

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
July 13, 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. Sam Morrow, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, and Mr. Bill Blue. Mr. Rick Seyer is excused.

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

1. Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was sited.

2. Agenda: No Additions/ Deletions.

3. Approval of Minutes: June 8, 2023. *Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve the June 8, 2023 minutes, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).*

4. Payment of Bills: *Mr. Morrow moved to authorize payments totaling \$704,465.74 motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll call: Yeas (5).*

5. FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – The report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated income tax was up month over month compared to the previous year. Mr. Giardina stated the water and sewer accounts are also up compared to the previous year. The receipts are strong and the expenses are a little up due to some big projects in the Village. Mr. Giardina stated for the month of July the expenses will be higher because of the well project and the debt payments that will need to be made.

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

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Lt. Tony Yeropoli is present and stated for year to date there was 474 calls for service. It is up this year compared to the prior year. Lt. Yeropoli stated there is live fire training, fire hose training, and EMS training. Lt. Yeropoli stated there is a live fire training in July at a resident on Hunt Rd.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated she is in the process of finalizing the Storefront Renovation Applications. Ms. McCoy stated the waterline project is moving forward and the application for the Well #3 pump was submitted to the EPA.

9. ZONING REPORT: Report included is included in packet. Mr. Boksansky stated 15 permits were issued in the month of June. Mr. Boksansky stated the Phase 12 in Woodsong for builds has begun.

10. STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated there has been a lot of park mowing and weed whacking. Ms. McCoy stated the crosswalk at Eagle Park was ordered by Ronyak and is set to be placed at Eagle Park. Chief Tucholski stated they have started grading at the cemetery.

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11. POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated for the month of June there was 514 calls for service. Chief Tucholski stated everything is going pretty well. Officer Cooney’s last day is the 12th. The second Tahoe is set to be finished by the end of July. Chief Tucholski stated the Department is working on completing their online OPOTA training.

12. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated Fall Sports registration are currently open until July 21st. There are 4 youth camps (basketball, football, cheer, and volleyball) that will be launching. Mineral Lake park renovations look very nice. Ms. McCoy stated there are 4 items that have been purchased for the Skate Park. Mayor Garlich stated Cardinal schools has begun construction on the restrooms at the high school football field. Mayor Garlich stated there was a lot of compliments about the fireworks show.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Hanna thanked the Village for putting on the fireworks display on July 3.

Mr. Kochy stated the issue with Green Leaf has not been resolved. Mr. Kochy stated there is still an odor where he is not able to have his windows open due to the smell coming from Green Leaf. Mr. McConville stated the Village is trying their best to be as strategic as possible in order to win an injunction hearing. Mr. McConville stated they want to be as prepared as possible for the hearing and in order to do that he needs more evidence. Mayor Garlich stated there needs to be more evidence on the smell in order to be able to do something more. Mayor Garlich stated they have the equipment onsite to measure the smell. Mr. McConville stated the Village has to be in a strong position before moving forward. Mayor Garlich stated Green Leaf is in the process of seaming the gutters and then they will share the results with the Village on July 17.

Mayor Garlich opened the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing- 7:30pm

- 1) 2024 Tax Budget: Ms. Giardina stated this is for 2024. This outlines what the expenses will be and then in August there will be a hearing at the County. Ms. Giardina stated it is very similar to the prior year but there are some expenses that have gone up. Public Hearing closed.
- 2) Ordinances 21-113, 21-114: No comment on Ordinances 21-113, and 21-114. Public Hearing is closed.

FIRST READING –

1. RESOLUTION 23-07 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 23-07 by title only. **Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Resolution 23-07 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Resolution 23-07, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (5).

2. RESOLUTION 23-08 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF

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COMMERCE, DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND OHIO CEMETERY DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION FOR THE 2024 CEMETERY GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT ANY AWARDED GRANT FUNDS AND FILE ALL DOCUMENTS AND EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE ANY AWARDED GRANT FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 23-08 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this is for a grant for \$2,500 to be able to redo some of the older foundations. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Resolution 23-08 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Resolution 23-08, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (5).

3. ORDINANCE 23-129 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VILLAGE ORDINANCE 22-154 PROMOTING COLIN CROMLEY, TO FULL-TIME STREETS LABORER, NUNC PRO TUNC, TO PROVIDE AGREED UPON VACATION BENEFITS DURING HIS INITIAL YEAR OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-129 by title only. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 23-129 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).**

Mr. Blue made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-129, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (5).

SECOND READING

1. 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. Klein stated Ms. Timas would like to have an alley event behind the building with some different vendors including a wine and beer garden.

Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance 23-128 and declare an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).

Mr. Klein made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-128, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).

THIRD 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. Briar Hill will be adding a small housing development for residents.

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Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 21-113, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).

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. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 21-114, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (5).

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Columbarium Pricing:** Mayor Garlich stated he would like to go with the second option that was submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Included in the packet.
2. **Mural:** Mayor Garlich stated the mural by Middlefield Tavern is deteriorating and needs to be redone. Ms. McCoy stated if it is done there would be a layer of epoxy done over the painting to try to help make it last longer. Mayor Garlich is concerned about repainting the wood on the building and it rotting and not lasting long.
3. **Senior Trash Day- August 17 (Register by Aug 10th with Geauga Dept. on Aging):** Ms. McCoy stated it is through the County and to register the seniors will need to call the Geauga Dept. on Aging by August 10th.
4. **Shred Day- August 19, 2023 9am-12pm at Village Hall**

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AUGUST – (Subject to change)

August 8, 2023 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITES

August 8, 2023 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION

August 10, 2023 5:30PM RECREATION

August 10, 2023 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE

August 10, 2023 6:30PM SAFETY

August 10, 2023 7:00PM COUNCIL

August 17, 2023 Senior Trash Day, register with Geauga County Department on Aging by August 10th.

August 19, 2023 Shred Day at Village Hall 9am-12pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Klein motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:11 PM, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas. (5)

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER