

**Village of Middlefield Finance & Treasury
Committee
January 11, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Finance & Ordinance meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Bill Blue, and Mr. Scott Klein.

Also present: Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator, Mayor Ben Garlich, Mr. Nick Giardina- Fiscal Officer, and Chief Tucholski.

Agenda: No additions/deletions.

Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2023 meeting minutes were presented for approval. *Mr. Klein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (3).*

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Village Finances – Discussion:** Mr. Giardina stated it has been a pretty good year. Mr. Giardina stated income tax is slightly down compared to last year. Water and Sewer are slightly up compared to last year. Mr. Giardina stated overall in those main categories they are only down 0.9%. Chief Tucholski stated a lot of big facilities have put in chiller systems. Mr. Giardina stated the chillers and the senior discount can be part of the reason the water/sewer category is down. Mr. Giardina stated the receipts are higher due to grants. Expenses were also up due to bigger projects. Mr. Giardina stated income tax was down 0.41% over 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RESOLUTION 24-01 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GEAUGA COUNTY AUDITOR TO PROVIDE TAX ADVANCES FOR THE 2024 COLLECTION PERIODS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Resolution 24-01 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this is for the property taxes **Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Resolution 24-01 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
2. **RESOLUTION 24-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ARCHIVIST TO ACT AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD COUNCIL FOR PURPOSE OF REQUIRED PUBLIC RECORDS TRAINING.** Ms. Arganti introduced Resolution 24-02 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this would be for Tisha Johnson's training. **Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Resolution 24-02 to Council, motion seconded by Blue. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
3. **ORDINANCE 24-101 AN ORDINANCE REVIEWING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES IMPOSED BY THE VILLAGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 135.09.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 24-101 by title only. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Ordinance 24-101 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
4. **ORDINANCE 24-102 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 25.34 ACRES OF LAND IN MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (to follow)** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 24-102 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this is for Hartville Hardware. Ms. McCoy stated it cannot pass at Council until March. **Mr. Klein made a**

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motion to recommend Ordinance 24-102 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (3).

- 5. ORDINANCE 24-103 AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 24-103 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this cannot pass until April. **Mr. Blue made a motion to recommend Ordinance 23-158 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (3).**

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Klein made a motion to adjourn at 6:29 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (3).