

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes

June 11, 2026

Council met in regular session Mayor Garlich called the meeting to order by **roll call** at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Garlich, Mr. Scott Klein, Mr. Carl Hornung, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Sam Morrow, Mr. Bill Blue, and Mr. Kyle Kaplan.

Also present: Ms. Cindy Naftzger- Administrative Assistant, Chief Tucholski, Mr. Nick Giardina- Fiscal Officer, Mr. Luke McConville- Village Solicitor, Mr. Alex Duncan, Ms. Kim Breyley, Mr. John Boksansky- Zoning Inspector, Ms. Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf, River Kale, District Outreach Representative Congressman David P. Joyce Office, and Mr. Ben Reed- Fire Department. Ms. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator and Lt. Graley are excused.

1. Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Agenda: No additions/deletions.

3. Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2026. *Mr. Hornung made a motion to approve May 14, 2026 minutes, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).*

4. Payment of Bills: *Mr. Blue moved to authorize payments totaling \$988,892.22, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).*

5. FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – The report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated income tax, sewer, and water are up about 14% compared to the previous year. Mr. Giardina stated income tax withholdings are strong. Expenses are up due to large projects happening in the Village but there are some loan disbursements coming in that will offset those expenses. Mr. Giardina stated individual deposits are strong which shows that employment in the Village is strong. Income tax seems to be up 20% year after year. Mr. Giardina stated Village finances are doing very well.

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

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Reed stated there was mutual aid training in May that included live burn training with Windsor Fire. Mr. Reed stated the Fire Department participated in the Cardinal Elementary Field Day and will be at the Cheese Festival with the Fire Safety Trailer.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Ms. McCoy is excused but her report is included in the Council packet.

9. ZONING REPORT: Report is included in packet. Mr. Boksansky stated he was able to issue 9 zoning permits for the month of May .

10. STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated there has been a lot of grass mowing, park maintenance,

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cemetery maintenance, street sweeping, equipment repair, and more. Chief Tucholski stated meter changeouts are being scheduled and completed.

11. POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated there was 736 calls for service in the month of May. Chief Tucholski stated they are still interviewing candidates for a full-time police officer and everything else is going well.

12. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Fall sports registration is now open and there will be a youth running program to register for as well.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. **River Kale, District Outreach Representative Congressman David P. Joyce (OH-14) Office:** River Kale is present to speak about what he does. Mr. Kale stated he serves as the District Outreach Representative for David P. Joyce, who represents Ohio's 14th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and joined Congressman Joyce's office in 2025. Mr. Kale serves as the Congressman's liaison to local governments, businesses, nonprofit organizations, schools, and community organizations throughout the district. Mr. Kale would be the one to contact about federal grant opportunities, requests for meetings with Congressman Joyce, community project support, assistance navigating federal agencies, and invitations for the Congressman to attend local events.
2. **Public Hearing July 9, 2026**
 - a. 7:30PM 2027 Tax Budget
 - b. 7:40PM Ordinance 26-136 & Ordinance 26-140
3. **Senior Trash Pickup Day- August 13, 2026**
 - a. Register with Geauga Dept. on Aging by 08.10.26 at 440-279-2130

FIRST READING –

1. **RESOLUTION 26-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND DONATION OF AN UNNEEDED SURPLUS VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE TO THE MIDDLEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 26-05 by title only. Chief Tucholski stated this is for one of the old police cruisers. The fire department stated that they could use it so it will be donated to the Fire Department. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Resolution 26-05 on first reading as an emergency and waive the required readings, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6). Mr. Morrow made a motion to PASS Resolution 26-05, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).**
2. **RESOLUTION 26-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Mayor Garlich introduced

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Resolution 26-06 by title only. Mr. Giardina stated this is the normal quarterly transfer that needs to be done. **Ms. Arganti made a motion to place Resolution 26-06 on first reading as an emergency and waive the required readings, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).** Mr. Kaplan made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 26-06, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).

3. **ORDINANCE 26-142 AN ORDINANCE EMPLOYING JAIDEN FIX, AS A PART-TIME STREETS LABORER, AT THE RATE OF \$18.00 PER HOUR, RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE May 28, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 26-142 by title only. Chief Tucholski stated Jaiden is doing a great job and is a great employee. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 26-142 on first reading as an emergency and waive the required readings, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).** Mr. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 26-142, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).
4. **ORDINANCE 26-143 AN ORDINANCE EMPLOYING NICHOLAS J. MONOCHINO, AS A PART-TIME STREETS LABORER, AT THE RATE OF \$18.00 PER HOUR, RETROACTIVELY EFFECTIVE June 2, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 26-143 by title only. Chief Tucholski stated Nick is doing a great job. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Ordinance 26-143 on first reading as an emergency and waive the required readings, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).** Mr. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 26-143, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).
5. **ORDINANCE 26-144 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND AMBULANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIP, PARKMAN TOWNSHIP AND COMMUNITY CARE AMBULANCE, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 26-144 by title only. Mayor Garlich stated he has been participating in meetings to figure out how to best service the residents. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 26-144 on first reading as an emergency and waive the required readings, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).** Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 26-144, motion seconded by Mr. Kaplan. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

1. **ORDINANCE 26-136 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY ZONING APPLICATION FOR DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN**

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EMERGENCY. Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 26-136 by title only. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 26-136 on second reading as emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

2. **ORDINANCE 26-140 AN ORDINANCE REZONING GEAUGA COUNTY PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 19-702900 ON PIERCE STREET FROM “GC, GENERAL COMMERCIAL” TO “R-PUD 1153.09 (3) SENIOR HOUSING”**
Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 26-140 by title only. **Mr. Klein made a motion to place Ordinance 26-140 on second reading, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

THIRD READING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report** – Kim Breyley: Included in the packet. Ms. Breyley stated engagement is up about 34% and she has been posting consistently to get those numbers to keep increasing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

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

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mr. Morrow/ Mr. Blue/ Ms. Arganti/ Ben Garlich) – May meeting minutes included in the packet.

Economic Development Committee (Ms. McCoy, Mr. Klein, Ms. Arganti, Mr. Michalakes, Mr. Dietrich, Ms. Breyley, Ms. Martin) – No meeting in May.

Parks & Recreation (Mr. Blue/ Mr. Morrow/ Ms. Arganti/ Mayor Garlich/ Ms. Bean/ Mr. Soltis) – May meeting minutes included in the packet.

Finance & Ordinance (Ms. Arganti/ Mr. Morrow/ Mr. Klein) – May meeting minutes included in the packet.

Public Safety (Mr. Hornung/ Mr. Blue/Mr. Kaplan/ Mayor Garlich) – May meeting minutes included in the packet.

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

June – (subject to change)

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June 9, 2026 5:15pm STREETS COMMITTEE
June 9, 2026 6:00pm PLANNING COMMISSION
June 11, 2026 5:00pm AMERICA250
June 11, 2026 5:30pm RECREATION COMMITTEE
June 11, 2026 6:00pm FINANCE COMMITTEE
June 11, 2026 6:30pm SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 11, 2026 7:00pm COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2026 America250 Drone Show –
Sponsored by: *Village of Middlefield and*
Platinum Sponsor: VanBoxel Business Supply
Gold Sponsors: Heritage Pointe, Advanced Accounting Consultants/Middlefield
Home & Business Storage, and Frost Bar n Grille
Silver Sponsor: NOPEC

July- (Subject to Change)

July 1, 2026 Brush Chipping
July 3, 2026 *Village Hall Closed – in Observance of Independence Day*
July 4, 2026 *Independence Day – America 250th Anniversary*
July 6, 2026 Eagle Splash Pad Closed for Maintenance until 2PM
July 7, 2026 5:15pm STREETS COMMITTEE
July 7, 2026 6:00pm PLANNING COMMISSION
July 9, 2026 5:30pm RECREATION COMMITTEE
July 9, 2026 6:00pm FINANCE COMMITTEE
July 9, 2026 6:30pm SAFETY COMMITTEE
July 9, 2026 7:00pm COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST- (Subject to Change)

August 3, 2026 Eagle Splash Pad Closed for Maint. Until 2pm
August 5, 2026 Brush Chipping
August 11, 2026 5:15pm STREETS COMMITTEE
August 11, 2026 6:00pm PLANNING COMMISSION
August 13, 2026 Senior Trash Pickup Day (*Register with Dept. on Aging by 8/10 440-279-2130*)
August 13, 2026 5:30pm RECREATION COMMITTEE
August 13, 2026 6:00pm FINANCE COMMITTEE
August 13, 2026 6:30pm SAFETY COMMITTEE
August 13, 2026 7:00pm COUNCIL MEETING
August 29, 2026 Shred Day (9a-12p at Village Hall)

ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Hornung motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:00PM, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).

These Council 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.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER