

Village of Middlefield Council Minutes
July 11, 2024

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 Ben Garlich, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Sam Morrow, Mr. Rick Seyer, and Mr. Bill Blue.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator, Chief Tucholski, Lt. Graley, Mr. Nick Giardina- Fiscal Officer, Mr. Luke McConville- Village Solicitor, Mr. Alex Duncan, Ms. Melissa Channel, Ms. Kim Breyley, Mr. John Boksansky- Zoning Inspector, Ms. Sabine Weizer, Mr. Ben Reed- Fire Department, and Mr. Kyle Kaplan.

1. **Opening Ceremony:** Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Agenda:** No additions/ deletions.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** July 11, 2024. *Mr. Hornung made a motion to approve July 11, 2024 minutes, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).*
4. **Payment of Bills:** *Mr. Hornung moved to authorize payments totaling \$716,055.39, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. Roll call: Yeas (6).*
5. **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Income Tax and Financials** – The report is included in the packet. Mr. Giardina stated water and sewer are up compared to the prior year. Income tax is down compared to the prior year. Mr. Giardina stated the main 3 revenue accounts as a whole are down a total of 9%, this is mostly due to income tax. Mr. Giardina stated income tax withholdings are lower, business deposits and estimates are lower. Mr. Giardina stated the individual income taxes are still going strong. Mr. Giardina stated total receipts are up but there are big projects in the Village that cause the expenses to be higher than previous years.
6. **AMBULANCE REPORT** – Report is included in the packet.
7. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – Report is included in the packet.
8. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated there is still \$8,000 in the Storefront Renovation Program. Ms. McCoy stated she is still marketing to different retailers. Mayor Garlich stated HC Companies is adding an additional warehouse building, and Mercury Plastics will be adding an additional building as well.
9. **ZONING REPORT:** Report is included in packet. Mr. Boksansky stated for the month of July he was able to issue 19 zoning permits.
10. **STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES REPORT** – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated there has been a lot of sidewalk repairs, catch basins, and manholes maintenance. Chief Tucholski stated there was also a lot of park mowing and park maintenance. There is a lot of storm cleanup that is happening this week.
11. **POLICE REPORT** – Report is included in the packet. Chief Tucholski stated for July there was 497 calls for service.

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12. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT – Report is included in the packet. Ms. McCoy stated registration just ended for Fall Sports. Ms. McCoy stated across the board there are a little over 160 participants. Ms. McCoy stated practices and games will be starting soon.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Public Hearing 7:30pm Ordinance 24-136.
Mayor Garlich opened the public hearing at 7:30pm.
Mayor Garlich stated this is just changing to 60% lot coverage and 40% parking.
Mayor Garlich closed the public hearing at 7:32pm.

2. Shred Day- September 21, 2024 9am-12pm at Village Hall

Mayor Garlich stated there was a flyer that was sent out to the school district that everyone should have gotten or will be getting.

Mayor Garlich stated there should be better signage stating when the bike path is open or closed.

FIRST READING –

1. **RESOLUTION 24-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH THE GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE GEAUGA DEPARTMENT ON AGING, FOR USE OF THE MIDDLEFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER.** Mayor Garlich introduced Resolution 24-13 by title only. **Mr. Klein made a motion to place Resolution 24-13 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

2. **ORDINANCE 24-140 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE 6th ANNUAL GEAUGA VETERAN’S SPORTS FEST, WAIVING THE PROHIBITION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES REGARDING SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 24-140 by title only. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 24-140 on first reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6). Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 24-140, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

SECOND READING

1. **ORDINANCE 24-134 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1157.04 ENTITLED “NUMBER OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES TO BE PROVIDED.** Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 24-134 by title only. **Mr. Blue made a motion to place Ordinance 24-134 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

2. **ORDINANCE 24-136 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CHANGES TO LOT COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS BY AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE**

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SECTION 1155.01 TO MODIFY THE PERCENTAGE REQUIRED, AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1131.05 TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION OF “LOT COVERAGE,” AND FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 1131.05 TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF “STRUCTURE.” Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 24-136 by title only. **Mr. Morrow made a motion to place Ordinance 24-136 on second reading, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

THIRD READING

1. **ORDINANCE 24-131 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE IN STREET NAME OF SOUTH SPRINGDALE AVENUE TO HARRINGTON WAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC SECTION 723.04.** Mayor Garlich introduced Ordinance 24-131 by title only. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to PASS Ordinance 24-131, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. 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) – July meeting minutes included in the packet.

Streets, Sidewalks, & Utilities (Mr. Morrow/ Mr. Seyer / Ben Garlich) – July 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 July.

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

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

Public Safety (Mr. Morrow/ Mr. Hornung/Mr. Seyer) – July meeting minutes included in the packet.

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

AUGUST- (Subject to change)

August 6, 2024 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES

August 6, 2024 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION

August 8, 2024 5:30PM RECREATION COMMITTEE

August 8, 2024 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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August 8, 2024 6:30PM SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 8, 2024 7:00PM COUNCIL

August 15, 2024 Geauga Dept. on Aging Senior Trash Day (register by August 8th)

August 17, 2024 His Daughter Back Alley Event 8a-9p

SEPTEMBER- (Subject to change)

September 10, 2024 5:30PM STREETS, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES

September 10, 2024 6:00PM PLANNING COMMISSION

September 12, 2024 5:30PM RECREATION COMMITTEE

September 12, 2024 6:00PM FINANCE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

September 12, 2024 6:30PM SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 12, 2024 7:00PM COUNCIL

September 21, 2024 SHRED DAY 9am-12p at Village Hall

September 21, 2024 5k Race sponsored by The Sanctuary in Middlefield & Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen

General Discussion: Chief Tucholski stated one of the service dept. trucks has a blown head gasket. The Service dept. is going to start looking into purchasing a new truck. The current truck is 24 years old and has a lot of issues. Chief Tucholski is going to keep shopping to get the best price. **Mr. Hornung made a motion to support the decision on the purchase of a new service department truck not to exceed \$250,000, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (6).**

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hornung motioned to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:11 pm, motion seconded by Mr. Klein. All in favor: Yeas. (6)

PENDING

Tabled: Resolution 21-08

Approved: _____
MAYOR

Attest: _____
FISCAL OFFICER