

**Regular Board Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
Village of Middleville  
January 12, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Keith Jeffers  
Trustee Glen Harris  
Trustee James Lynch  
Attorney Norman Mastromoro

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Jennifer Eldredge

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** David Mueller  
Karin Harris  
Donald Hartman

**Monthly Board Meeting**

Mayor Jeffers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion by:** Trustee Lynch to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 and December 8, 2025 Village Board Meetings, seconded by Trustee Harris.

## **WATER OPERATOR REPORT:**

David Mueller reported that we are still losing about 85 gallons per minute. He also said that all of the samples came back good and we are set for another month.

David said we need to go around the village and see what kind of hydrants we have and measure the top bolt on each one to see what size we will need for the new water leak detection system. The leak detectors attach to the top of the hydrants. He explained that the company that is installing them has not had a problem with vandalism in the other towns and cities they have installed this detectors in. He also explained that if the outer casing gets cracked or broken, they can be replaced easily.

**Motion by:** Trustee Harris to accept the Water Operators report, seconded by Trustee Lynch.

## **CODES ENFORCER REPORT:**

No report

## **FIRE BOARD REPORT:**

David Mueller presented 3 applications for membership from a junior member, Kimberly Mueller, and intermediate member Cody Cool and for the business portion of the department, Heather Mueller. He stated that he already is doing the background check and will schedule the physical in the next week. The mayor and both trustees approved the applications.

David also reported that the department meeting was last Tuesday, January 6, 2026. At that meeting they discussed that Harbor Point will need to be called in the spring to assist in re-running the propane pipe line as it is not in a good place.

David also explained that the ice on the roof at the fire station is dangerous and damaging light fixtures on the outside of the building. He wants to look into getting "heat tapes" for the roof for next winter. Of course, we will need

to wait till spring to install at this point. The mayor and trustees agreed this would be a great idea.

**Motion by:** Trustee Lynch to accept the Fire Board Report, seconded by Trustee Harris.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Fire Abs 52-61 \$3096.20 checks 11282-11291  
Water Abs 38-41 \$1718.36 checks 3626-3629  
General Abs 56-63 \$6417.91 checks 11275-11281

**Motion by:** Trustee Harris to approve the Treasurers Report, seconded by Trustee Lynch.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 1-2026  
Signage in the Village of Middleville Office**

**Whereas, the right of the public to enter governmental buildings during normal business hours to observe surroundings and the conducting of business must be balanced with the need, where necessary and required, to insure individual privacy and confidentiality, and the avoidance of disturbance to municipal work operations,**

**Now, Therefore, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 be it Resolved, the following interior signs shall be posted in the Middleville Village Hall areas indicated below and subject any violation thereof to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, to wit:**

At the counter where the Village Clerk  
conducts business:

**NO PUBLIC ENTRY BEYOND THIS  
POINT**

**Secured Area**

At the top of the stairway for entry to the  
shared basement area

**NO PUBLIC ENTRY BEYOND THIS  
POINT**

**Shared Area**

On the entry door to the Village Meeting room  
and Court Facility

**LOCKED**

**No Public Entry**

**Unsecured Storage of Confidential Information**

Mayor Jeffers presented the numbers that the engineers at Wright Pierce have come up with, so far, regarding the replacement of all the water pipes in the Village of Middleville. Just for North and South Main Street it is \$4,319,000.00. Mayor Jeffers said that the Village would need to take a loan out, at \$25,000.00 per year for 30 years to pay our portion of the replacement of the pipes. They also suggested that we would need to raise our water rents to \$155.00 per quarter. The Mayor said that they are asking too much from a small village. He suggested that we thank them for the engineering report, and not complete the project. The residents of the Village of Middleville cannot afford the water bills to double and the taxes would go up as well to pay for the loan. This is just for phase one, N and S Main Street.

The total cost estimates for the entire Village would be around \$13 million dollars.

The Mayor said we just cannot afford that, but suggested we concentrate of the DOH recommendations, which are to replace the water meters, and add some equipment to the chlorine house and get 2 new pumps for the water supply. This would cost the Village approximately \$200,000.00.

Trustee Lynch pointed out that if we do the pipe replacement it would raise taxed too much. Trustee Harris said even if we fix the pipes, our operating costs would still be the same, and said that he doesn't want to do the pipe replacement. Both Trustees agreed with the Mayor that replacing the meters on every house and fixing the chlorine house and the 2 pumps was the priority.

Mayor Jeffers also had an estimate for the new meters, at a cost of \$99 thousand dollars. Mayor said it was too high and asked David Mueller to seek other quotes from other companies to try to keep costs down.

The Board, along with Attorney Norman Mastromoro, discussed his draft of the new Local Law 1-2026, Fencing Law.

They discussed the 3 feet from property line addition to the old law, as well as having a survey to determine property lines. They also discussed the material that the fencing can be made of. They want neighbor notification as well. They also said that the person installing the fence has to have the good side of the fence facing the neighbors' property.

There will be a public hearing on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM to present this new law to the residents of the Village of Middleville to go over Law 1-2026, A Local Law to Amend the Zoning Law Regarding Fences. The Clerk will post notice of the meeting in the local paper as well as on Facebook and the Village Website.

A copy of the proposed law can be reviewed at the Village Office during normal business hours.

**Motion to adjourn by:** Trustee Lynch and seconded by Trustee Harris at 7:42 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Jennifer Eldredge, Village Clerk