

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
August 13, 2020

Council met in regular session with public via teleconference. 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, Mr. Carl Hornung and Mr. Sam Morrow.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy-Administrator, Mr. Tom Lee-Solicitor, Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer and Chief Tucholski-Service Director. The following were in attendance via telephone Mr. John Boksansky-Zoning Inspector, Lt. Graley, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Chief Bill Reed-MVFD and open to the public.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: July 9, 2020 regular meeting – *Mr. Wiech moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Blue moved to authorize payments totaling \$960,176.40, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6). Mr. Wiech asked about the debt payment. Mr. Giardina stated that yes this includes the annual debt payment. Mayor Garlich also stated that there were 3 payrolls included.*

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that the revenue accounts are down compared to last year about 1.4 %. Income Tax Collections for July was up from 2019. Will still have extension being filed through October. Water collections are up and sewer collections are down compared to 2019 at this time. Expenses are down compared to last year.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report is included in the packet.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she is still working on the Zoom property prospector. Searching possible grant to help with infrastructure. TLCI is starting back up. Business have been notified and will be able to speak on what transportation issues they may have. There have been about 150 transportation surveys returned. SiteOhio is still working with the Bonner Property and is working on due diligence. The Revolving Loan Fund has about \$150,000.00 available as two loans were paid in full.

ZONING REPORT: Report is included in the packet. Mr. Wiech questioned an RV restriction in Woodsong. Mr. Hornung stated that is an HOA deed restriction.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated that the department has spent a lot of hours mowing grass, weed whacking, chipping and street sweeping. 3 hydrants have been replaced and still have 4 more to go. Working on installing the apron and driveway to the new well #4. Discussion regarding a mower that needs to be replaced next year; just put \$800.00 into the mower. Looking at putting drain tiles in at Yoder Field. The reclamation road project is moving forward and looking at what road needs to be crack sealed. Discussion regarding the parking area that was installed along Alameda Drive.

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POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of July. There were 315 calls for service. Call are still down for the year. Lt. Graley started on Monday and he has taken him around to meet all of Council. Lt. Graley has settled into the department already. Will be hiring a part-time officer. Looking at replacing a cruiser with a Tahoe instead of the Ford. Ford is only offering a hybrid model, increasing the base price. The department is self-monitoring for COVID per the Ohio recommendation guidelines.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

*Mayor Garlich requested help from Council during the Shred Day. The residents are to remain in their vehicle.

*Committee meetings will resume next month.

*Mr. Szymanski passed way and he was a very valuable member of the Planning Committee and also the Housing Council. He was also a great asset on Exterior Maintenance Code issues with Mr. Boksansky.

*Discussion regarding the traffic light in front of Kraftmaid and its usefulness.

*Discussion regarding the Impact Fee reduction that was put into place.

*Mayor Garlich stated that he has been contacted by calls, email and face to face regarding the face mask policy. Discussion regarding who should be enforcing the Governors orders. Mr. Hornung stated that he was told by his doctor that wearing a mask cuts down the possibility of catching COVID by about 65%. Chief Tucholski stated that he has been out and about, and the majority of people in the community are wearing masks.

*Discussion regarding the schools reopening plan.

FIRST READING -

RESOLUTION 20-15 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED VILLAGE ACCOUNTS, FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST, 2020 THROUGH JULY,2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 20-15 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 20-15 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 20-15, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 20-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER SUPPLY WELL NO. 4, DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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The Income Tax Infrastructure Fund is the dedicated repayment source. Lengthy discussion regarding dedicating this fund and the many concerns that council and mayor have.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 20-16 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Horng. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Wiech made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 20-16, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 20-17 A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOANS FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM, TOTALING \$10,000.00, FROM THE VILLAGE'S LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 20-17 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 20-17 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (5). Ms. Arganti abstained.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 20-17, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (5). Ms. Arganti abstained.

RESOLUTION 20-18 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF, AND APPRECIATION FOR, THE MIDDLEFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 20-18 by title only.

Mr. Blue stated that the department received their new ISO rating of 2 and they do a great job is why he supported this legislation.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Resolution 20-18 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 20-18, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 20-124 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF THE PART TIME SEASONAL LABORER, DAVE HOSTETLER, TO THE HOURLY RATE OF \$15.00, EFFECTIVE ON AUGUST 13, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 20-124 by title only.

Chief Tucholski stated that Mr. Hostetler has been with the Village for a few years now and he is the only part time seasonal employee and he does a phenomenal job mowing the grass.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 20-124 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

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Mr. Wiech made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 20-124, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 20-125 AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE HIRING OF AARON GRALEY AS A FULL TIME POLICE LIEUTENANT AS OF AUGUST 10, 2020, AT THE PAY RATE OF \$36.00 PER HOUR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 20-125 by title only.

Lt. Graley has done an exceptional job transitioning into the department and has been well received by the other officers.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 20-125 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Wiech made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 20-125, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 20-126 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 2ND ANNUAL GEUGA VETERAN'S SPORT FEST, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 20-126 by title only.

Mayor Garlich stated that the event will take place in the parking area at Great Lakes Outdoor Supply. He stated the event will be held outside. Mr. Morrow stated that last year there were a lot of tickets sold at various locations in town. Feels that if this was approved it would be contradictory to the council's feelings about wearing a mask. Mr. Morrow read the Governors Order regarding festivals and other events. Ms. Arganti stated that she agrees with Mr. Morrow regarding not having the event. Mr. Morrow stated that he is a huge supporter of the event benefitting the veteran's however this year may not be the appropriate year to hold.

It is the consensus of Council to TABLED this Legislation.

ORDINANCE 20-127 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, OHIO.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 20-127 by title only.

Mr. Wiech made a motion to place Ordinance 20-127 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6)

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

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ORDINANCE 20-119 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 1171.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT THAT OWNERS OF PROPERTY WITH STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES ARE OBLIGATED TO COMPLETE ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS OF SAID FACILITIES AND SEND COPIES OF SAME TO THE GSWCD.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 20-119 by title only.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 20-119, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll Call: Yeas (6).

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Reports are in the packet.
2. **Fireworks – 8:15 pm on September 12, 2020:**
3. **Shred Day – Friday, September 18, 2020 from 12:00 noon – 4 pm.:**
4. **School Use Agreement for Recreation Department:** The School was reviewing the agreement and it was the same agreement with the two payment for the year. The superintendent presented a monthly fee instead but Ms. McCoy is waiting for a response.
5. **TLCI Transportation Study Public Meetings:** Would like to limit the meeting to 10 people. Maybe this project needs to be put on hold due to the meeting limits. Will have Envision continue with the surveys. Project put on pause.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Morrow/Mr. Wiech) – No Meeting in July.

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

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

Parks & Recreation (Mr. Wiech/Mayor Garlich/Ms. Arganti) – No meeting in July.

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

Public Safety (Mr. Morrow/Mr. Hornung/Mr. Blue) – No Meeting in July.

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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There being no further business before Council, the regular session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER

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