

**Village of Middlefield Council Minutes**  
**October 10, 2019**

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

**Also present:** Ms. Leslie McCoy-Administrator, Mr. Tom Lee-Solicitor, Chief Tucholski, Mr. John Boksansky-Zoning Inspector, Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Ms. Jess Giardina, Ms. Kim Breyley, Ms. Joyce Porozynski, Ms. Paula Shanel-CCAN, Mr. Alex Duncan, Pastor Mike Southern-Christ Covenant Church, Ms. Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf, Ms. Frances Hanna, Mr. Roger Hanna, Mr. Kyle Kaplan, Mr. Jack Zilly-Geauga Community Action and Mr. Robert Voss-Geauga Community Action.

**Invocation:** Led by Pastor Mike Southern, Christ Covenant Church.

**Opening Ceremony:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:** No additions or deletion to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** September 12, 2019 regular meeting – *Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

**Payment of Bills:** *Mr. Wiech moved to authorize payments totaling \$339,541.49 motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials** – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that income tax is up significantly over last year. The infrastructure fund has raised approximately \$409,000.00 that is being used on infrastructure projects. Water and sewer collections are also up due to large usage by commercial and industrial which is good. Helps pay for repairs to the plants and projects. Expenses are down compared to last year. Payroll is down compared to last year.

**AMBULANCE REPORT** – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Shenal stated that they had a total of 125 calls and 65 of those calls were in the village. Briar Hill calls have increased and Community Care is looking into this. Mayor Garlich stated that he has not received any complaints.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** - Report is included in the packet. Lt. Nevison stated that the fire department has had 625 calls for the years. Had a vehicle out back and used this call for multiple training of vehicle extraction. The concrete project in the driveway is completed. The rear of the driveway will be completed sometime next year. The truck has been out during fire prevention week at very locations.

**ECON DEVELOPMENT:** Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she is still working on updating the Zoom Prospector File which is the village part of the state's GIS tool. Still working on various grants for funding. Have been answer RFP site location request from the state. The TLCI Transportation Proposal only had one response and need three to meet the federal guideline so the due date has been extended to the end of October. Mayor Garlich would like to invite the property owners who are within the opportunity zone to meet.

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**ZONING REPORT:** Report is included in the packet. Mr. Boksansky stated that September was a busy month. Issued 4 residential permits and have been working on 5 commercial projects. Alron Homes is building two spec homes on Knox circle. Mayor Garlich mentioned the ship that has been in the front yard of a house on Johnson Street. The resident is using it as decoration for Halloween.

**STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT** – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated that the department has put 16 tons of asphalt in the pot holes and other areas that needed repaired by hand. Finished crack sealing project; put down 2 pallets of material. Flowers baskets have been removed and the planters have been cleaned out and the green boxes have been moved to storage from the downtown islands. The department has been chipping, mowing and has taken down several trees in the park that needed to be removed. The stumps will be taken care of in the near future. Leaf pickup will begin the week of October 28<sup>th</sup>. Still working on some motor rebuilds for pumps at the plants. Snow equipment is ready to go if needed; new cutting edges have been installed.

**POLICE REPORT** – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of September. There were 335 calls for service for the month. Looking at two candidates one for full-time and one for the part-time positions.

**PARKS & RECREATION REPORT** – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Arganti gave the information on the Paint & Sip. It will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the senior center and the cost is \$40.00 per sign.

Public Hearing for Ordinance 19-125 at 7:00 pm - Mayor Garlich opened the public hearing at 7:37 pm, there being no comments from the audience, Mayor Garlich closed the public hearing at 7:38 pm.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-**

**WEBELOS 2 Middlefield Pack 3141:** The scout master thanked the council for inviting the WEBELOS to the meeting. This is a requirement to receive a badge. The kids asked a question to the Council members and the Mayor. Each gave a brief answer to the question of “How they are making the world better”.

Mr. Klein a resident of Glen Valley Drive stated that he is speaking out in support of Mayor Garlich this evening. Mr. Klein addresses falsehoods that was printed on a campaign flyer by Mr. Wiech. Mr. Klein stated that Mr. Wiech makes it sound like he personally accomplished all the items listed on the flyer and Mr. Klein feels that it is unethical as they were all done as a group by this council and the Mayor.

**FIRST READING -**

**RESOLUTION 19-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-23 by title only.

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Ms. McCoy stated that this is required for the OPWC next round of funding and this is for the waterline to go from Well #3 to the treatment plant. Discussed various grants and funding.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 19-23 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 19-23, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

**ORDINANCE 19-128 AN ORDINANCE RENAMING A 0.3390 ACRE SEGMENT OF ROADWAY IN THE VILLAGE CURRENTLY KNOWN AS "OLD STATE ROAD" TO "NORTH STATE AVENUE".**

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-128 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place Ordinance 19-128 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

**SECOND READING**

**RESOLUTION 19-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTENT TO DISPOSE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT MUNICIPAL OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY VIA INTERNET AUCTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2020.**

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-21 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place Resolution 19-21 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call Yeas (6).

**ORDINANCE 19-125 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTIONS 1140.05(G) THROUGH 1140.05(J) AND SECTION 1157.02(B)(3) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO SIMPLIFY SITE PLAN CONFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS, AND TO CLARIFY DRIVEWAY WIDTH REQUIREMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-125 by title only

Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 19-125 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

**THIRD READING**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Geauga Community Action:** Mr. Jack Zilly is in attendance tonight seeking support from this council to allow the agency to merge with another agency in Lake County called Life Line. Currently there are three Mayors on board from Geauga County. Mayor Garlich stated that he met with Ms. Linda Toth and came out of the meeting with more questions than answers. Feels that Geauga County

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is underfunded. Was not aware of this agency until this was brought to his attention that it would like to merge with Lake County's program. This program is to be used to support senior citizens and veterans. The block grant is approximately \$140,000 for two years. The money will still be spent in Geauga County, the only thing changing would be the agency distributing the money. Mayor Garlich stated that in his opinion he would like to wait until the public hearing later in the month. He ask council what their thoughts are. Mr. Wiech asked if Lifeline is for Profit. Mr. Zilly stated that they are a 501(c)(3). The grant is awarded based on the poverty in the county from HUD. The consensus with council is to wait for the public hearing in November.

2. **Cardinal School Bus Parking:** Mayor asked Chief Tucholski to follow up with the school and see what their solution is for the parking of the buses.
3. **Rothenbuhler Cheese House Update:** Mayor Garlich stated that the village did received approval from the EPA. Test wells are being done and gravel reports are positive.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Reports are in the packet. Ms. Breyley stated that is was a decent month. Up from last month, down from last year and mobile users is still growing.
2. **Trick or Treat – October 31, 2019 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm:** The fire department will have the costume judge with donuts and cider. Looking at incorporating more for the adults such as a spooky hay ride down the buggy path for 2020.
3. **Mary Yoder's – Ribbon Cutting – October 12, 2019 at Noon:** The new owners are from Holmes County and will be having a ribbon cutting to celebrate.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

**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 September.**

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

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

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

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

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**VILLAGE CALENDAR:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business before Council the regular session adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
FISCAL OFFICER

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