

**Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
August 10, 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, Mr. Rick Seyer, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, and Mr. Bill Blue.

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. Kyle Kaplan, Ms. Melissa Channel, and Ms. Kim Breyley.

1. Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was sited.

2. Agenda: No Additions/ Deletions.

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

4. Payment of Bills: *Mr. Blue moved to authorize payments totaling \$415,694.90 motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

5. FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – The report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated income tax, water, and sewer accounts are up compared to previous years. The total number of receipts and expenses are also up. Mr. Giardina stated expenses are up due to a large debt payment that was made. Mr. Giardina stated the amount of income tax that has been collected is extremely strong. Mr. Giardina stated the Village has expanded 50% in income tax this year. All accounts are in a positive standing.

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 549 calls for service. Lt. Yeropoli stated there was a controlled burn training at an abandoned house in Huntsburg.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated there is one more Storefront Renovation program application that is almost completed and then that will close out the available funding.

9. ZONING REPORT: Report included is included in packet. Mr. Boksansky stated 19 permits were issued in the month of July.

10. STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated Eagle Park is running good. Chief Tucholski stated facilities, ball fields, and parks are all being maintained very well and look great.

11. POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated for the month of July there was 478 calls for service. Chief Tucholski stated the 2nd Tahoe has been built and is out on the road. The officers have completed their online state mandated training and Lt. Graley is in the process of interviewing recruits for the Police Department.

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12. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated Fall sports are just starting. Ms. McCoy stated teams have been made up so practices will begin soon.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mayor Garlich stated there is a Back to School Bash at the High School from 10 am- 1 pm and invited Council to go out and show their support.

Grand River Grounds will be having a ribbon cutting August 11 at 4:30 pm.

August in the alley by His Daughter will start August 11 at 3 pm-10 pm.

FIRST READING –

1. RESOLUTION 23-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 23-09 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this is to be able to buy crack seal material. It has to be done every year because prices change.

Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Resolution 23-09 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Resolution 23-09, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).

2. ORDINANCE 23-130 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 5th ANNUAL GEAUGA VETERAN’S SPORTS FEST, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 23-130 by title only. Mayor Garlich stated this is on September 9th. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 23-130 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 23-130, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).

3. ORDINANCE NO. 23-131 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 23-131 by title only. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 23-131 on first reading, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Columbarium:** Ms. McCoy has included pictures of what the columbarium would look like.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to approve the expenditures of the new columbarium in the amount of \$25,340.00, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (6).

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Included in the packet.
2. **Donation from Middlefield Parkway Partners: Mr. Seyer made a motion to accept the Middlefield Parkway Donation, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: yeas (6).**

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEPTEMBER – (Subject to change)

September 4, 2023 Labor Day – Village Hall Closed

September 12, 2023 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITES

September 12, 2023 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION

September 14, 2023 5:30PM RECREATION

September 14, 2023 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE

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September 14, 2023 7:00PM COUNCIL

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OCTOBER – (Subject to change)

October 10, 2023 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS, & UTILITIES

October 10, 2023 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION

October 12, 2023 5:30PM RECREATION

October 12, 2023 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE

October 12, 2023 6:30PM SAFETY

October 12, 2023 7:00PM COUNCIL

October 9, 2023 VILLAGE HALL CLOSED – COLUMBUS DAY

October 31, 2023 TRICK OR TREAT - HALLOWEEN

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

Mr. Klein made a motion to go into executive session at 7:35 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).

Mr. Blue made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:43 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Klein motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:44 PM, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas. (5)

PENDING

Tabled: Resolution 21-08

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER