

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
May 9, 2019

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

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy-Administrator, Mr. Tom Lee-Solicitor, Chief Tucholski, Lt. Savage, Mr. John Boksansky-Zoning Inspector, Mr. Nick Giardina-Fiscal Officer, Ms. Jess Giardina, Ms. Billie Warren-Recreation Director, Mr. Alex Duncan, Ms. Paula Shenal-CCAN, Mr. Roger Hanna, Ms. Ann Wishart-Maple Leaf, Mr. Jon Hunter, Ms. Joyce Porozynski and Rev. Erwin Urschitz.

Opening Ceremony: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No additions or deletion to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2019 regular meeting – *Mr. Hornung moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

Payment of Bills: *Mr. Blue moved to authorize payments totaling \$304,214.13 motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).*

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials – Report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated that Income Tax Collection for April was phenomenal. Individual collections are up along with business withholdings. Water and sewer collections are also up compared to last year. Expenses are up due to the current projects.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Shenal stated that the number were down for the month but had more runs within the village. Average response time is better to the weather. Discussion regarding increases in the overdoses in the area because of the current trend. There were two overdoses in April, one in the village and one outside the village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Report is included in the packet. Cpt. Anderson stated that the month was a little busier than normal. Had a mutual aid assistance with another community for a creek rescue in a raven. Anderson gave the statistics for the month of April. Got to work with an Arson Investor on a research project. Will be doing close space training in the month of May.

ECON DEVELOPMENT: Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated that she is continuing to market the vacant spaces. Has been collaborating with various agencies on programs that will benefit the village. Looking for funding for the Well #3 project. Will be attending the ODEA meeting on May 15th in Columbus. The replacement lights for the LED program have been ordered. The Municipal Lighting Program will begin shortly changing the fixtures over to LED's. The bike path message center sign has been installed.

ZONING REPORT: Report is included in the packet. Mayor Garlich asked about the grass mowing and it being the same offenders. Listed several violators and feels that they are taking advantage of the village.

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STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Installed some new picnic tables at the Sperry Pavilion. Worked on the Sperry Lane pavilion. Repaired some fencing at the Boy Scout Lodge. Flower boxes have been installed on the corners in downtown. Purchased a new bucket truck for the streets department. Did a lot of research and purchased an old CEI truck for \$20,000. Repaired 10 catchbasins also did several pieces of sidewalks around town. Looked at a new fountain for Bob Giardina Lake but just not in the budget for this year so will be putting the old one in the lake soon, and at the pocket park also. Had a ton of mowing to get done this week. The department has also been working on prepping of Eagle Park Sprayground. Grove Street Sidewalk Project is just about completed. The company has been working on restoration this week. The Lake Street & Edgewood Project is slated to start on May 21st. Also Ms. Smith received her CDL. Mr. Sommers has paved the parking lot on Northview and also the road at Mallard and Meadowlark Lane. There is an agreement between the HOA and Mr. Sommers. Now that the road is repaired and completed the HOA will take over the ownership of the roads. Mayor Garlich stated that he had a request to expand the parking lot for the bike trails. Spoke with Mr. Oros of the park district and there is not money but he will add it to the list of project for possible future expansion.

POLICE REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of March. There were 394 calls for service in the month. The department did 933 business checks. The department spent 69 hours in the schools last month. Fishing will be held on June 8th.

PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. Warren stated that the next paint and sip will be the sign board with the Mason jar on May 19th at the Senior Center on Ridgewood. The cost is \$35.00. Spring Soccer participants started games last week and will continue through the month. The Tball and Peewee teams will start games following the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. The Egg Hunts were well attended. The kids Egg Hunt has 147 participants and the Adult Egg Hunt had 134 participants. Currently working on programing for the summer and fall. The department has two program planned in with the Geauga Park District. The first on will be a “Pond Dip” at Bob Giardina Lake and the second will be a nature scavenger hunt along the Maple Highland Trail. Mr. Bob Oros will also be instructing a Nature Walk in the fall. Ms. Warren attended the Volunteer Fair held at the Middlefield Library. It was not well attended and only stayed about 3 hours. The career fair was very well attended and the department passed out about a 100 flyers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Mayor Garlich stated that he attended a meeting with ODOT regarding the buggy lanes on 608. The project is slated for 2021.

Signage has been installed at the message center for the bike trails.

Need to get a date for the Shred Day. Looking at the end of summer.

Mayor Garlich stated that the Consul of Switzerland was in Middlefield. They are interested in the area as the Amish were originally from that area in Europe.

FIRST READING -

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RESOLUTION 19-12 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIED INSURANCE FROM LOVE INSURANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-12 by title only.

Renewing the general liability insurance. Received three quotes. Have been with Love Insurance company for years and they have been very easy to work with. Ms. McCoy stated that her recommendation is to go with the Ohio Plan for liability insurance and to increase the Cyber Liability to 2 million from 1 million.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required readings and declare Resolution 19-12 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Klein made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 19-12, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

RESOLUTION 19-11 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TAKE STEPS TO PLACE A RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING 2.0 MILL LEVY FOR POLICE SERVICES ON THE NOVEMBER, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 19-11 by title only.

The auditor estimates collection of \$182,096.00 at 100%.

Mr. Blue made a motion to place Resolution 19-11 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-117 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-101 TO MODIFY THE FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 19-101 REGARDING COLUMBARIUM INTERNMENT CHARGE FOR NON-RESIDENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-117 by title only.

Mayor Garlich stated that the columbarium has been there for years and the village has only sold a few niches. Will be actively marketing the columbarium. Have sent information to area funeral homes.

Mr. Hornung made a motion to waive the required reading and declare Ordinance 19-117 an emergency, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Morrow made a motion to **PASS** Resolution 19-08, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

ORDINANCE 19-118 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 19TH ANNUAL CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH RIB BURN-OFF, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME.

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Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-118 by title only.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 19-118 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6).

SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 19-114 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 15 ACRES OF LAND IN MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIP TO THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-114 by title.

The land has been paid in full. Looking to move the thrift store and the food pantry first. The food pantry is open 6 days a week.

Mr. Blue made a motion to AMEND, waive the required readings and declare Ordinance 19-114 an emergency, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).

Mr. Hornung made a motion to **PASS** Ordinance 19-114, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. Roll call: Yeas (6)

ORDINANCE 19-115 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 377.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PERMIT SLOW-SPEED VEHICLES TO OPERATE IN THE BUGGY LANES OF TARE CREEK PARKWAY.

Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 19-115 by title only.

Ms. Arganti made a motion to place Ordinance 19-115 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. Roll call: Yeas (6).

THIRD READING

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Web Site Report – Kim Breyley:** Reports are in the packet. Up about 3% for April but down in total visits compared to last year. The Aldi's house burn was the contributor to increased visits from this time last year.

Mayor stated that he wanted to discuss the article that was placed on the council desks regarding the consolidation of the Newbury Schools and West Geauga. Council and Mayor feel that the school board should be looking at this issue especially with the declining enrollment at the schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Morrow/Mr. Wiech) – Minutes are included in the packet.

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Economic Development Committee (Mayor Garlich, Mr. Blue, Mr. Klein, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Schill, Ms. Breyley) – No meeting in April.

Planning & Zoning (Mayor Garlich/Mr. Klein/Mr. Linberg/Mr. Dietrich/Mr. Szymanski) – April Minutes are included in the packet. Mr. Scott Klein gave a brief overview of what was approved at the May meeting. Centerra has consolidated their lots and have been approved for more racking. Greenleaf has begun construction on the processing plant and received approval for the second phase which is the first greenhouse for cultivation. Mr. Klein stated that Greenleaf will be installing blackout shades and a looped filtration system that so emissions would be contained in the facility. There was a discussion regarding the outside storage at Tractor Supply. At the April Meeting the Commission discussed improvements that are proposed at McDonalds.

Parks & Recreation (Ms. Arganti/Mayor Garlich/Mr. Morrow) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Finance & Ordinance (Mr. Klein/Mr. Blue/Mr. Hornung) – Minutes are included in the packet.

Public Safety (Mr. Hornung/Mr. Wiech/Ms. Arganti) – Minutes are included in the packet.

VILLAGE CALENDAR:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

There being no further business before Council the regular session adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER