

Regular Council

February 26, 2009

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3 Presiding Officer, Mayor Donald Kuchta called the February 26 regular meeting of Macedonia  
4 City Council to order at 7:33pm.

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

9 **Absent:** None

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11 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Council President David Engle was followed by an invocation  
12 led by Councilor Janet Tulley

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14 **MINUTES** Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Barker seconded to approve the regular minutes of January 8  
15 and January 22 meetings as submitted by the clerk of council.

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17 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley  
18 Nays: None  
19 Abstention: Tulley (relative to January 8 meeting)  
20 The motion carried

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22 **RECOGNITION** Firefighters Dave Chesnik and Brian Bell were recognized for the ice  
23 rescue of Izzy, a golden Retriever owned by Beth Miko of Macedonia. During early morning  
24 rounds of Longwood Park Service Director Jim Crevar noticed Ms. Miko attempting to rescue  
25 Izzy who had slid into the partially frozen lake while chasing geese. Ms. Miko was literally on  
26 thin ice when Mr. Crevar cautiously coaxed her to safety and called 911. Firefighters Chesnik and  
27 Bell donned special ice gear before retrieving Izzy. Fortunately for Izzy and Ms. Miko fire  
28 department personnel recently participated in an ice rescue drill. Izzy suffered mild  
29 hyperthermia. Ms. Miko suffered no injuries. Ms. Miko was relieved and grateful that the  
30 morning's event did not turn into something tragic.

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32 **PROCLAMATION** Captain Dan Gagliardi was recognized for 30-years of service to the  
33 Macedonia Fire Department. Captain Gagliardi's retirement was effective February 19, 2009.  
34 Captain Gagliardi became a firefighter he said because of the kindness extended to him and his  
35 family after a fire destroyed his childhood home on May 21, 1966. In Captain Gagliardi's mind  
36 becoming a firefighter was his way of repaying those kindnesses. Captain Gagliardi said he  
37 would not have wanted to do anything else in the world. It has been a pure pleasure he added  
38 Captain Gagliardi introduced his with Ruth, his son William, his dad Bill and daughters two of  
39 his three daughters Jessica and Rachel. His daughter Brittany was not present. Captain  
40 Gagliardi is looking forward to personal time with his family and the opportunity to spend more  
41 time riding his Harley.

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43 Chief Black described Captain Gagliardi as an old school firefighter. Captain Gagliardi would  
44 prefer washing and maintaining every piece of fire apparatus and equipment instead of doing  
45 paper work. Captain Gagliardi's tenure in Macedonia actually began as a fire cadet in 1975  
46 Chief Black stated. As a fire cadet, he as well as Lt. Brian Ripley and Custodian and Part-Time  
47 Firefighter Ed Mrak would be released from school to fight fires. Captain Gagliardi became  
48 Macedonia's first full-time firefighter in 1979. Captain Gagliardi served as acting fire chief from  
49 1992 and 1995. He was promoted to the position of captain in 1995. In all Captain Gagliardi has  
50 been a member of Macedonia's fire department for 34-years. Chief Black estimates that Captain  
51 Gagliardi has responded to over 10,000 emergency calls. Captain Gagliardi retirement gift was  
52 a fire department retirement badge and a brass head fire ax inscribed with his name, years of  
53 service and the fire department logo.

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55 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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57 Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Barker seconded for **ORD. NO. 3 -2009: AN EMERGENCY**  
58 **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS to remain at its**  
59 **second reading**

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

64 **ORD. NO 13-2009**  
65 **AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO**  
66 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT TO TRANSPORTATION**  
67 **ENABLING THE CITY OF MACEDONIA TO PARTICIPATE IN ODOT'S CONTRACT FOR**  
68 **THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SLAT FOR THE 2009-2010 WINTER SEASON was offered** by  
69 Mr. Molnar and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different  
70 days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings.** Second by Mr. Engle.

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72 Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **adopt ORD. NO. 13-2009**, and post same according  
73 to law.

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75 Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley  
76 Nays: None  
77 The motion carried. **ORD. NO. 13-2009, adopted**

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**RES. NO. 14-2009**

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OR RYAN T. GAYGOSH TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME POLICE 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 Mrs. Tulley.

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

Mr. Barker moved, Mrs. Tulley seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 14-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley  
Nays: None  
The motion carried. **RES. NO. 14-2009, adopted**

Relative to RES. NO. 14-2009, Mayor Kuchta sworn –in Officer Gaydosh. Officer Gaydosh thanked Council for his appointment. He introduced his grandparents, parents and fiancée as well as his uncle who is a police officer for the Village of Richfield.

**ORD. NO. 15-2009**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY ZASHIN & RICH CO., L.P.A FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEE CONTRACT ISSUES was offered by Mr. Molnar for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

**RES. NO. 16-2009**

A FINAL RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE RESURFACING OF STATE ROUTE 8, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 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. Engle.

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

Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 16-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley  
Nays: None  
The motion carried. **RES. NO. 16-2009, adopted**

**Added to Agenda**

Mr. Martin moved, Mr. Engle seconded to **add to the agenda RES. NO. 17-2009**: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, AN APPLICATION TO THE SUMMIT/AKRON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (THE “AUTHORITY”) FOR COMMUNITY RECYCLING ACCESS GRANT

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

Mr. Martin **offered** RES. NO. 17-2009 and moved Council **waive the 48-hour rule** as well as 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, Tulley  
Nays: None  
The motion carried

Mr. Martin moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to **adopt RES. NO. 17-2009**, and post same according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Molnar, Spraggins, Tulley  
Nays: None  
The motion carried. **RES. NO. 17-2009, adopted**

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**MOTIONS OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:**

~~Mrs. Tulley moved, Mr. Martin seconded, authorizing the donation of sick time from Jason Kuczma to Cheri Kuczma pursuant to procedure set forth in the union contract.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

~Letter of appreciation from Rebecca Brittan, LISW, Forensic Monitor, Summit County ADM Board to Chief Jon Golden regarding the kindness, efficiency and professionalism extended to her by Ptl. Bob Grzylecki and Dispatcher Jackie Schuld.

~Letter of appreciation from Melva Brnilovich, 8349 Waters Drive, Macedonia, to Chief Jon Golden regarding the efficiency and promptness extended to her by Ptl. Bryan Vince.

~Letter of appreciation from Robert Neitz, 4288 Plover Ave, Stow, Ohio, to Chief Jon Golden regarding Corrections Officer Brett Bunge for his polite, non-judgmental professionalism during Mr. Neitz brief incarceration.

~Letter of appreciation from Merry Ann Clark to Chief Tim Black regarding the kind, efficient and professional emergency services provided to her.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Al Noe of 7979 Brook Circle and president of the Lake Forrest Homeowner's Association presented information and a hand-out relative to outstanding construction issues within the Lake Forrest subdivision. Mr. Noe explained that he has been trying to get specific issues resolved since becoming president of the HOA in 2006. One of the frustrations the HOA has had Mr. Noe stated is that in 2007, unbeknownst to the HOA, Council approved the dedication of Lake Forrest based upon City Engineer Fred Tufts' recommendation. Shortly thereafter the performance/maintenance bond was released to TransCon Builders, the developer. Since the bond was released there is has been little or no leverage to get TransCon to fulfill the various punch list items that remain. The most specific issues Mr. Noe and the HOA would like resolved are: Installing a sidewalk from Brook Circle to Pond Brook; replacing the walking path on Pond Brook with concrete, completing sidewalks on all lots; synchronizing the street lights so they all turn on and off at the same time of day; installing two walking paths around the lakes according to the original plans or that the developer pay the HOA the cost of the walking paths and moving the entry light at Whispering Woods to the center island.

Building Commissioner Mr. Hlad stated that since becoming the head of the department he has been working with Mr. Noe to get some these issues resolved. Mr. Hlad and current Engineer Gene Hill have inspected each issue Mr. Noe has presented. Hindering resolution however is the fact that the subdivision was dedicated and the bond released prior to Mr. Hlad's leadership. City Engineer Fred Tufts approved the plans Mr. Hlad stated and QCI Quality Control Inspections, Inc. provided the inspections. Mr. Hlad added that QCI Inspections Inc., no longer inspects for Macedonia. Mr. Hlad also added that in subdivisions he has since been responsible for sidewalks are being required on vacant lots.

Mr. Hill interjected that as the City's current engineer he can only defer to the records and the plans for verification. Approved plans speak for themselves he added. Mr. Hill cannot personally address what happened before or what might have been said or promised. The fact is Mr. Hill stated the plans that the Planning Commission and Mr. Tufts approved do not identify sidewalks near the pond. Mr. Hill thought there might have been a detail about the sidewalks on the plans which there are quite often are but in this case there were none. Mr. Hill reasoned there might have been a preexisting walkway that was going to be perpetuated. Regarding the Whispering Woods entrance light Mr. Hill stated TransCon Builders was notified in November. The light should have been moved by now he added.

Mr. Noe questioned again how Lake Forrest could have been dedicated particularly with regards to the number of outstanding issues that existed and the fact that the bond was released leaving no leverage.

Mr. Hill interjected that going forward; he and Mr. Hlad are being vigilante with regards to tracking each step of the review and acceptance process. This of course is little consolation to Mr. Noe and the other homeowners of Lake Forrest who are frustrated by what wasn't done in the past.

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216 Mr. Hlad reiterated that realistically there is nothing than can be done if specific items are not  
217 identified on approved plans. There is no recourse after the fact particularly after the bond has  
218 been released.

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220 Mr. Noe asked if building permits could be withheld as a way to force TransCon to comply to  
221 which Mr. Hlad explained that TransCon sold their remaining lots to other builders.

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223 Mr. Hill interjected that the Lake Forrest HOA's issues are valid. But trying to resolve them must  
224 be handled properly, with Council's blessings because of the fact that many of the issues are not  
225 identified on the approved plans.

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227 Mr. Noe questioned whether the City could provide the manpower to install the sidewalks if the  
228 HOA's paid for the cost of materials to which Mr. Noe was told that it can't.

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230 Mr. Engle suggested that QCI's reports relative to this subdivision's inspections be reviewed  
231 carefully. In Mr. Engle's opinion QCI at best may be found negligent and at worst responsible  
232 for fraud.

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234 Councilor Mr. Martin, as a member of the Planning Commission at the time Lake Forrest was  
235 approved does not recall a hard surface sidewalk around the lake being required. And if a  
236 walking path already existed he said it was meant to remain rustic and natural.

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238 Council Mr. Molnar recalled as a youngster living across from Lake Forrest when it was the  
239 former Margaret Bates Girl Camp that there was a very definitive walking path around the lake.

240 Mr. Molnar asked that due to the inconsistency with regards to what the homeowners where lend  
241 to believe and what has done be done that the law department look into the HOA's concerns.

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243 Mrs. Spraggins and Mrs. Tulley agreed. Mrs. Tulley stated that every aspect of the Lake Forrest  
244 subdivision be carefully reviewed and be reported back to Council.

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246 Mr. Noe asked if March 26 could be the target date for that report to which everyone agreed.

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248 Mayor Kuchta thanked Mr. Noe, who the Mayor described as a gentleman, a professional and a  
249 man who remains focused until the job is done.

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251 **RECESS at 8:55pm. Meeting resumed at 9:06pm**

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253 **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Attached.

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

256 **Planning Commission** Mr. Martin reported that pending before Planning are the plans for the  
257 high school's new athletic facility. Planning approved signage relative to another project

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259 **Charter Review Commission** Mr. Barker reported that Commission members are having  
260 interesting and lively discussions. Comments and recommendations continue to be welcomed he  
261 added as every ones input is important. The Commission meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at  
262 5:30pm in Council Caucus.

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264 **Western Reserve Cable Consortium** Mrs. Tulley reported that the Consortium's next meeting  
265 is Wednesday, March 4. This is the annual public meeting in which a comprehensive financial  
266 report is presented. The Consortium's regular meetings are held on the first Thursday's of each  
267 month. The Consortium continues to review finances and the future Time Warner. Time Warner  
268 has filed with the state relative to franchise issues Mrs. Tulley stated The Consortium continues  
269 to monitor this issue as franchise fees support Cable 9 operations and the extensive programming  
270 it offers. Subscribers were encouraged to email Mrs. Tulley at her Macedonia email address  
271 regarding their concerns or issues.

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### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

274 **Service Department** Mr. Crevar reported that park crews are currently performing street tree  
275 trimmings on Berkshire, Deepwood, Brookpoint, Riverview and the Park Ledge. Service crews  
276 are cold patching as well as installing a power washer station and waste burning furnace at the  
277 9000 Valley View garage. This equipment he added were capital items purchased out of last  
278 year's budget. Last week all of Macedonia's curbed streets were sweep Mr. Crevar reported  
279 yielding over 20 yards of debris. Streets will be sweep four more times this year he added. The  
280 newest truck in the fleet purchased also purchase out of last year's budget has arrived and is

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281 operational Mr. Crevar stated. The new tandem axle now brings Macedonia's truck fleet to nine.  
282 Mr. Crevar added that it is not unusual during a snow event that at least two trucks are not on  
283 road due to mechanical issues.

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### 285 **Building Department**

286 Building Commissioner Mike Hlad provided the following stats for 2008

287	Permits	Inspections	Total Fees
288 Building	756	2,219	\$154,804.35
289 Zoning	296	459	\$10,480.00
290 Engineering	146	755	\$87,090.00

291 Residential Building Inspections-1,626

292 Commercial Building Inspection -503

293 Point of Sale & Zoning Violation Letters- 315

294 In-House Engineering Inspection Hours-\$10,282.50 (228.5 Hours x \$45 per hour)

295 Final Grade Inspections-\$7,040.00 (88 inspections [85 residential, 3 commercial] x \$80 per inspection)

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297 **Engineer** Mr. Hill had no report.

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299 **Recreation Department** Ms. Gmerek reported that Winter Session II programming begins next  
300 week. . Soccer registration is ongoing for the spring soccer program. There are two leagues: a tot  
301 league for children 3½-4 and a league for children ages 4-14. Ms. Gmerek mentioned that  
302 attendance on February 16, President's Day was over 900.

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**Finance Department** Mr. Sengstock reported that he continues to refine the 2009 budget for final approval. Mr. Sengstock wished Captain Gagliardi well in his retirement.

Mayor Kuchta commended Mr. Sengstock for finding a discrepancy with the City's SIB loan and related funding issues regarding the SR 82 road improvement.

**Fire Department** Chief Black thanked Mayor Kuchta for Captain Gagliardi's proclamation. Captain Gagliardi has meant a lot to the City of Macedonia and to Chief Black as personally he stated. Relative to another matter, Chief Black mentioned that that the command vehicle purchased out of last year's budget is parked in front of the City Center for everyone to inspect.

Mayor Kuchta commended Chief Black for epitomizing the best of a fire chief. Chief Black is knowledgeable, professional and a gentleman the Mayor added. There have been negative comments written recently in an Internet blog about Chief Black and Macedonia's fire department that are far from the truth. The rumor circulating that Macedonia pulled out of talks relative to a fire district are unfounded the mayor stated. The fact is Mayor Kuchta stated is that Sagamore Hills, Northfield Center and Boston Heights have been meeting on their own behind closed doors.

Chief Black interjected that in 2005 after almost 30-years of lack of interest, the townships of Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills, and the villages of Northfield and Boston Heights starting seriously considering regionalizing their fire service with Macedonia. Cost wise it made sense. The Nordonia Hills communities hired John Preuer, fire a consultant in these matters. Each community paid Mr. Preuer approximately \$6,000. In 2007 Mr. Preuer presented his study with 79 recommendations. The first recommendation was to form a steering committee. The steering committee consisted of one member from each of the five communities. The steering committee meetings were opened to the public, they were televised. In the course of these events Mr. Preuer found that there was a grant available. The cost of writing the grant would have been \$300 per community. The grant would have received extra credit would Chief Black stated had it been written by a professional consultant. The \$1500 cost of the grant would have yielded a \$50,000 grant. Unfortunately two of the communities, Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills chose not to fund the grant. Shortly thereafter Chief Black stated the initiative feel apart. Since then Northfield Center and Sagamore townships no longer were interested the concept became less viable. Recently the two communities began orchestrating events relative to forming a fire district. A fire district is contrary to Macedonia's Charter. A fire district is not under Civil Service. Forming a fire district Chief Black added would necessitate passing a fire levy to fund the fire district. A fire district Chief Black explained is set up similar to that of a school board whereby a board oversees the functions of the district. A fire district in this area may for example be called the Nordonia Hills Fire District. Regionalizing or consolidating services as was previously proposed is different than what is being proposed by the creation of a fire district the chief stated Macedonia's goal was an alliance or collaboration with the surrounding communities. Macedonia was willing to share services, equipment, training and manpower but to dissolve an

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exceptional department is not realistic and not fair to the residents of Macedonia he added. Macedonia has no intention of becoming a fire district and losing its autonomy.

**Police Department** Chief Golden thanked the Mayor and Council for the appointment of Ryan Gaydosh. In references to Ptl Gaydosh's size Chief Golden mentioned that he played nose tackle at Grand Valley College in Michigan. Chief Golden reminded residents that the police department offers vacation property checks. With regards to another matter, Chief Golden reminded motorists particularly with regards to interstate stops that they pull their vehicles as far off the road as possible to avoid being hit by traffic. Residents were cautioned that thieves are currently impersonating utility workers. Actual utility workers Chief Golden stated wear uniforms and carry identification. Residents were advised to call the utility company before admitting anyone looking like utility workers particularly if the resident did not call for service or the utility company had not advised of service. Chief Golden also mentioned a \$100,000 Home Depot theft ring. The current economy is making thieves more creative and assertive Chief Golden stated. Residents were reminded to be even more cautious as well as suspicious.

Councilor Spraggins asked Chief Golden that status of combined dispatch services to which the chief answered several meetings have already been held. Chief Golden stated that Mayor Procop of Twinsburg is spearheading several aspects of the project. One of the problems that has been found Chief Golden stated is lack of a facility large enough to fit the needs of a combined departments. Aging equipment is also another factor. Ms. Spraggins mentioned there is fund entitled economic future relative to collaborative projects which the combined dispatch project seems to be a good designation.

**Law Department** Mr. Hanculak had no report.

**Unfinished business** Mayor Kuchta mentioned that the IRS is collaborating with RITA to supply information to help collection at the local level. RITA is comprised of 158 members and now that it has partnered with the IRS with have more clout. Mayor Kuchta also mentioned that the City has received a number of complaints relative to the Water Maintenance and Expansion Fund fees. Mayor Kuchta stated some residences and businesses have several meters. A fee is required for every meter he added.

**New business** None .

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 9:56pm Mrs. Spraggins moved, Mr. Engle seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matter relating to Personnel and contract negotiations.**

**Roll call: Ayes: Barker, Engle, Martin, Spraggins,  
Nays: Molnar, Tulley  
The motion carried**

At 10:45pm Council reconvened into their regular meeting and there being no further business adjourned at 10:46pm

### **Mayor's Report**

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I would like to remind everyone that this is the time of year that bad chuckholes can appear overnight. The freeze thaw cycle does so much damage that it is almost impossible to keep up with the repairs. Whenever physically possible we are out there trying our best but we need you to report them and to also try and avoid them.

The South Freeway Drive Project will be starting very soon. If the weather allows it to! The repairs will be in February as soon as tomorrow or possibly in a week. They will start in Memorial park and go across Rt. 82 heading north. We will be doing repairs to storm water issues with collapsing pipe for the roads first. The repairs will go across Rt.82 heading north toward Freeway Drive. We will do our best to keep traffic moving by having the contractors working at night as much as possible, and keeping one lane open at all times. At least that is the plan.

The Route 82 Bridge is going to start seeing some action in March. There will be railroad tracks laid and once the trains start using the new bridge, the demolition of the old bridge and road widening will proceed. The job completion is still expected to be in October. Remember that the job is under the control of ODOT. The City has to do whatever necessary to help them in any way

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we can. Don't forget to look for alternate routes and be extra watchful for changes in traffic control devices. Let me emphasize that because we will have the Route 82 Bridge road widening, and South Freeway surface restructuring and paving going on at the same time.

I have had a lot of people questioning the fact that the new bridge height is only 13 feet 7 inches. The new bridge had to be the same height as far as the railroad track is concerned. The clearance when the job is complete will be 14 feet 7 inches. The new road will be deeper to make this obstacle another foot higher than the clearance used to be.

One of the most important tasks of all the things that need done that my office is involved in, is the projected sewer increases and storm water fees from the North East Ohio Regional Storm District. Because of the decision of the Board of Trustees of that group we will be facing a 9% increase in our sewer rates next year. In 2010 there will be another 9% increase. In 2011 there will be another 15% to 18% increase. The board of Trustees of this group is made up of 7 people. 5 of those people are appointed. Only 2 are elected by the Council of Governments (COG) which has 61 members. Macedonia is part of that group. The ability of doing anything as a group is severely diminished by the ruling in a court order. We basically meet to elect officers of the COG and our two representatives. I am not aware of any checks and balances such as you have in your local government. Without that...this boils down to taxation without representation to me. I am diligently working to find a way to stop this outrageous increase, and also to control where the money will go from the projected storm water fee. I am on the by-laws committee of the Council of Governments. That is one of the reasons that I know how tough this will actually be! We are pretty much powerless.

This proposed storm water fee from NEORSRD could be \$8.50 a month with only about 7% of that coming back for our desperately needed problem resolution. The study is basically completed which determines the priorities, and maps and models the problems we have right here in Macedonia. There are only some minor revisions being made. I am enthusiastically looking forward to reading it. It is almost two inches thick and weighs about three pounds. Whew! But we have a plan, and it is the result of a lot of hard work by our storm water committee (the DSCC) and money spent by your City Government in an effort to deal with storm water problems that can affect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents.

Our electronic Messenger is awesome. My staff puts a lot of work and effort into it...and it shows. There is so much good information in it, that if you can operate a computer and not getting this... you don't know what you are missing! If you cannot operate a computer or don't own one there are copies made available for you at the front desk. You really need to see the "Messenger" every other week. It's out there for your benefit.

Just a couple of quickies for you;

It costs \$32,000 a day to run the City and provide the services we do.

The dispatchers get almost ten 911 calls a day. Almost half are misdials.

The police get just about 100 calls every day.

We get an accident with injury call every other day.

And a parting thought; I had a Northfield Center man write to me about his displeasure with getting a traffic ticket. He will now be boycotting all the stores in Macedonia to get even. May I remind everyone that we need to support our local businesses? Why would a person want to hurt them because he received a ticket? Is this indicative of where we are headed as a society? I guess people find it easier to blame someone else for their mistakes every day.

Total receipts for the Mayor's Court for January is \$40,352.20