

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes

July 9, 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. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator, Ms. Jessica Giardina- Fiscal Office, Chief Tucholski, Mr. Nick Giardina- Fiscal Officer, Mr. Luke McConville- Village Solicitor, Lt. Graley, Mr. Alex Duncan, Ms. Kim Breyley, Mr. John Boksansky- Zoning Inspector, Ms. Sabine Weizer, Mr. Joe Svete, Ms. Jackie Janke, Lou Champney- Youth Running Program Coordinator, 14U Softball Team & Parents, and Mr. Ben Reed- Fire Department.

1. Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Agenda: No additions/deletions.

3. Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2026. *Mr. Hornung made a motion to approve June 11, 2026 minutes, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).*

4. Payment of Bills: *Mr. Klein moved to authorize payments totaling \$1,062,787.71, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).*

5. FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – The report is included in the packet. Mayor Garlich stated the Village finances continue to improve and everything is growing.

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

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Reed stated June was a busy month. There is an Amish Safety meeting coming up and the department has been participating in live fire trainings and education training with University Hospitals.

8. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Ms. McCoy stated she has been communicating with local businesses on current needs and opportunities as well as monitoring available properties. Ms. McCoy stated she has a request for a sign for the storefront renovation program and it exceeds the balance that the program currently has. ***Ms. Arganti made a motion to add funds to the Storefront Renovation Program Fund, motion seconded by Mr. Kaplan. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).***

9. ZONING REPORT: Report is included in packet. Mr. Boksansky stated he was able to issue 11 zoning permits for the month of June.

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10. STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated there has been a lot of grass mowing, park maintenance, Eagle Park work, cemetery maintenance, street sweeping, equipment repair, and more.

11. POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated there was 655 calls for service in the month of June. Chief Tucholski stated CPT training is almost done and there are more trainings scheduled for Officers. Fishing with Cops is this Saturday 9am-12pm at Mineral Lake Pond.

12. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated Fall Sports registration is currently open and the last day to register to save is July 13, 2026. Mayor Garlich stated they are working on getting quotes to get lights installed at the pickleball court.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Public Hearing July 9, 2026

a. 7:30PM 2027 Tax Budget

Mayor Garlich opened the Public Hearing at 7:42PM.

Ms. Giardina stated she met with all the department heads and went through the budgets with them and what is expected as far as numbers for next year. Ms. Giardina stated the budget will be taken to the county to be approved by them.

Mayor Garlich closed the Public Hearing at 7:44PM.

b. 7:40PM Ordinance 26-136 & Ordinance 26-140

Mayor Garlich opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 26-136 at 7:44PM.

Mr. McConville stated this is the ordinance that will prevent any permits being issued or applications being accepted for data centers in the Village. Mr. McConville stated the House Bill regulated legislative that requires they pay higher utility rates than the normal consumers. The law did not pass because of the tax exemption so it is in summer recess.

Mayor Garlich closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance 26-136 at 7:51PM.

Mayor Garlich opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 26-140 at 7:51PM. Mayor Garlich stated this is for the Briar Hill project at the old Jordak school building.

Mayor Garlich closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance 26-140 at 7:53PM.

2. Sports Team Recognition

- a. Softball 14U- League Champions:** Mayor Garlich recognized the 14U Softball team for their amazing season and presented each player with an achievement certificate. Coach Danny Grant stated they lost 3 games and they were to the Concord team and actually

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ended up playing them in the Championship game and won that game.

3. **Pocket Park Design Presentation:**
4. **Youth Running Program:** Mayor Garlich stated Lou Champney is running the program and is doing a great job. Mr. Champney is present and stated that he is working with kids to learn how to correctly run and run efficiently.
5. **Senior Trash Pickup Day - August 13, 2026**
(Register with Geauga Dept. on Aging by 8/10/26 at 440-279-2130)

FIRST READING –

1. **RESOLUTION 26-07 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR THE 2027 FISCAL YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 26-07 by title only. Mr. Hornung made a motion to place Resolution 26-07 on first reading as an emergency and waive the required readings, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6). Mr. Kaplan made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 26-07, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).
2. **ORDINANCE 26-145 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ARCADIS U.S., INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WWTP TERTIARY FILTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 26-145 by title only. Ms. Arganti made a motion to place Ordinance 26-145 on first reading as an emergency and waive the required readings, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6). Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 26-145, motion seconded by Mr. Kaplan. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).
3. **ORDINANCE 26-146 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING CERTAIN CEMETERY FEES IMPOSED BY THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 26-146 by title only. Mr. Klein made a motion to place Ordinance 26-146 on first reading as an emergency and waive the required readings, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6). Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 26-146, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

THIRD 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 PASS Ordinance 26-136, 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. Morrow made a motion to PASS Ordinance 26-140, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. Roll Call. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Included in the packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Dietrich/Ms. Shaffer) – June meeting minutes included in the packet. Mr. Klein gave a brief recap of the Planning and Zoning meeting that was held on Tuesday 7/7.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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*

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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

Mr. Kaplan motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:00PM, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. 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