

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
February 13, 2020

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. Scott Klein and Mr. Carl Hornung. Mr. Sam Morrow is excused.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy-Administrator, Mr. Tom Lee-Solicitor, Lt. Savage, Mr. John Boksansky-Zoning Inspector, Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Ms. Jess Giardina, Ms. Kim Breyley, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Ms. Joyce Porozynski, Ms. Paula Shenal-CCAN, Mr. Tony Ramos-NOPEC, Chief Reed-MFD, Mr. Alex Duncan, Mr. Kyle Kaplan, and Ms. Ann Wishart-MapleLeaf.

Invocation: None

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: Addition of Ordinance 20-107 to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2020 regular meeting – ***Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).***

Payment of Bills: ***Mr. Blue moved to authorize payments totaling \$429,461.25, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).*** Mayor Garlich stated that the January bills had 3 pay rolls, 2 CCAN bills and also 2 Rumpke bills.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that Income Tax was very good for January. Water and sewer was down due to a collection issue. Expenses are down compared to last year. There was \$53,000 collected for the infrastructure fund.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Shenal stated that there was 126 calls in January. Response times are still good. Thanked MPD and MFD for their help during the accident.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report is included in the packet. Chief Reed gave the statistics for the month of January. There were 88 runs. Had training at the facility in Huntsburg throughout the month. Razed a barn on 528 during the month also.

ECON DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that there was a kick off meeting for the TLCI Traffic Study. An email went out to the Stakeholder and Sub Committee regarding the meetings in March. Working closely with Job and Commerce looking for extra dollars to stretch the road repair fund. Have been working on the Site Ohio and Rite Site Program submittal. Preparing for the Opportunity Zone Workshop on March 19, 2020 at the Library. Plan on attending the JobsOhio Site Inventory Seminar in the beginning of March.

ZONING REPORT: Report is included in the packet. Mr. Boksansky stated that there were four residential and six commercial permit application.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated that the department has been doing repairs and maintenance on the mowers prepping for spring. The new back hoe was delivered. Used in for the

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loading of salt and snow removal. Works great! Chief Tucholski stated that in an effort to curb overtime cost he has made a decision to not plow sidewalks on weekends and holidays.

POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of January. There were 433 calls for service for the month. The Chief and Lt. did 5 miles of foot patrol in January. Officer Hurless is in the second phase of his FTO training.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that the department held a parents versus kids basketball game and fun was had by all. Basketball games end on Feb 22nd. The department will hold a Basketball Day at Cleveland State on February 20th. July 18th will be Middlefield Baseball Day at the Scrappers game. There are 5 wrestlers moving on to districts. The All-Star Tournament was held on February 9th. The department will hold a Wrestling Day at Cleveland State on February 16th. The Egg Hunts will be held on April 10th at Jordak in the morning for the kids and at Mineral Lake Park in the evening. Baseball and spring soccer registration has opened. There is a soccer camp tentatively scheduled for March 23rd-25th. The next paint and sip will be held at Vinny's and will be on April 26th from 2-4 pm. Will be holding Dodge Ball every Monday in March.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Mayor Garlich stated that UH will be hosting a Health Fair on February 29th here in Middlefield. Jordak was a cool school on Fox 8. Chem Tech is working on the next phase. Green Leaf will be hiring soon. ODOT will be starting construction and it appears that the old TSC building will be filled.

Mr. Tony Ramos from NOPEC is in attendance to talk about the “Block the knock” Program and the Energized Community Grant. There are several ways to sign up for the program. NOPEC will be in the village to sign up residence. The resident can also go online to blocktheknock.com and can also send in a registration form. Discussion regarding the grant and how the amount is determined. Mr. Ramos stated that the number is calculated based off of the number of residents on the NOPEC aggregate program that are registered in the second and third quarters.

FIRST READING -

RESOLUTION 20-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2020 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 20-05 by title only.

Ms. McCoy stated that his grant is typically used to replace lighting.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 20-05 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Wiech made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 20-05, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).

RESOLUTION 20-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE ACCESS TO THE COLLINS MCGREGOR GAS WELL ON THE ODOT PROPERTY IN EXCHANGE FOR VACATING THE EXISTING ACCESS EASEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 20-06 by title only.

Discussion regarding the location of the current easement access and also the new location access request easement.

Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 20-06 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 20-06, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 20-105 AN ORDINANCE REPLACING EXISTING CHAPTER 717 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING PEDDLERS AND CANVASSERS IN THE VILLAGE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LAWS.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 20-105 by title only.

Mayor Garlich stated that this includes the “No Knock” Program. This also increases the fines that can be applied.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 20-105 on first reading, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 20-106 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 1309.16 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE INCREASED MAXIMUM PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE VILLAGE’S EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE CODE.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 20-106 by title only.

Mr. Klein stated that this came up due to the repeat offenders. This increases the fines and jail time that can be charged. This recommendation was put in place by the prosecutor.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 20-106 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 20-107 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OHIO PREMIER ARCHERY AND SPORTS TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF AN INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE UNDER SECTION 1135.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AND EXTENDING THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 20-107 by title only.

Mr. Klein stated that Geauga Bow was purchased and the new owners have moved the indoor range to a new location and needs a conditional use permit. This needs to be tentatively passed due to needed to operate the leagues. Planning Commission has scheduled a special meeting on February 24th.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 20-107 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 20-107, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5).

SECOND READING

RESOLUTION 20-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ARCHIVIST 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 20-02 by title only

Mr. Klein made a motion to place Resolution 20-02 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 20-101 AN ORDINANCE REVIEWING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES IMPOSED BY THE VILLAGE.

Mayor Garlich introduce Ordinance 20-101 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place Ordinance 20-101 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5).

ORDINANCE 20-104 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 6TH ANNUAL ADULT EGG HUNT, WAIVING ANY PROHIBITIONS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE REGARDING SAME.

Mayor Garlich introduce Ordinance 20-104 by title only.

Ms. Arganti made a motion to place ordinance 20-104 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (5).

THIRD READING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Reports are in the packet. Ms. Breyley stated that views are up for January compared to last month but down from last January.

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2. **Change Order for H.A.D. Inc Contract:** Chief Tucholski gave a brief review of how the contract was bid. The owner from H.A.D. discussed with the village a different drilling technique; which will not introduce any foreign bodies into the new well that will need to then be cleaned out. The change order also includes an increase in the diameter and change in the material, the additions proposed should offer a better product. This is being funded through the infrastructure fund. ***Mr. Hornung made a motion to approve the change order as submitted, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5)***
3. **Year End Review 2019:** Ms. McCoy went through the review with Council and Mayor.
4. **Geauga Business Magazine:** The magazine is looking to the village for business's that can have a story written about the business. The cost is approximately \$1,500 to \$1,700 each quarter. It is published online and then there are 500 printed and distributed throughout the village. Ms. Breyley will look into other option for distribution. Maybe make it a stuffer in the Goodnews.
5. **Health Fair – February 29, 2020 10:00 am-2:00 pm** – Discussion held during Mayor Announcement.
6. **Motion to Allow Temporary Conditional Use Permit for Ohio Premier Archery and Sports, 14980 S. State Avenue, Until Planning Commission Hearing on February 24, 2020 at 12:00 pm** – This was passed during first readings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. Hornung made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:25 pm to discuss possible litigation, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5)

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:41 pm.

There being no further business before Council the regular session adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER

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