

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
March 9, 2023

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. Rick Seyer, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Bill Blue, and Mr. Sam Morrow.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator, Mr. Nick Giardina- Fiscal Officer, Mr. Luke McConville- Solicitor, Lt. Graley, Ms. Kim Breyley, Ms. Ann Wishart- Maple Leaf, Mr. John Boksansky- Zoning Inspector, Lt. Tony Yeropoli- Fire Department, Mr. Don Rice- Metzenbaum, Mr. Roger Hanna, Mr. Patrick Robinson, Mr. Alex Duncan and members of the 2022/2023 youth wrestling team and families.

1. Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was sited.

Mayor Garlich introduces the youth wrestling team to present them with certificates for qualifying.

2. Agenda: No Additions/ Deletions.

3. Approval of Minutes: March 9, 2023. *Mr. Blue made a motion to approve the March 9, 2023 minutes, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).*

4. Payment of Bills: *Mr. Hornung moved to authorize payments totaling \$589,768.54 motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).* Mayor Garlich stated this is higher than normal because of the water well project and Tom Lee's bill came in.

5. FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – The report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated a lot of expenses have gone up. Water and sewer is about the same as the previous year. Income tax has dropped down this month compared to March 2022. Mr. Giardina stated this is not surprising as things are starting to slow down. Individual income tax filers in the Village of Middlefield has been up. Mr. Giardina stated the withholdings are still very strong. Things in income tax dropped down on the business side because the economy is starting to slow down. Mr. Giardina stated finances in the village are still very good.

6. AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Lt. Yeropoli stated for the month of March there was 81 runs. As of March 2023 there have been 258 runs of service year to date. Lt. Yeropoli stated the Middlefield Fire Department and University Hospitals put on a tactical medical training for local law enforcement to be trained further in life saving measures. The Middlefield Fire Department did their continuing training with Geauga Medical Center and the paramedics attended a course work and hands on paramedic training class that has to be completed every two years.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated she has been assisting businesses on site planning on expansions. Ms. McCoy stated the Storefront Program is doing very well and is down to about \$16,000. Mayor Garlich stated he would like to see a report of all the businesses that participated in the Storefront Improvement Program with some before and after pictures to present to Council.

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9. ZONING REPORT: Report included is included in packet. Mr. Boksansky stated 8 out of 9 permits were applied for in the month of March.

10. STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated water and sewer plants have had some general repairs. There was a water leak on N Thompson that has been fixed. The cemetery workers have started doing work in the cemetery. Chief Tucholski stated the restrooms at the parks should now be open. The Mineral Lake foot bridge was completely reconstructed by Jaro Mares and Colin Cromley. Jaro Mares and John Summers put a new ramp on the back of the Girl Scout Lodge. Mike Soltis removed the old carpet from the Girl Scout Lodge and underneath it was hardwood floors so Mike was able to sand down and reseal the floors. There will also be new concrete walkways, new windows, fresh paint, and new lights put in.

11. POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated for the month of March there have been 375 calls for service. Chief Tucholski stated there has been a lot of training in the month of March and one of the new Tahoe's is now in service by the Police Department.

12. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated Spring Soccer has started and Baseball & Softball will begin soon. The huskie locker is doing very well and families have been able to take advantage of free items for their children participating in sports. Registration numbers are fairly close to previous years. There is no Softball 8U team so they have been moved to the PeeWee team.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

DON RICE- Metzenbaum Center: Mr. Rice stated their numbers have been growing. The budget for Metzenbaum is in a very good spot. Mr. Rice stated Metzenbaum currently has about 185 employees on location and out in the field. Mr. Rice stated they receive about \$14- \$16 million a year.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS- Dave McDowell has been appointed.

Development Loan Review Committee (Scott Klein, Bill Blue, Luke McConville, Ben Garlich, Nick Giardina, Dave Dietrich, _____)

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS- Mr. Klein asked if Ms. McCoy would ask Carissa Shaffer if she is interested.

Local Board of Tax Review _____ 2 year Term 1-1-2023 to 12-31-2024

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Website Report- Kim Breyley:

FIRST READING –

1. ORDINANCE 23-119 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE

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CHAPTER 1168 ENTITLED "ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT."

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-119 by title only. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 23-119 on the first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

2. ORDINANCE 23- 120 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 737 ENTITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATIONS" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-120 by title only. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to take Ordinance 23-120 off of emergency and place on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

3. ORDINANCE 23-121 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1171 ENTITLED "SOLAR FARMS." Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-121 by title only. Mr. McConville stated this is an Ordinance that would allow for Solar Farms to be permitted in industrial zones. This would also include regulations needed for a Solar Farm. A public hearing for the Ordinance will be at the June Council meeting. **Mr. Blue made a motion to place Ordinance 23-121 on the first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

4. ORDINANCE 23-122 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE YODER FURNITURE TENT SALE, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-122 by title only. Mayor Garlich stated they had one last year and are having another one. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 23-122 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-122, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

1. ORDINANCE 23-116 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-116 by title only.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 23-116 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).

2. ORDINANCE 23-118 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE SANCTUARY IN MIDDLEFIELD & MARY YODER'S AMISH KITCHEN 5K RACE, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-118 by title only.

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Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 23-118 on the second reading, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (6).

THIRD READING

1. ORDINANCE 23-111 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF THE MIDDLEFIELD-CARDINAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-111 by title only. One annual payment of \$55,000.

Mr. Blue made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-111, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).

2. ORDINANCE 23-112 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2023 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-112 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated a letter will be sent to all residents to notify of the NOPEC changes. **Mr. Klein made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-112, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

3. ORDINANCE 23-113 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 23-113 by title only. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-113, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Included in the packet. Mayor Garlich stated he would like to see the website and Facebook page populate more.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Dietrich/Ms. Shaffer) – March meeting minutes included in packet.

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mr. Morrow/Mr. Klein/ Mayor Garlich) – March meeting minutes included in packet.

Economic Development Committee (Mayor Garlich, Mr. Blue, Mr. Klein, Mr. Michalakes, Mr. Dietrich, Ms. Breyley, Ms. Martin) – No meeting in March.

Parks & Recreation (Ms. Arganti/ Mr. Seyer/ Mayor Garlich/ Ms. Naples/ Mr. Soltis) – March meeting minutes included in packet.

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

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Public Safety (Mr. Hornung/Mr. Blue/Mr. Seyer) – March meeting minutes included in packet.

Housing Council- March meeting minutes in packet.

Record Retention Committee- March meeting minutes in packet.

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

APRIL – (Subject to change)

April 11, 2023 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITES

April 11, 2023 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION

April 13, 2023 5:30PM RECREATION

April 13, 2023 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE

April 13, 2023 6:30PM SAFETY

April 13, 2023 7:00PM COUNCIL

MAY – (Subject to change)

May 9, 2023 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITES

May 9, 2023 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION

May 11, 2023 5:30PM RECREATION

May 11, 2023 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE

May 11, 2023 6:30PM SAFETY

May 11, 2023 7:00PM COUNCIL

May 29, 2023 Village Hall Closed – Memorial Day

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Klein motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:06 PM, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas. (6)

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER