

Regular Council

January 8, 2009

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Donald Kuchta called the January 8 regular meeting of Macedonia City
2 Council to order at 7:30pm.

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4 **Present:** Council members' Shane Barker David Engle, Kenneth Martin, Nicholas Molnar,
5 and Peggy Spraggins; Assistant Law Director Thomas Hanculak and Council
6 Clerk Josephine Arceci

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8 **Absent:** Councilor Janet Tulley

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10 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Council President David Engle was followed by a moment of
11 silence offered by Mayor Kuchta.

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13 **MINUTES** Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Engle seconded to approve the minutes of the regular
14 meeting of November 13, 2008 and special meeting of November 20, 2008, as submitted by the
15 clerk of council.

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17 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar
18 Nays: None
19 Abstentions: Spraggins
20 The motion carried

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22 **FINANCIAL REPORT** Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Engle seconded, acknowledging receipt of the
23 financial report dated November 30, 2008 as submitted by the director of finance.

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25 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
26 Nays: None
27 The motion carried

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29 **◆◆◆ ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS ◆◆◆**

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31 **Council President**

32 Mr. Barker moved to nominate Mr. Engle to the position of council president.

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34 Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Barker seconded to close nominations for position of council
35 president and for the chair to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Engle.

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37 Ayes: Barker Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
38 Nays: None
39 The motion was carried

40 **Mr. Engle elected to the position of council president for 2009**

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42 **Council Vice-President**

43 Mr. Engle moved to nominate Mr. Martin to the position of council vice-president.

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45 Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to close nominations for position of council vice-
46 president and for the chair to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Martin.

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48 Ayes: Barker Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
49 Nays: None
50 The motion was carried

51 **Mr. Martin elected to the position of council vice-president for 2009**

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53 **Council Representative to the Planning Commission**

54 Mr. Barker moved, Mrs. Spraggins seconded, to nominate Mr. Martin Council's representative
55 to the Planning Commission.

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57 There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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59 Roll call on Mr. Barker's nomination of Mr. Martin as Council's representative to the Planning
60 Commission.

61 Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley
62 Nays: None
63 The motion was carried.

64 **Mr. Martin elected Council's representative to the Planning**
65 **Commission for 2009**

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Council Representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission

Mr. Barker moved, Mrs. Spraggins seconded, to nominate Mr. Molnar Council's representative to the Park & Recreation Commission.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Roll call on Mr. Barker's nomination of Mr. Molnar as Council's representative to the P&RC

Ayes: Barker, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley

Nays: None

The motion was carried

Mr. Molnar elected Council's representative to Parks & Recreation Commission for the year 2009

Committee Assignments

Committee assignments to remain as they were in 2008. Pursuant to the following motion Mr. Molnar became the chair of the Finance Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Engle moved, Mrs. Spraggins seconded, to elect Mr. Molnar chair of the Finance Committee of the Whole.

Ayes: Barker, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley

Nays: None

The motion was carried

Mr. Molnar, chair of the Finance Committee of the Whole for 2009

INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION

ORD. NO. 1-2009

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REVIEW OF THE CHARTER BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION; FIXING ITS DUTIES AND ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR THE REVIEW was **offered** by Mrs. Spraggins and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins

Nays: None

The motion carried

Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 1-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins

Nays: None

The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 1-2009, adopted**RES. NO. 2 -

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A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION was **offered** by Mr. Martin and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title through Section 1 for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Engle.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins

Nays: None

The motion carried

Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **amend RES. NO. 2-2009** by adding that Councilor Shane Barker is Council's representative to the Charter Review Commission.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins

Nays: None

The motion carried

Mr. Martin moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 2-2009, as amended** and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins

Nays: None

The motion carried. **RES. NO. 2-2009, adopted, as amended**

ORD. NO. 3 -2009

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS was **offered** by Mr. Molnar for its **first reading by title only**.

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RES. NO. 4 -2009

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO IMPLEMENT TRANSFERS BETWEEN CERTAIN FUNDS (ROUTE 8 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT) was **offered** by Mr. Molnar and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mrs. Spraggins.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried

Mr. Molnar moved, Mrs. Spraggins seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 4-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried. **RES. NO. 4-2009, adopted**

ORD. NO. 5 -2009

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING FOR SOUTH FREEWAY DRIVE STORM AND PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT was **offered** by Mrs. Spraggins and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only through Section 1 for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried

Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 5-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 5-2009, adopted**

ORD. NO. 6 -2009

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS was **offered** by Mr. Barker and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried

Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 6-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 6-2009, adopted**

ORD. NO. 7-2009

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S COMMISSION FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was **offered** by Mr. Engle and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried

Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO.7-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 7-2009, adopted**

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RES. NO. 8 -2009

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE FINAL APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL LOCKWOOD TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER was **offered** by Mr. Barker and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Engle.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried

Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 8-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried. **RES. NO 8-2009, adopted**

MOTIONS OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

~~Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Engle seconded, authorizing the Director of Finance to accept on behalf of the City of Macedonia Police Department a donation in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from Elsie Dudy.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins
Nays: None
The motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Barbara Dlugoz, 8388Valley View Road questioned who is responsible for authorizing that the signal light located at the intersection of Ledge and N. Bedford Roads be activated.

Mayor Kuchta responded that he is responsible.

Ms. Dlugoz asked Mayor Kuchta if he feels horrible about the accident for which she was involved to which he answered yes. Why wasn't an early warning sign placed at the intersection to notify drivers that the light would soon be activated she asked? There was a warning sign placed at the intersection of Valley View and Twinsburg before that signal light was installed she stated. In fact she added that warning sign is still there. Ms. Dlugoz told Mayor Kuchta that her insurance company is only giving her book value for her 2002 Ford. My car cannot be replaced she stated I do not have the money to buy a new car she added. Her husband she stated made sure she drove a safe, good used car. Her car had four new tires, a new battery, new struts and new brakes. Do you think I like having to sue the person who hit me she asked Mayor Kuchta? It really wasn't his fault she added. What about the accident that occurred an hour after mine or the accident that happened Monday or the poles that were knocked over she asked? These accidents could have been avoided had warning signs first been in place she stated. Ms. Dlugoz asked Mayor Kuchta if he cared about the safety of the people who live in Macedonia or for those who commute through the City. Ms. Dlugoz asked Mayor Kuchta why he didn't call her to see how she was.

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249 Mayor Kuchta responded. "I respect your opinion Ms. Dlugoz but please don't insinuate that I
250 don't care. What you need to understand, is that accidents happen. The signal light was turned
251 on for a purpose. A sign has been placed to notify motorists of the light." Mayor Kuchta added
252 that the light has been flashing for months. Residents were advised when the light was initially
253 installed that the light would be activated when the time warranted it. Ohio Department of
254 Transportation engineers determined a signal light was warranted at N. Bedford and Ledge
255 because of increased traffic that would result from the various road projects. It takes time for
256 motorists to acclimate to change Mayor Kuchta stated. Mayor Kuchta mentioned he received
257 angry calls from motorists who asked that the light be activated when the water main at N.
258 Bedford and SR 82 burst. There are as many residents who want the light on as there are who do
259 not he stated. "I am very sorry", Mayor Kuchta told Ms. Dlugoz. The Mayor added, "I am not
260 arguing with you about putting signs up and how long is long enough". The City broke no rules
261 by activating the light he added. The fact that accidents happened gives the Mayor no pleasure he
262 stated. But signs do not guarantee that accidents will not happen Mayor Kuchta stated. The City
263 is advised by professionals like traffic engineers and Signal Service, the company who installs,
264 activates and regulates Macedonia's signal lights. The Mayor stated that a week ago he emailed
265 Council and all department heads that the light was finally going to be activated. Mayor Kuchta
266 told Mrs. Dlugoz, "I'm not running away from this, the buck stops here. This was not done
267 intentionally."

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269 Ms. Dlugoz responded, "It was that it was done without thought."

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271 Mr. Dlugoz interjected that he believes there is a cover up about the accidents because a woman
272 died as a result of one of them Mr. Dlugoz asked Mayor Kuchta if Macedonia is self insured to
273 which the mayor answered that it is not.

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275 Police Chief Jon Golden told the Dlugoz's that there is no cover-up and most importantly no one
276 has died. The media could not reach any city official for a story because of the holiday because
277 many of the department heads including the mayor and the police chief were away. Chief Golden
278 added that he has since been interviewed by the *Sun News* and the *NewsLeader*.

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280 Ms. Dlugoz commended Chief Golden and his staff as well as Fire Chief Black and Macedonia
281 emergency personnel for how each department handled the event relative to Ms. Dlugoz's
282 accident. .

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284 Another resident, Michele Walters of Valley View Road stated that her husband was involved in
285 Ms. Dlugoz's accident. Ms. Walters added that Ms. Dlugoz was advised not to attend this
286 evening's meeting. Ms. Walters questioned why a warning sign wasn't placed at the intersection
287 before the light was activated. Ms. Walters stated her husband's accident as well as the other
288 accidents that have occurred since the light was activated was unavoidable. The City took for
289 granted that motorists would immediately notice and adhere to the signal light even though four-
290 way stop signs were still in place. Ms. Walters questioned why engineers feel that this light needs
291 to be at this intersection. The light is going to cause more traffic back-ups. The light is going to
292 just cause more accidents which will result in more lawsuits including lawsuits against Macedonia
293 she stated Macedonia should pay she added because the City is responsible for these accidents.

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295 Mayor Kuchta apologized to Ms. Walters. The Mayor informed Ms. Walters that while the signal
296 light was meant to be temporary during the SR82 and S. Freeway Drive construction projects
297 traffic indicators suggest that the light should remain permanently. Mayor Kuchta stated, "I am
298 not running away from what happened. I am the man at the top. I am the guy who responsible. I
299 have never turned my back on responsibility." Mayor Kuchta mentioned again that the City broke
300 no laws, that it broke no rules.

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302 Northfield Village resident Vickie Salisbury complained that for 14-years she has had to contend
303 with the difficulties of pull-out of her Ledge Road driveway. Since the light has been activated,
304 the situation has gotten worse; she cannot get out at all. It has always been a frustrating situation.
305 But now it has become a very serious one she stated. Does she or her 9-year-old son have to die
306 before the light is removed she asked? The four-way stops have worked for years, why did it all
307 have to change she asked?

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309 **MAYOR'S REPORT:** See end of document

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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311 **Planning Commission** Mr. Martin reported the WalMart Superstore concept was approved at
312 the Commission's last meeting. The Commission meets again January 12 at 5:30pm he
313 announced.

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315 **Parks & Recreation Commission** Mr. Molnar reported the Commission's next meeting is
316 Tuesday, January 20 at 7pm. Mr. Molnar added the meeting was moved to Tuesday because of the
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observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day the day before. .

Finance Committee Mr. Molnar announced a finance meeting will be held January 15 at 7pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Mr. Crevar reported that 198.43 tons of paper was recycled last year. Mr. Crevar reminded residents to secure their mailbox post to prevent damage from the weight and force of snow thrown from city snow plows. Securing techniques are on the City's website and in the *e-Messenger* he added. Also, on the City's website are the guidelines relative to sensible salting practices. The City has been following sensible salt practices Mr. Crevar added since the availability of road salt has become the cost per ton has skyrocketed. Last year by this time Mr. Crevar reported that the City used 7,050 tons of salt at a cost of \$288,545.

Council President Engle thanked Mr. Crevar for acting conservatively with regards to the road salt but suggested that perhaps more salt should be applied to streets like Riverview which has a bit of a grade. Mr. Engle resides on Riverview and many of his neighbors have called complaining that they cannot get traction to get to the top of the street.

Mr. Crevar responded that he'll make sure that Riverview and streets get salted. He is not sure why Riverview was missed because all hill, intersections and curves are to be salted pursuant to the guidelines of sensible salt practices.

Building Commissioner Assistant Building Commissioner Frank Posar reported that Macedonia's ranked third in Summit County relative to building permits issued in 2008. Mr. Posar mentioned that effective January 1 various building and zoning fees were increased. Many of the fees had not been increased in over 15-years he stated. The building department has not received any complaints about the increases he added. Mr. Posar mentioned there are many other portions of the Code that need updating. More amendments will be forthcoming he added.

Engineer Mr. Hill's report is at end of this document.

Recreation Department Ms. Gmerek reported that the Parks & Recreation Winter brochure is currently available. The new guide includes upcoming information on classes, programs and events planned from January through April. Registration for all classes is currently being accepted. Ms. Gmerek extended an invitation to "Try a Free Class Week" which ends January 10. The invitation was extended to members and non-members to try as many free land and aquatic fitness classes as possible during the annual promotion.

Finance Department Mr. Sengstock announced that he and the finance department staff are facing challenges that confront a department when a vacancy occurs with positive attitudes. Mr. Sengstock said he is humbled and appreciative of Andrea Maye, Lorri Flanagan and Laura Butto and all the department heads who are helping during the transition. Mr. Sengstock reported that Macedonia ended 2008 with positive fund balances in all its funds. The General Fund ended better than expected given revenue was 2.4% less than estimated. Mr. Sengstock added that less than expected revenue was fortunately offset by expenditures being 3.8% less than appropriated thanks to the due diligence of all department heads. Given economic conditions the likes of which have not been endured since the Great Depression the City is blessed that 2008 ended as it did Mr. Sengstock stated. This good news does not mean the City should not endeavor to be cautious and be good stewards of public funds he added. Mr. Sengstock announced water maintenance and expansion bills will be mailed to property owners the first week of February Mr. Sengstock also announced that RITA income tax forms are located at the front reception desk as well as in the finance department.

In addition to his report, Mr. Sengstock introduced his wife Cindy of 31-years and his son Matthew who is a junior at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee.

Fire Department Chief Black reported that comments relative to the Santa Delivery tracking program are visible through a link on the City's website. Chief Black welcomed Mr. Sengstock as interim finance director. Chief Black also wished Dawn Butts well in her new position with the office of the Summit County engineer.

Police Department Chief Golden had no report.

Law Department Mr. Hanculak had no report.

Unfinished business Council President Engle expressed thanks to the Law Director Diemert regarding the opinion he rendered relative Steve Brunot's eligibility of benefits. Given the complexity of the issue Mr. Engle felt Mr. Diemert delved into the question fairly. Mr. Diemert's opinion was unbiased, it was thoughtful and was an in-depth evaluation to an otherwise

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387 controversial and publicized issue. Mr. Engle said his question relative to Mr. Brunot's eligibility
388 was described by others as vindictive. Mr. Engle was chastised he said for what was perceived as
389 trying to change the rules in the middle of the game. Regardless of those issues he added, his
390 inquiry saved Macedonia \$8,000.

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392 **New business** None.

393 394 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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396 **At 8:55pm Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session for**
397 **the purpose of discussing matter relating to Personnel**

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399 **Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins,**
400 **Nays: None**
401 **The motion carried**

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403 At 9:20pm Council reconvened into their regular session and there being no further business the
404 meeting adjourned at 9:21pm

405 406 **Mayor's Report 1-08-09**

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408 Happy New Years to all of our residents from all of us at Macedonia City Hall. The Government
409 of Macedonia will continue to strive to give you the quality of life you desire in the coming year.
410 I'm sure everyone is aware of our Finance Director, Steve Bruno leaving our staff to become the
411 Head of Administration for Summit County Engineer, Al Brubaker. Steve sent me his final report
412 on January 2nd. I would like to share part of that report with you.

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414 As of the most current information available (un-audited and pre-reconciliation), we have no funds
415 with a negative cash balance. It has taken a lot to get here, but we have finally achieved what we
416 set out to do when you made me your finance Director 4 years ago. The City now also has
417 \$539,000 in the "Rainy Day Fund" (the maximum allowed by state law). The City of Macedonia
418 has a yearend unencumbered cash balance of \$261,359.63. That is a long way from the negative
419 227,000! What is truly amazing is that this all has happened while paying down a million dollars
420 of debt in our Tax department, and paying down Road Notes dating back to 1997!

421 We have, for the first time ever in Macedonia, put together a road map for the future in providing
422 five year plan's, the latest being the most comprehensive to date by including projections for all
423 the funds of the City. This map (5 year plan) is a living document and has helped to guide us in
424 getting debt paid and improvements made within budget. It can never be written in stone because
425 of the amount of variables we face.

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427 We have started the conversion to GAAP operations and I am confident that Loren Sengstock will
428 be able to complete that conversion in 2009. Loren has been a major supporter of this conversion
429 and a major contributor to the project. He truly is a major asset to build the future of Macedonia
430 upon.

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432 In 2009 the City will make its final payment on the 2000 road note! This is the final remnant of the
433 debt philosophy of previous Administrations. From this point on, the City is prepared to fund basic
434 road maintenance through annual appropriations and reserve debt issuance for major capital
435 improvement projects and assessed projects.

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437 We have been able to add some worthy projects to our list, such as starting an employee assistance
438 program to help employees with counseling issues, and benefiting the City with a quality referral
439 program to combat substance abuse. We now have a drug free workplace by City wide testing to
440 qualify for substantial discounts with the Ohio Workers Compensation program.

441 We took the innovative step of implementing a High Deductible Health Plan (HSA) combined
442 with fully funded Health Savings Accounts. This is a tremendous incentive and benefit for our
443 employees, that saves the City more than a \$100,000/yr. (Now that is a win-win program).
444 Steve feels that we are not out of the woods financially, but we have taken giant steps toward
445 improving the level of services, returning personal levels to pre-2000 levels, and still have
446 managed to buy down old debt and rid ourselves of all the negative balances. I would like to point
447 out that during all of this, we did not raise Real Estate taxes, and the difference of cost to our
448 residents has been about \$11.00/mo. for having their garbage picked up. All of the department
449 heads and the workforce of City Hall are to be credited with tightening their belts and doing more
450 with less. (As Mayor, I am extremely proud of all of them for that).

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452 I guess we all take it as a given that the economy is horrible and Government will be following the
453 path of so many saying how bad things are. As far as Macedonia goes, yes this recession will not
454 allow us to grow and prosper like we could have. However, let me point out some of the
455 advantages of living here in Macedonia which has become a destination community. Can you
456 believe that we have 14 new houses under construction now! Just as a comparison that is over 4

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457 times the number of new houses built in Strongsville! We also have Companies expanding! Of
458 course everyone is aware of Wal-Mart but there are others scheduled to expand in 2009.
459 Companies like Specialty Lubricants, Naturescape, Geis Warehouse, and the School's Stadium.
460 What does this mean to us? Expansion signifies the respect we are establishing for us as a
461 destination. People want to come here and Companies want to grow here. This will also mean
462 dollars in the form of the City Income Tax that will come from the construction workers.
463 Remember that the more City Income Tax we have coming in, the less pressure put on the
464 residents to fund services.

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466 There is a very good chance that we will have the old Tops store occupied shortly, but it will not
467 be another food store. I guess the lease with Tops finally ran out and Developers Diversified will
468 be subdividing and renting to Bed, Bath, and Beyond (pretty sure) and possibly H.H. Greg. (not
469 for sure).

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471 Once again we need to remind everyone to look for alternate routes and possible delays, and also
472 traffic pattern changes due to construction. We are rapidly approaching the worst part of the 82
473 Bridge construction. The road will now be widened to 5 lanes, utilities relocated, and the old
474 bridge removed. This will be happening as soon as the asphalt companies open. With the approval
475 of the Summer Road legislation we will be making major repairs to South Freeway and will start
476 with the south end storm water culverts. The culverts are in horrible shape just like everything else
477 on that road and cement piping will be put in to fix the problem. This process will start as soon as
478 material and equipment are in place. One of the main pipes runs directly across Route 82. This
479 could possibly start this month depending on the weather. It could affect the flow of traffic
480 substantially.

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482 The total revenue in the Macedonia Mayor's Court for December was \$44,518.09.

Engineer's Report

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- 488 • No significant work until early March
- 489 • ODOT only needs to set a few sections of steel and pour the new bridge deck in
490 March.
- 491 • April 15 railroad is scheduled to relocate track
- 492 • Still on schedule to finish in October 2009

493 2. ODOT Rt. 82, Phase III

- 494 • While negotiating design fees, it was discovered that the original construction
495 estimate (\$4.4 million) was low, very rough estimate by GPD is \$11-\$12 million.
- 496 • GPD looking for other funding sources, may have to shorten project and split into
497 Phase III and Phase IV

498 3. Light at Ledge and North Bedford

- 499 • Traffic count and analysis indicate that a permanent light is not warranted
- 500 • If speed tracking indicates that the majority of traffic exceeds 40 mph, the light is
501 warranted.
- 502 • Traffic counter noted at least a dozen drivers that stopped and proceeded on red
- 503 • 10 day notice should be provided prior to activation of a new light.

504 4. South Freeway Project

- 505 • Contract will likely not be on site until March, they will provide a schedule once
506 they are under contract following the Council meeting, all work done by fall of
507 2009
- 508 • Original bid was approximately \$1.5 million
- 509 • Received thirteen bids when rebid, the low bidder was Fabrizi Trucking at \$1 .2
510 million
- 511 • Design required a structure number of 4. This is equivalent to 6" of stone and 9"
512 of asphalt
- 513 • The base appears to be in good condition, the pavement is 40 years old and has
514 become brittle and worn out. Base failure would result in deep ruts and the edge
515 of the pavement cracking and rolling in the direction of the shoulder, the existing
516 base is well compacted and appears to be sound but we have enough money to
517 allocate for base repair if soft spots are found.

518 5. Highland Road RR Grade Separation

- 519 • Pre-final plans at ODOT
- 520 • City's share approximately \$1 million
- 521 • Construction planned for late 2010 and 2011
- 522 • Entire project est. cost = \$12.5 million (incl. Preliminary, design, R/W, railroad and

Regular Council

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