

**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD'S  
STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

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The Village of Middlefield's Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee was called to order by roll call at 5:15 pm with the following members present: Mayor Garlich, Mr. Sam Morrow, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, and Mr. Bill Blue.

**Also present:** Ms. Leslie McCoy-Administrator, Chief Tucholski, Mr. Tom Cappello, Mr. Scott Klein, and Ms. Sabine Weizer.

**Agenda:** No additions/deletions.

**Minutes of January 6, 2026** were presented for approval. **Ms. Arganti made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Budget:** Chief Tucholski stated there is nothing out of the ordinary for the budget. Chief Tucholski stated there will be a special ordinance to replace the Lopro on Thursday at the Council meeting.
2. **Turn Lane at Arby's:** Mr. Cappello stated in front of Dollar General there is no parking lane so Mr. Cappello would like to extend the median which would create a new turn lane. The sidewalk would be replaced. Mr. Cappello stated there is a pole owned by First Energy that would need to be moved. Mr. Cappello came up with a cost estimate and estimates this project would cost about \$60,000.
3. **Review of 2026 Capital Improvement Projects:**
  - a. **Water Well #5- contractor Cold Harbor Building Co.-** Mr. Cappello stated this is ongoing and should start in the Spring weather permitting. Water would most likely start being pumped in 2027.
  - b. **WWTP Tertiary Filter & UV Filter System Retrofit Project.** - Ms. McCoy stated this has been submitted for a grant and the next step will be to put the project out for bid. Chief Tucholski stated this would take about 3-5 months.
  - c. **Generator Replacement (Year 1 of 4)-** Chief Tucholski stated the generator at the WWTP is very old and will be one of the first ones to be replaced. Ms. McCoy stated this is a 4-year project and will be done in phases. All of the generators are past 20 years old and need to be replaced.
  - d. **WWTP Headwork's Screen Refurbishment-** Ms. McCoy stated this will go out to bid in March and the bid award will be in April. Ms. McCoy stated this one will hopefully be done by the end of May 2026. Ms. McCoy stated this needs to be done because it is making other parts of the plant work harder than they need to.
  - e. **N State Avenue Water Connection Replacement Project-** Mr. Cappello stated this will go out to bid in the Spring. Chief Tucholski stated this is in the North bound lane.
  - f. **Meter Replacement Project-** Ms. McCoy stated she is getting ready to order more meters for the meter project. There are about 350 meters in the Village are not working. Mr. Garlich suggested giving residents a 30-day minimum from the day the notice is sent. If residents do not respond they would be charged an additional fee on their water bill. Chief Tucholski stated this will be efficient to also give the service department the time to set aside for the project.

## NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Adjustment Journal –January 2026:** Ms. McCoy stated this one was for a misapplied payment to the wrong account. The account numbers were off by one number so Cindy reapplied it and removed the penalty and interest from the account number that it wasn't originally applied to. Ms. McCoy stated Cindy did call both account holders and let them know what had happened. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to accept the January 2026 adjustment journal, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
- 2. Request for 14870 Dunlin Ct. The waiving of interest and penalties:** Ms. McCoy stated Chuck passed away and his estate is requesting that penalties and interest be waived. Mr. Garlich stated Chuck's brother reached out and paid the bill right away. **Mr. Blue made a motion to waive the penalties and interest for 14870 Dunlin Ct, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (3).**
- 3. General Discussion:** Mr. Garlich stated there was \$120,000 allocated for the Tare Creek project that was supposed to be reimbursed by Geauga County but the County Engineer's office made a lot of errors and the money is not there anymore. Chief Tucholski stated Sperry could use it and the cost would be close to \$120,000.

Next Meeting **Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:15pm.**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

**Ms. Arganti made a motion to adjourn at 5:50pm, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (3).**

There being no further business before the Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

These Streets, Sidewalks, and Utilities Meeting Minutes are to be supplemented by any audio recording of the Meeting, to the extent any such audio recording exists and is kept by the Village.

PENDING