Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
April 14, 2022
7:00 PM

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

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy- Administrator, Mr. Luke McConville- Solicitor, Chief Tucholski, Mr. Nick Giardina- Fiscal Officer, Mr. John Boksansky, Lt. Graley, Ms. Ann Wishart- Maple Leaf, Chief Reed- Fire Department, Mr. Alex Duncan, Ms. Joyce Porozynski, Pastor Mike Continenza, Ms. Cindy Detweiler, Mr. Cody Naftzger, Mr. John Kochy, and Ms. Kimberly Breyley

Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was sited. Pastor Continenza leads with a prayer.
Mr. Sam Morrow holds a Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March.

Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: March 10, 2022 regular meeting – ***Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).***

Payment of Bills: ***Mr. Hornung moved to authorize payments totaling $494,609.94, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).***

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that revenue is up and that the village is off to a good start. Expenses are up slightly due to some bonus payments. Income Tax withholdings are still very strong throughout the month of March. Individual collections are also very strong for this year.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Ms. Shenal was not present. Ambulance report is in the packet. Relay any questions to them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report included in the packet. Fire Chief Reed stated there has been 60 runs for the month of March. The Fire Department also had a new truck delivered this month; replacing a truck that was purchased in 1991.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated there are some new businesses coming to the village and construction on those will be starting very soon. Discussion regarding the Storefront Business Renovation Program. The marketing for hotels is continuing. Discussion regarding the Van Program that is moving forward. Discussion regarding the success of the Job Fair at Cardinal High School. Ms. McCoy presented a logo brought to her by Mr. Troyer. He would like to use the Village of Middlefield logo on his packaging. He is the one moving into the building on Lake St and Route 87. ***Mr. Blue motioned to approve Mr. Troyer's use of the logo, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: (6)***

ZONING REPORT: Report is included in the packet. Mr. Boksansky stated that this month there were 9 zoning permits issued. The car wash is still being constructed and McDonalds will be starting their demolition and rebuild shortly. Discussion regarding Walmart's plan to repave their parking lot.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Received quotes for parking lot repairs scheduled for late this summer. Chief Tucholski stated the department has been working on the traffic lights at 87 and Springdale; trying to correct the timing. The state is going to pay for the new camera system, the village will pay for the installation of the traffic lights. The department replaced the fountain at Bob Giardina Lake. Chief Tucholski stated they found a new truck for the water and waste water plant. The department also received a grant for $ 3,500 to purchase new picnic tables. The emergency repair to the creek behind the station and Dollar General has been completed and looks very nice. Chief Tucholski stated the Park District will be replacing all of the blacktop on the bike path and the Village will take care of diverting some of the water to help with the erosion by ditching. The department is getting Eagle Park prepared to open on Memorial Day. Two big pine trees by the Girl Scout lodge will be removed due to damage to the building. The walking bridge from Ridgewood to the lake will also be replaced. The Pierce and Button Street project is set to begin at the end of April with grinding and then full depth repair, chip and seal, and then the top coat.

POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated for the month of March there has been 448 calls of service. Chief Tucholski stated the Police Department is still looking for part- time officers. The department will hopefully be placing an order for a Tahoe in May; if they have any available.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that the number of participants has increased from the prior year. Eagle Park is opening Memorial Day and fireworks will be July 3rd with a rain date of July 5th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Mayor Garlich stated that the speakers to play music in the downtown area have been installed and are running. The village will also be installing cameras and there will be a link on the website so residents can check the intersection. Discussion regarding the Joe Peters Benefit and Mayor Garlichs participation in helping to fundraise. Discussion regarding the fund raising benefiting the Cardinal Athletic Boosters.

Mr. John Kochy, Middlefield Township, is in attendance to complain about the GreenLeaf Processing Plant odors. He stated that him and his family can't sit outside their home because the smell is so bad. Mayor Garlich stated that the village will look into the complaints.

FIRST READING -

1. ***RESOLUTION 22-07 A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW THE LEVY OF A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OR BOTH***

   Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 22-07.

   Mayor Garlich stated that the village only received one bid.

Mr. Klein made a motion to place Resolution 22-07 on the 1st reading, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

2. ***ORDINANCE 22-118 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF CINDY DETWEILER AS A FULL TIME BILLING CLERK/OFFICE ASSISTANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:***

   Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 22-118.

   Mr. Seyer made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 22-118 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

   Mr. Morrow made a motion to ***PASS*** Ordinance 22-118, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

3. ***ORDINANCE 22-119 AN ORDINANCE AWARDING SUBJECT TO SPECIFIED CONTINGENCIES, A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICES TO COMMUNITY CARE AMBULANCE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.***

   Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 22-119 by title only.

   Mr. Klein made a motion to place Ordinance 22-119 on the first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

1. ***ORDINANCE 22-115 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 22-115 by title only.

   Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 22-115 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

2. ***ORDINANCE 22-117 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MIDDLEFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE AND BUSINESS SIDEWALK/TRUNK SALE, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME***

   Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 22-117 by title only.

   Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 22-117 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).

THIRD READING

1. ***ORDINANCE 22-109 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2022 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT***

   Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 22-109 by title only.

   Mr. Hornung made a motion to ***PASS*** Ordinance 22-109, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

OLD BUSINESS –

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley**: Included in the packet. Users are up 42% this month. Ms. Breyley would like to increase the website users with the free t-shirts the village is giving away.

2. **Motion from Council to Purchase Police Radios:** Chief Tucholski stated that due to the Ohio State safety upgrades, changing to an encrypted system the village needs to upgrade all the department radios. ***Mr. Blue made a motion to approve the purchase of the Police Radios, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll call: Yeas (6).***

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

Economic Development Committee (Mayor Garlich, Mr. Blue, Mr. Klein, Mr. Michalakes, Mr. Dietrich, Ms. Breyley) – Minutes included in the packet.

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

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

Public Safety (Mr. Hornung/Mr. Blue/Mr. Seyer) – Minutes included in the packet.

VILLAGE CALENDAR: (ALL MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

APRIL – (subject to change)

April 12, 2022 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITES
April 12, 2022 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION
April 12, 2022 7:00PM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
April 14, 2022 5:30PM RECREATION

April 14, 2022 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE
April 14, 2022 6:30PM SAFETY
April 14, 2022 7:00PM COUNCIL

MAY – (subject to change)
May 10, 2022 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITES
May 10, 2022 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION
May 12, 2022 5:30PM RECREATION
May 12, 2022 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE
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PENDING

TABLED: Resolution 21-08
TABLED: Ordinance 21-113
TABLED: Ordinance 21-114

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Klein made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:56 for discussion of possible litigation and personnel, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).

Regular session of council reconvened at 8:08 pm.

There being no further business before council the regular session adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER