

Village of Middlefield Finance
February 12, 2026
6:00 PM

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

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

Agenda: No additions/deletions.

Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2026 meeting minutes were presented for approval. ***Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (3).***

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Village Finances – Discussion:** Mr. Giardina included a report in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated the main three categories of water, sewer, and income tax are up 1.68%. Mr. Giardina asked Ms. McCoy if there is a reason that sewer is less than the water. Ms. McCoy stated this is due to a large number of industrial businesses that started using chiller systems. Mr. Giardina stated total receipts are up and expenses are down for January 2026 compared to last year. Mr. Giardina stated it was a really good month for income tax withholdings which is up about 7% compared to the previous year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **RESOLUTION 26-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE'S US BANK MASTERCARD AGGREGATE MAXIMUM CREDIT LIMIT TO BE \$25,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Resolution 26-02 by title only. Mr. Morrow made a motion to recommend Resolution 26-02 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).
2. **ORDINANCE 26-107 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGE RATES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 26-107 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated the CPI was 2.7%. The Mayor elected to waive his CPI increase. Ms. Arganti made a motion to recommend Ordinance 26-107 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).
3. **ORDINANCE 26-108 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES AND WAGE RATES FOR THE NON-POLICE EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 26-108 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this is broken up into two parts, one is a retroactive part and the other part is wage increases starting April 1st. Ms. McCoy stated the stipend has also changed. Ms. McCoy stated the stipend for service is for when a service employee will need to be on call for anything needed. Ms. Arganti made a motion to recommend Ordinance 26-108 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (3).

- 4. ORDINANCE 26-109 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2026 WAGE RATES FOR POLICE OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 26-109 by title only. Chief Tucholski stated starting rates and sergeant raises were increased along with the normal increase. **Ms. Arganti made a motion to recommend Ordinance 26-109 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).**
- 5. ORDINANCE 26-110 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.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 26-110 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this is codifying the ordinances from August 2025-December 2025. **Mr. Klein a motion to recommend Ordinance 26-110 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).**
- 6. ORDINANCE 26-111 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-600 TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SALT SPREADER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 26-111 by title only. Chief Tucholski stated this is need to replace the Lopro since it has had a lot of mechanical issues and keeps breaking down. Chief Tucholski stated the Village is spending about \$6,700 a year on repairs. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to recommend Ordinance 26-111 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).**
- 7. ORDINANCE 26-112 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 26-112 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this if for their grant funding for energy efficiency. **Ms. Arganti made a motion to recommend Ordinance 26-112 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).**
- 8. ORDINANCE 26-113 AN ORDINANCE HIRING BRANDON PESKA AS A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER, CONTINGENT UPON HIS COMPLETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 139.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AT THE PAY RATE OF \$35.39 PER HOUR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 26-113 by title only. Chief Tucholski stated Brandon Peska is moving to the area and has 15 years of experience. **Ms. Arganti made a motion to recommend Ordinance 26-113 to Council, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).**
- 9. ORDINANCE 26-114 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 911.25 ENTITLED "REQUIREMENTS FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT AND PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY."** Ms. Arganti introduced Ordinance 26-114 by title only. Ms. McCoy stated this is for the water meter project to get people to comply quickly with the meter change request letters and if they do not schedule within 30 days, they can potentially get penalized. **Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Ordinance 26-114 to Council, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Roll Call. Yeas (3).**

General Discussion:

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Arganti made a motion to adjourn at 6:33pm, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (3).

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