

**Village of Middlefield Finance Committee  
Minutes August 13, 2020**

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The Finance & Ordinance meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm with the following members present: Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Scott Klein and Mr. Bill Blue.

**Also present:** Mayor Garlich, Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Ms. Leslie McCoy – Administrator, Sam Morrow, Chief Tucholski, Lt. Graley and the Public listened via teleconference.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** July 9, 2020 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Blue made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (3).

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Village Finances – Discussion:** Mr. Giardina stated that Income Tax Collection was up with the returns being due on July 15<sup>th</sup>. The collections for the year are up about \$15,000 compared to last year; up about 7.7%. Discussion regarding the various companies that are running ads looking for employees. Mr. Giardina reminded everyone that the true totals will not be revealed until October when all of the extensions are submitted. Water collection is up and sewer collections are down. Discussion regarding the debt payment and payment of bills. We are very fortunate that the village is in a good place financially. Discussion regarding the investments at Huntington and the fact that they have slashed their interest rate. Mr. Giardina is requesting to move the money to another institute that is offering a higher interest rate. Will tier the investment so if an emergency arises the village will have access to the money.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **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:** Mr. Giardina stated the every 5 years the village sends out RFP to the various banks. US Bank, Middlefield Bank and Huntington Bank all submitted an RFP. Huntington Bank is the best choice for the main account based on service satisfaction, fees, and the summary of the proposal. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Resolution 20-15 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
2. **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 and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan; and Declaring an Emergency:** Ms McCoy stated that this will allow her to submit to the OWDA for the balance of the project cost not covered by the OPWC loan. There will still be another \$400,000 that needs to be funded that allows the drilled well to be connected to the WTP. Discussion regarding the process that will need to be done for Phase 2 and repayment. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Resolution 20-16 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (3),**
3. **Resolution 20-17 A Resolution Approving Loans for the Small Business Grant Program, Totaling of \$10,000.00, from the Village’s Local Coronavirus Relief**

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- Fund (LCRF), and Declaring an Emergency:** Ms. McCoy stated that all of the applications received the village was able to fund. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Resolution 20-17 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (2). Ms. Arganti abstained**
4. **Resolution 20-18 A Resolution Expressing Council's Support of, and Appreciation for, the Middlefield Volunteer Fire Department, and Declaring an Emergency:** Discussion regarding the Title that includes Volunteer. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Resolution 20-18 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (3).**
  5. **Ordinance 20-124 An Ordinance Increasing the Compensation of the Part-time Seasonal Laborer, David Hostetler, to the Hourly Rate of \$15.00, Effective August 13, 2020, and Declaring an Emergency:** Chief Tucholski stated that Mr. Hostetler does a great job and is the only seasonal employee that the village has. The department mows approximately 30 acres of grass and he does the majority of the mowing. **Ms. Arganti made a motion to recommend Ordinance 20-124 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
  6. **Ordinance 20-125 An Ordinance Ratifying the Hiring of Aaron Graley as Full-time Police Lieutenant as of August 10, 2020, at the Pay Rate of \$36.00 Per Hour, and Declaring an Emergency:** Chief Tucholski stated that he was very nervous with Lt. Savage leaving. Lt. Savage did so much for the department that the Chief was concerned that he would not be able to find a suitable replacement. Mr. Graley has already made an impact on the department with just the few days that he has been with the department. Mr. Graley comes to the Village from the Geauga County Sheriff's Department. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Ordinance 20-125 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
  7. **Ordinance 20-126 An Ordinance Authorizing Various Activities Related to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Geauga Veteran's Sports Fest, Waiving the Prohibition of the Codified Ordinances Regarding Same, and Declaring an Emergency:** Ms. McCoy stated that this is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks are sponsored by the Village on the same date. The event will take place at Great Lakes Outdoor Supply. Ms. Arganti asked how many people typically attend. Chief Tucholski stated that there was approximately 200 people in attendance last year. **Ms. Arganti made a motion to recommend Ordinance 20-126 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
  8. **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:** This is a semiannual submission. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Ordinance 20-127 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (3).**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**PENDING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business before the Finance & Ordinance Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

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