

**Village of Middlefield Finance Committee  
Minutes November 12, 2020 (Teleconference)**

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The Finance & Ordinance meeting was called to order at 5:34 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, and Chief Tucholski.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** October 8, 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 is actually higher than this time last year. Water and sewer collections are down but that was expected with the factory that had a huge leak and has repaired; the same industry also installed several new chiller meters. Revenue is trending along the same line as last year. Lengthy discussion regarding the income tax collections. Business withholdings are down slightly. The village prosecutor is doing a great job getting the delinquent tax collected. Discussion regarding payroll. Discussion regarding possible lock down that the federal government could do and how this could impact the income tax collections. Discussion regarding the debt payment on the Tare Creek Utility Line Project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution 20-28 A Resolution Acceptance, Approving Cares Act Expenditures, and Declaring an Emergency:** Ms. McCoy stated that this legislation is to encumber the expenditures that the village is using this money for. **Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Resolution 20-28 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
2. **Resolution 20-29 A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Village Administrator to enter into an Agreement for Services with the Geauga County Board of Commissioners and the Geauga Department on Aging, for use of the Middlefield Community Center, and Declaring an Emergency:** Mayor Garlich asked if this was an annual contract. Ms. McCoy stated that it is a two year contract. The contract is for the same cost and it covers costs to run the center. **Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Resolution 20-29 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
3. **Resolution 20-30 A Resolution Urging Governor Dewine and the Ohio Legislature to Extend the HB 197 Deadline for Operating Public Meetings Electronically, and Declaring an Emergency:** Ms. McCoy stated that OML requested that all member communities urge the Governor to extend electronic meetings. **Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Resolution 20-30 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
4. **Ordinance 20-140 An Ordinance to make Temporary Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Middlefield, State of Ohio, during Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021, and Declaring an Emergency:** Mr.

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Giardina stated that this has to be passed so that the village can operate for the first three month of 2021. The amended budget for 2020 will be before the committee next month. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Ordinance 20-140 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (3).**

5. **Ordinance 20-141 An Ordinance Ratifying the Mayor's Termination of the Existing Facilities Use Agreement with the Cardinal Local School District, as Previously Authorized by Resolution 20-19, and in its Place, Ratifying a New Agreement with Cardinal Schools to Administer and Run the Village's Recreation Sports Program, on Exchange for a Payment from the Village to Cardinal Schools of \$50,000.00, and Declaring an Emergency:** Ms. McCoy stated that the village will be giving the payment to the school to run the sports program. The village will retain Ms. Naples to work and a liaison between the school and the village. The village will keep all of the registration fees to counter the costs. **Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Ordinance 20-141 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (3).**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**PENDING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business before the Finance Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.