

Village of Middlefield Finance and Ordinance Committee Minutes
May 7, 2015

The committee met in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Rick Seyer, Mr. Scott Klein and Mr. Ron Wiech.

Also present: Mayor Garlich, Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Chief Tucholski, Charlie Ehrhart-Director of Streets & Utilities....

Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: April 2, 2015 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Klein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Wiech. All in favor: Yeas (2). Mr. Seyer abstained

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Village Finances – Investments - Discussion:** Mr. Giardina stated that income tax collection is up about 6% over last year. Water and sewer are up about \$2,000 over last year and expenses are down. Discussion regarding the debt payments that are due in the next few months.
2. **Glen Valley Drive Project:** The engineering is still in process. Discussion regarding the project time schedule. Discussion regarding options of where residents are going to be able to park during construction when there half of the road has been torn out and driveway aprons.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Purchase of Kubota Tractor w/ Front End Loader:** Mr. Ehrhart stated that he is in need of an additional tractor for plowing sidewalks this was discussed in Streets and that committee was in favor of the purchase. Had several break downs this last winter and had to borrow equipment to keep the sidewalks open. This will also allow 2 employees to be out in sidewalk plows if there is a heavy snow. This tractor can also be used to prep ball fields and mow grass. Mr. Wiech stated that there will not be a backhoe attachment on this tractor. This tractor is the same size as the current tractor with just more horsepower. The current tractor is 8 years old. There is money in the equipment replacement fund to cover the cost of this tractor. ***Mr. Wiech made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the purchase of the Kubota tractor through Middlefield Farm and Garden not to exceed \$34,000, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (3).***
2. **Ordinance 15-109 An Ordinance Amending Existing Section 911.08 of the Codified Ordinances to Provide for a Three Percent Increase in Water Rates Commencing January 1, 2016, to Provide for the Annual Review of Water Rates by the Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee in September, 2016, and each Year Thereafter, and to make Certain Technical Clarifications:** Mr. Garlich asked how many residence use just the minimum charges. Mr. Weir stated that he is not sure but there are several residents. Discussion regarding the 3% increase and what it equated to in money. The committee figured out it's about \$3.00 to \$4.00 per quarter. Discussion regarding the senior discount on water and sewer minimum. Mr. Klein made a suggestion to change the review from September to August. Mr. Weir stated that moving it

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earlier in the year there may not be enough revenue information due to the way the quarters fall. Discussion regarding the million dollar of debt service that is due each year. ***Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Ordinance 15-109 to Council with the change of an August review, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (3)***

3. **Ordinance 15-110 An Ordinance Amending Existing Section 907.04 of the Codified Ordinances to Provide for a Three Percent Increase in Sewer Rates Commencing January 1, 2015, to Provide for the Annual Review of Sewer Rates by the Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee in September, 2016, and each Year Thereafter and to make Certain Technical Clarifications: *Mr. Klein made a motion to recommend Ordinance 15-110 to Council with the change of an August review, seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (3)***

4. **Downtown Park Improvements – Engineering/Plan Preparation:** The Economic Committee has been discussion improvements to the pocket park at the intersection of State Route 87 and State Route 608. The committee would like to get some engineering done and the village has received some grant money to help with these improvements. Would like to get a conceptual plan in place and then look for more grant money. Discussion regarding the current parking lot. The lot consolidation has been completed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Nothing before the committee

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Finance Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.