

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
June 8, 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, Mr. Sam Morrow, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, and Mr. Bill Blue.

Also present: Ms. Cindy Detweiler- Administrative Assistant, Chief Tucholski, Lt. Graley, Mr. Nick Giardina- Fiscal Officer, Mr. Luke McConville- Solicitor, Ms. Ann Wishart- Maple Leaf, Mr. John Boksansky- Zoning Inspector, Lt. Ben Reed- Fire Department, Mr. Alex Duncan, Ms. Melissa Channell, and Ms. Sandra O'Brien. Ms. Kim Breyley and Ms. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator are excused.

1. Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was sited.

2. Agenda: No Additions/ Deletions.

3. Approval of Minutes: May 11, 2023. *Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve the May 11, 2023 minutes, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (6).*

4. Payment of Bills: *Mr. Morrow moved to authorize payments totaling \$1,017,139.96 motion seconded by Mr. Klein. 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 a very good month overall. The main three revenue sources (water, taxes, and sewer) are up 6%. Mr. Giardina stated both revenue and expenses are up but the Village finances are still in good standing. Business and individual deposits are up year over year. The withholdings are slightly down compared to the previous year. Mr. Giardina stated the employment in the Village is still strong. Expenses are up due to the Well project and semiannual debt payments.

6. AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Mutual aid for the month of May has been larger than normal. There was 3 overdoses, 1 was in the Village.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Lt. Ben Reed stated there is still a burn ban because of the weather conditions. The Fire Department will be burning a house down in Huntsburg and will continue in any training available. Lt. Reed stated a Fire Department employee has joined the drone team.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet.

9. ZONING REPORT: Report included is included in packet. Mr. Boksansky stated 12 permits were approved for in the month of May.

10. STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated there has been a lot of brush chipping, street cleaning, and ballfield & park maintenance. The flowers and flags are done and look good. Chief Tucholski stated the Senior Center has had a lot of maintenance done there and it looks much better. The crosswalk lines in the Village will be done by the end of the month.

11. POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated for the month of May there was 617 calls for service. Chief Tucholski stated the numbers of calls for service, warnings, and tickets in all categories are up.

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12. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Fireworks will be July 3 with a rain date of July 5 at Yoder Field. Fall sports registration is now open and will be open until July 21, 2023.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Sandra O'Brien (Ohio State Senator- Geauga District) - introduced herself to Council. Ms. O'Brien is on her first term and will be up for reelection in 2024. Ms. O'Brien is also Chairman of the Local Government Committee of Ohio. Her biography is available online.

Opened:

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

No one present to speak on Public Hearing for Ordinances 23-119 and 23-121. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:33 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

FIRST READING –

1. RESOLUTION 23-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 23-06 by title only. Mr. Giardina stated this is for the transfer of money into the Parks and Recreation account. **Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Resolution 23-06 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Resolution 23-06, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (5).

2. ORDINANCE 23-127 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NICHOLAS PRIEM, AS A FULL TIME LABORER IN THE STREETS DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-127 by title only. Chief Tucholski stated he will be learning Mike Soltis' position. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 23-127 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

Mr. Klein made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-127, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (5).

3. ORDINANCE 23-128 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HIS DAUGHTER'S BACK ALLEY EVENT, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-128 by title only. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 23-128 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

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SECOND READING

1. ORDINANCE 21-113 AN ORDINANCE REZONING APPROXIMATELY 4.19 ACRES OF LAND FROM GC GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO R-PUD RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 21-113 by title only. Mr. Klein stated this is for the project that Briar Hill is planning on doing, it was discussed in the Planning & Zoning meeting. **Mr. Blue made a motion to place Ordinance 23-113 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

2. ORDINANCE 21-114 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 1153.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO GRANT A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SENIOR RESIDENTIAL USES IN THE R-PUD ZONING DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 21-114 by title only. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 21-114 on the second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

THIRD 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. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-119, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

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. Morrow made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-120, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. 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. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-121, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Columbarium Pricing:** Two quotes included in the Council packet. Will further discuss at the next Council meeting with more information.

NEW BUSINESS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JULY – (Subject to change)

July 3, 2023 *Fireworks Show – Yoder Brothers Field at dusk*
July 4, 2023 *Independence Day – Village Hall Closed*
July 5, 2023 *Fireworks Show – Rain Date*
July 11, 2023 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITES
July 11, 2023 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION
July 13, 2023 5:30PM RECREATION
July 13, 2023 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE
July 13, 2023 6:30PM SAFETY
July 13, 2023 7:00PM COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Mr. Klein made a motion to move into executive session at 7:51 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).

Mr. Blue made a motion to end executive session at 8:08 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Klein motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:09 PM, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas. (6)

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER