

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
March 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, Mr. Dick Stone, Ms. Judy Stone, Mr. Roger Hanna, Ms. Frances Hanna, Mr. Alex Duncan, Mr. Dave McDowell, Mr. Dick Schill and Ms. Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Under New Business- utility tie in rebate program, and slow moving vehicle ordinance.

Approval of Minutes: February 14, 2019 regular meeting – *Mr. Wiech moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Wiech moved to authorize payments totaling \$319,639.15 motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).* Mayor Garlich noted that there is a pay request for \$50,000 from the Engineering firm for the proposed projects.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that Income tax, water and sewer collection are up. The income tax collection was up due to the 0.25% that started with business withholding in January. Spending was also up but that was due to final payment on last year's project of Springdale and the upcoming projects. Discussed the debt payments and the balances still remaining.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. No one in attendance.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report is included in the packet. No one in attendance.

ECON DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she is working with Red Creek Development for the SiteOhio Program. Continuing site visits and sending out marketing materials for spaces that are available. Continuing to work on improvements to the website. Will be attending the NOACA Rural Advisory Committee meeting on Friday November 22. Will be assisting Ohio Means Jobs Geauga Office on their High School Career Fair to be held on April 11th. Collaborating with various agency to attain funding to assist with various projects in the village.

ZONING REPORT: Report is included in the packet. Discussed the Harrington Square and McDonalds Project that is in the planning stages. Harrington Square submitted an application for a lot split(s). Discussion held regarding moving the silo's at Woodcraft as required by the County Airport. The County paid the needed money to move the silos.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. The department has been working at the WTP, WWTP and the service garage on needed repairs and maintenance. The Sperry lane Pavilion needs some shingles replaced;

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depending on cost might look at replacing the whole roof with metal. Placed an ad for part-time seasonal laborer. Have been doing improvement to the Lake Avenue bathrooms at Mineral Lake Park. The department has been doing a lot of street sweeping and patching of roads. Still working on getting a quote for mowing at the cemetery. The new planters will be delivered on Friday for the main intersection.

POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of January. There were 320 calls for service. Call for service are up compared to last year. The department is working on a couple thefts from Walmart. Have two potential officers to hire for the part-time and full-time positions.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that the 3-4 Grade Boys Team place 1st in the Tournament and the 3-4 Grade Girls Team placed 2nd in the Tournament. The next Paint and Sip is scheduled on March 31st and registration ends on March 30th. Soccer and Baseball registration is under way and registration ends March 30th. Egg Hunt tickets go on sale tomorrow March 15th. The kid's egg hunt will be held on April 20th at Jordak Elementary at 10:00 am. The Adult egg hunt will be held at Mineral Lake Park on April 20th at 8:00 pm. The Recreation Department received two grant for the Cops N' Kids Fishing Day on June 8th. One for ODNR of \$500 and a \$1,000.00 to purchase rods and reels. Flambeau donated 105 kids tackle boxes also for the Cops N' Kids Fishing Day. Ms. Warren stated that she is currently working with Perfect Occasion to plan a juggling and magic camp for this summer. The Fitness Walking Class will start on April 3rd cost will be \$5.00 per person and will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and Saturdays at 10:00 am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

FIRST READING -

RESOLUTION 19-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-07 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 19-07 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Klein made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 19-07, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 19-08 A RESOLUTION OF MIDDLEFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL SUPPORTING OHIO HOUSE BILL 62 AND THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE OHIO MOTOR FUEL TAX OF \$0.18 PER GALLON. MIDDLEFIELD VILLAGE COUNCIL FURTHER URGES SENATOR EKLUND AND REPRESENTATIVE LATOURETTE TO SUPPORT OHIO HOUSE BILL 62, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-08 by title only.

Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Resolution 19-08 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

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Mr. Blue made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 19-08, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow.
Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-108 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2019 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-108 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 19-108 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 19-108, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-109 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF () FOR THE 2019 LAKE AVENUE AND EDGEWOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$() AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-109 by title only.

Mr. Wiech stated that the lowest company did a job in Bainbridge and the road had to be reground and repaired upon completion. Concerned this could happen here.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 19-109 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 19-109, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-110 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ALPACA SHEARING DEMONSTRATIONS SPONSORED BY MARY JANE FOX, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-110 by title only.

Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 19-110 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

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

ORDINANCE 19-111 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 5K SANTUARY IN MIDDLEFIELD RACE, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-111 by title only.

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Mr. Morrow made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 19-111 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 19-111, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

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. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 19-105 on second reading, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

THIRD READING

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

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-03 by title only.

Mr. Klein made a motion to amend Resolution 19-03 to designated the Record Archivist, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (3).

Mr. Klein made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 19-03, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. 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.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 19-102, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (3).

OLD BUSINESS

1. **School District Survey:** The Impact Group gave a presentation on the Surveys that were conducted to get school district residents opinion on the issue of consolidation with the Berkshire School District. 1,310 people responded between the mail survey and the phone survey. Discussion regarding the phone survey. Discussion regarding the 21 question mail survey. The phone poll showed 2 to 1 respondents were for the consolidation. Discussion regarding the focus group with various business owners; there were 15 owners presents. The mail survey respondents were split in their responses. The respondents did

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request more information regarding the issue, this was a common theme. There were 2 communities that were for the consolidation, Middlefield Village and Huntsburg Township. There were 2 communities against consolidation and that was Middlefield Township and Parkman Township. Mayor Garlich stated that they met with the County Auditor regarding the costs. The window for consolidation is closing quickly and did not want the school to be forced to do a territory transfer, which is not good for the school or the communities. Mayor Garlich gave an example of the web link that the Geauga County Auditor created for the newbury residence to see what would happen if they consolidated to their property taxes. The county is creating a similar link for the property taxes of the Cardinal School district so residents can see how it could affect them. The village will continue to put information out and encourage the residents to continue to ask questions.

2. Resolution 19-06 – Update: Mr. Lee stated that the Auditors office contacted the village regarding the changes that are needed to be able to certify the Levy request.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Reports are in the packet. Ms. Breyley stated that February views are up compared to January and compared to last year.
2. **Scrap Tire Day – May 18, 2019:** This event will be held at the Municipal Center from 8 am to noon. The village received a grant to hold this event.
3. **Year in Review:** Ms. McCoy gave the presentation.
4. **Gas Tax Information:** Discussed during Resolution 19-08.
5. **Utility Tie-in Rebate Program:** Mayor Garlich stated that the legislation states that the construction has to be completed and this is not what he intended. Mr. Svete the Woodsong Development has sent in a letter requesting an extension on the impact fee rebate program. There are 2 completed and 3 in progress to a lot for the 5 that are needed for a rebate of the impact fee.
6. **Slow Moving Vehicle Ordinance:** The state allows any slow moving vehicle on any street that is 35mph. Mayor would like to change the legislation to read any road that is 35 mph or have buggy lanes for the golf cart to use.

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.

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

Economic Development Committee (Mayor Garlich, Mr. Blue, Mr. Klein, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Schill, Ms. Breyley) – No meeting in February.

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

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hornung made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:50 pm to discuss personnel motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

The meeting reconvened at 8:58 pm

There being no further business before Council the regular session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER