

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
May 11, 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, and Mr. Bill Blue. Mr. Sam Morrow is excused.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator, Mr. Nick Giardina- Fiscal Officer, Mr. Luke McConville- Solicitor, Lt. Graley, Ms. Ann Wishart- Maple Leaf, Mr. John Boksansky- Zoning Inspector, Lt. Tony Yeropoli- Fire Department, Mr. Roger Hanna, Mr. Alex Duncan, Ms. Melissa Channell, and Mr. Kyle Kaplan. Ms. Kim Breyley is excused.

1. Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was sited.

2. Agenda: No Additions/ Deletions.

3. Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2023. *Mr. Blue made a motion to approve the April 13, 2023 minutes, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (6).*

4. Payment of Bills: *Mr. Hornung moved to authorize payments totaling \$368,218.61 motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

5. FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – The report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated last month was an extremely good month for income tax. Mr. Giardina stated water, sewer, and income tax is up 8% this year compared to the previous year. Expenses for the Village are up. Mr. Giardina stated the expenses are up due to the water well project. Mr. Giardina stated the incomes tax revenue by itself is up 10% than in the previous year. Withholdings for income tax are still strong.

6. AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Mayor Garlich stated he spoke to Community Care and requested that they start attending the Council Meeting quarterly.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Lt. Yeropoli stated for the month of April there was 63 runs. There has been 311 year to date runs. Lt. Yeropoli stated the fire department and the EMS has been participating in a training with UH AirMed and UH Geauga. Lt. Yeropoli stated the fire department has been visiting Amish schools and the Amish community for fire safety education.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated there are photos included in the report showing businesses that participated in the Storefront Renovation Program.

9. ZONING REPORT: Report included is included in packet. Mr. Boksansky stated 9 out of 11 permits were applied for in the month of April.

10. STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated Sperry Lane and N Springdale roads have been completed. The Boy and Girl Scout Lodge renovations have been completed. Chief Tucholski stated he is in the process of getting a quote for the backstop fence on the lighted field. Chief

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Tucholski stated he is working with Tom Cappello to get the crack seal program underway.

11. POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated for the month of April there have been 520 calls for service. Chief Tucholski stated when the weather gets nicer the call volume goes up.

12. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated spring sports have started practices. Fireworks will be July 3 with a rain date of July 5 at Yoder Field. Ms. McCoy recommended Council go to Mineral Lake Park to see all the hard work the Service department has put into the park.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Garlich stated the Memorial Day Parade will be on May 29 at 12pm. Children are invited to participate in the parade and decorate bikes or scooters. If participating meet at Village Hall at 11:30 for lineup. Any participants will receive an ice cream treat.

Public Hearing for Ordinances 23-119 and 23-121- June 8, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS-

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

Mr. Blue made a motion to appoint Carissa Shaffer to the Local Board of Tax Review, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).

FIRST READING –

1. RESOLUTION 23-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIED INSURANCE FROM LOVE INSURANCE AGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 23-05 by title only. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Resolution 23-05 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Resolution 23-05, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).

2. ORDINANCE 23-123 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VISION AND DENTAL HEALTH CARE BENEFITS THROUGH DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF OHIO, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-123 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated the rates for vision did not change and the dental rates increased slightly. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 23-123 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-123, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (5).

3. ORDINANCE 23-124 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF A MONTHLY CAR ALLOWANCE TO THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-124 by title only. Mayor Garlich stated he fully supports Ordinance 23-124 and the work that Ms. McCoy is doing for the Village is phenomenal. **Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 23-124 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).**
Mr. Blue made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-124, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).

4. ORDINANCE 23-125 AN ORDINANCE SELECTING THE BID OF GRADE LINE INC FOR THE WELL #3 RAW WATER MAIN TRANSMISSION LINE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,197,668.25 TO BE THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR SAID PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAID BIDDER FOR THAT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-125 by title only. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 23-125 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (5).**
Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-125, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (5).

5. ORDINANCE 23-126 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE PLAT FOR CONSOLIDATION OF PERMANENT PARCELS 19-045700, 19-045900, AND 19-046000 BEING LAND OWNED BY YODER'S FURNITURE, LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-126 by title only. Mr. Klein stated this consists of 3 lots that Yoders Furniture would like to consolidate. **Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 23-126 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).**
Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-126, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (5).

SECOND READING

1. ORDINANCE 23-119 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1168 ENTITLED "ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT." Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-119 by title only.
Mr. Blue made a motion to place Ordinance 23-119 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).

2. ORDINANCE 23-120 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 737 ENTITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTAL OPERATIONS" Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-120 by title only.
Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 23-120 on the second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Seyer. All in favor: Yeas (5).

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3. ORDINANCE 23- 121 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1171 ENTITLED “SOLAR FARMS.” Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-121 by title only. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 23-120 on the second reading, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

THIRD 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. Blue made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-116, motion seconded by Mr. Seyer. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

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. **Mr. Klein made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-118, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Included in the packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mr. Seyer/Ms. Arganti/ Ben Garlich) – April 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 April.

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

Finance & Ordinance (Mr. Seyer/ Mr. Klein/Mr. Morrow) – April meeting minutes included in the packet.

Public Safety (Mr. Morrow/ Mr. Hornung/Mr. Blue) – April meeting minutes included in packet.

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

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 20, 2023 Scrap Tire Day 8am-12p at Service Garage
May 29, 2023 Village Hall Closed – Memorial Day
May 29, 2023 Memorial Day Parade 12pm (steps off from Village Hall lineup
11:30a)

JUNE – (Subject to change)

June 6, 2023 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITES
June 6, 2023 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION
June 8, 2023 5:30PM RECREATION
June 8, 2023 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE
June 8, 2023 6:30PM SAFETY
June 8, 2023 7:00PM COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Mr. Klein made a motion to move into executive session for litigation at 7:45 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).

Mr. Klein made a motion to end executive session at 8:09 pm, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Klein motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:10 PM, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas. (6)

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER