Ms. Linda Smallwood, Ms. Paula Shanel-CCAN, Mr. Alex Duncan and Ms. Barb Rayburn.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: There are no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2019 regular meeting – *Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Blue moved to authorize payments totaling \$343,352.21 motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6). No discussion held.*

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that at the Finance Meeting they went over the year end numbers. The village ended up with a carryover of additional \$566,933. Income tax collections ended up around 2.8 million for the year with withholdings holding strong. Have approximately 1.2 million dollars in projects slated for 2019.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Shanal stated that it was a very busy month. Currently hiring to fill units.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report is included in the packet. Cpt. Yeropoli stated that the department had 68 runs. Did joint training with Parkman, burned two structures. Did refreshers in ice rescue training. Cpt. Yeropoli stated that they did have 3 calls for carbon monoxide alarms and the department would like to remind residents to call the fire department if the sensor goes off.

ECON DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she is still working with SiteOhio for the Bonner Property. Continuing site visits and sending out marketing materials. Still working on updates to the website. Will be assisting Ohio Means Jobs on their High School Career Fair to be held on April 11th. Working with various agency to attain funding to assist with various projects in the village. Ms. McCoy gave a brief overview of the projects that the village has out for bid and when the bids will be opened and awarded.

ZONING REPORT: Report is included in the packet. Mr. Boksansky stated that he followed up with the requests from the last council meeting. Mayor Garlich stated that at the Planning Commission Meeting they discussed the “Neat Streets Program”. Ms. McCoy stated that there is money in the Fund.

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STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. The department has been plowing streets and sidewalks as needed. The department has been working on keeping the potholes filled. Regular maintenance of the vehicles to keep them running. Regular check of all the pump stations, especially during the deep freezes. Chief Tucholski stated that with the influx of infrastructure funds the department will be implementing a crack sealing program to better maintain the road to hopefully extend the life.

POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of January. There were 334 calls for service. The new cruisers will be delivered this week and the sedan is being advertised on Govdeals.com.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone. The basketball program is wrapping up and two of the Middlefield teams are in the top of the brackets. Showed an example of the last paint & sip which was a lantern. The March Paint & Sip will be on March 31 and will be painting a sap bucket. Signups for Spring Soccer, Baseball and Softball will start on March 8th. The Egg Hunt Tickets will go on sale on March 15th. Putting together Open Gyms for all age groups and Registration for the Adult Basketball League will start February 15th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

No comment from the audience.

FIRST READING -

RESOLUTION 19-04 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH URBAN GROWERS GREENHOUS LLC, FOR THE PLANTING OF FLOWER BEDS AND HANGING BASKETS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-04 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 19-04 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Klein made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 19-04, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 19-06 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GEAUGA COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR POLICE SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-06 by title only.

Ms. McCoy stated that the Police Levy is up for renewal at the end of the year. This legislation allows the County to certify the amount that the levy needs to be. The levy typically generates approximately \$168,000 per year.

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Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 19-06 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Wiech made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 19-06, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-105 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE GEAUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-105 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place 19-105 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-106 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2019 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-106 by title only..

The legislation is an emergency due to the fact that Ms. McCoy would like to get the funds immediately to start projects immediately.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 19-102 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 19-107, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-107 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PAINT AND SIP RECREATION PROGRAM, WAIVING ANY PROHIBITIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-107 by title only.

Ms. Arganti made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 19-107 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 19-107, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

RESOLUTION 19-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ACT AS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD COUNCIL FOR PURPOSES OF REQUIRED PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING.

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Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-03 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Resolution on second reading, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-102 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 5TH ANNUAL ADULT EGG HUNT, WAIVING ANY PROHIBITIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE REGARDING SAME.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-102 by title only.

This event will be held on April 22, 2019.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 19-102 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

THIRD READING

OLD BUSINESS

1. **School District Survey:** Ms. McCoy stated that the Impact Group picked up the second batch of returned surveys. The surveys are due by the end of February. The impact group ran the business meeting and it was well attended.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Reports are in the packet. Ms. Breyley stated that January was a decent month. Up by 31%. Mobile views continue to decline with no explanation.
2. **Geauga County Public Library:** February is library month. They have many programs for residents to take advantage of.
3. **Centralized Collection of Municipal Net Profits Court Ruling:** Mr. Lee stated that the Court of Appeals ruled to uphold the state centralized collection of municipal net profit business filings. Ruling was 2-1 with Judge Tyack dissenting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Parks & Recreation (Ms. Arganti/Mayor Garlich/Mr. Morrow) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Public Safety (Mr. Hornung/Mr. Wiech/Ms. Arganti) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Finance & Ordinance (Mr. Klein/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hornung) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Morrow/Mr. Wiech) – Minutes are included in the packet.

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Economic Development Committee (Mayor Garlich, Mr. Blue, Mr. Klein, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Schill, Ms. Breyley) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Dietrich/Mr. Szymanski) – Minutes are included in the packet.

VILLAGE CALENDAR: There will be an EDC Meeting in March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hornung made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss personnel and possible litigation, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

The meeting reconvened at 8:19 pm

There being no further business before Council the regular session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER