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Regular Council Meeting
January 12, 2017

Presiding Officer, Mayor Joseph Migliorini called the January 12 regular meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Council members' Kevin Bilkie, David Engle, Sylvia Hanneken, Nicholas Molnar and Janet Tulley; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION City Chaplin Commodore Tom O'Brien, Nordonia Hills American Legion #801

MINUTES Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes of regular meetings of October 13th and 27th, 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORT Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote acknowledging receipt of Financial Report dated November 30, 2016

□□□ ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS □□□

Council President

Mr. Bilkie moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to nominate Mr. Molnar to position of council president.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Roll call on Mr. Bilkie's motion to nominate Mr. Molnar to position of council president.

: Ayes: Bilkie, Engle, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: Hanneken
Motion carried.
Mr. Molnar elected Council President for year 2017

Council Vice-President

Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to nominate Mr. Bilkie the position of council vice president.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Roll call on Mr. Molnar's motion to nominate Mr. Bilkie to position of council vice president.

Ayes: Bilkie, Engle, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: Hanneken
Motion carried.
Mr. Bilkie elected Council President for year 2017

Council Representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded to nominate Mr. Bilkie to position of council representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Roll call on Ms. Tulley's motion to nominate Mr. Bilkie to the position council representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission

Ayes: Bilkie, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: None.
Motion carried. **Mr. Bilkie elected council representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission for year 20176**

Chair of Finance Committee of the Whole

Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded to nominate Ms. Tulley to position of chair of the Finance Committee.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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Roll call on Mr. Molnar's nomination of Ms. Tulley to position of chair of the Finance Chair of the Whole.

Ayes: Bilkie, Engle, Hanneken, Molnar and Tulley

Nays: None.

Motion carried. **Ms. Tulley elected chair of Finance Committee of the Whole for year 2016**

PROCLAMATION

Week of January 22, 2017 Macedonia School Choice Week

PUBLIC COMMENTS

~ Cathy Loya of 9186 North Bedford Road stated, " Over the past decade my husband or I have stood at this microphone to address City Council and the Mayor regarding stormwater situations that we have had on our property. Since January 2015, I have taken a more active role at this microphone speaking - some may say complaining - about the stormwater situation in hopes that one day maybe a solution could be reached regarding our continued stormwater issues. I now believe that there is absolutely no hope of any resolution to our stormwater situation. The City of Macedonia no longer takes responsibility for the issue of stormwater in the Ledge Road and North Bedford area; it is now a regional issue for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) to investigate through their Stormwater Management Program. In fact, NEORS started a new study of our area in the summer of 2016 due for completion in 2018. My husband and I have even been told by current and past Council members that we don't even have a stormwater problem at our property. I suppose it is all just a figment of my imagination. The annual bill for flood insurance that I now am required to have on my property because of our changed and elevated flood plain status since the redrawing of maps in 2009 must be a figment of my imagination. The times I open the curtains in the morning only to see the back third of my yard completely submerged under varying depths of water must also be a figment of my imagination. Like this morning! (Hand out pictures) The worry that I had about electrocution because my basement was filled floor to ceiling with water thus completely submerging my circuit breaker - along with everything else - and power was still on in my home; again, a figment of my imagination. Waking up one morning to a clanking noise from the furnace only to realize that 3-1/2 to 4 feet of water in the basement was starting to seep into the furnace; again, all a figment of my imagination. What is not a figment of my imagination is the home standing at 883 Iroquois Run. Why in the world is this house still standing? We were told that the house and property had to be purchased from private residents by the City with our tax dollars because the stormwater situation was so bad for those property owners from water running off the ledges. We were also told that the property was to be made into a retention area and that there was no time to waste on a study on how added retention would benefit the area. If this was truly the original intent of purchasing this property then why wasn't money budgeted to for all of this? Now *the City is seeking outside funds to cover the cost of demolition. I believe it is preposterous and absurd to go after monies from the Summit County Land Bank for the demolition of this home. One of the missions of the Summit County Land Bank is to reduce blight. How can the City of Macedonia go after monies when they are the entity that caused the blighted situation on that property? The home has been vacant and abandoned for over a year under the ownership of the City of Macedonia. With no electricity servicing the home, thus no operating pumps to pump out water, what a mess it must be? I know if my home did not have operating pumps my home would be a mess too - especially in an event like today's rain. Find the money, get that house demolished and put retention in with City taxpayer money. The City felt it was so important to purchase this property, then you come up with the money to complete the project already.* Other residents in the City of Macedonia have stormwater issues too and what a slap in the face it is to see that house still standing after all this time when we were told how horrible the situation was. *Maybe what Council should have done in 2015 was use the \$50,000 "wasted" on the North Bedford and Ledge Drainage Study to demolish the home at 883 Iroquois Run and put in retention instead. Had this been done, the City would actually have something to show the taxpayers on how this \$50,000 was spent. Nothing has been shown to the taxpayers about how it was spent on the North Bedford and Ledge Drainage Study that GPD finally completed in January 2016. My husband and I are still waiting for when there will be a public open forum as promised about this study. Onto another topic, the Engineer's Report appearing in the January issue of the Messenger indicated that OPWC funding came in for Northfield Village and Macedonia for the Ledge Road project. Yippee. Ledge Road is going to be "fixed". I know what this means for my property; the same thing that it has meant over the past 10 years when development or paving is done in the Ledge Road/Freeway Drives/I-271 area - more stormwater to my property and at a faster rate. I know my role as the retention area for stormwater runoff. There is no need to seek locations elsewhere in the area for retention because we service the rest of the City well by retaining water until it can flow under North Bedford, make its way to Indian Creek and then travel south through the City. Our land does what it is designed to do and recognized as such by FEMA as an AE flood zone. Not to worry that houses and families are in this retention/flooding area or anything... I only hope that the City will at least have the courtesy to coordinate with NEORS on the Ledge Road project regarding the stormwater study previously mentioned. We wouldn't want to see yet another stormwater study on North Bedford and*

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Ledge area once plans are finalized for the repaving of Ledge. In closing, please try to filter through my cynicism and understand my frustration surrounding the facts. I no longer know how to address my hopeless stormwater issues without being a cynic. I am so tired of being lied to about how the City and Council are concerned about our stormwater situation and that you all want to do something about it. Please, I am so tired of hearing the baloney when it comes to our stormwater situation and the baloney that takes place here in this chamber twice a month at these meetings. Let's try something new in 2017 - just be honest. No more games and thank you for your time."

~**Tracey Ruggiero, Oaktree, Macedonia**, stated she has been a resident 1993 and that on November 10, 2016 was the first time Ms. Ruggiero spoke publicly to members of Council was during that evening's council meeting. Continuing, Ms. Ruggiero stated since that date she received what Ms. Ruggiero perceives to be a treating and intimidating letter from Councilperson Sylvia Hanneken warning Ms. Ruggiero that Ms. Hanneken "will take further action if you continue to make false statements concerning my conduct and actions." After quoting from Ms. Hanneken's letter Ms. Ruggiero asked Ms. Hanneken what further action is Ms. Hanneken referring to.

Councilor Hanneken answered, "Tracey, I have been advised because I am a public figure that in order to take any action against false statements made about me that I first have to inform the person who made those false statements that those statements are false and if they are continued to be stated, which it says in that letter, then that is when I can take action. So, that is simply what I said. I did not say I would take legal action. I was simply going through the phase of letting you know what the information is that is correct and what is not. That is all that is."

Resident Ruggiero responded, "What is correct and what is not correct is based on your opinion and on my opinion."

Councilor Hanneken said, "Based on facts and my opinion about those facts, that is correct."

Resident Ruggiero said, "You are an elected official. And as an elected official your words and actions or not actions for that matter with regard to the City and the residents are open to public scrutiny. So what I said in that meeting is how I view how you are acting and how you are not acting or how you are boycotting so to speak, certain things that have happened."

Council Hanneken told Ms. Ruggiero, "I didn't comment on those things. I only commented on what you stated as fact. "

Resident Ruggiero told Ms. Hanneken, "Some of the things that you put in that letter, which I will give to Josephine. My speech was not malicious, my speech was not slanderous, it was not personal and it was not offensive. It was my right to voice opinion and concerns about what I see is going on in the city. An example of that just happened just now. The Mayor asked if anyone else wanted to get appointed to president or vice-president. He asked if anyone else wanted to nominate anybody yet no one spoke up. Yet when the roll call was taken you say no. So if you didn't want Mr. Molnar or Mr. Bilkie to take those positions, why didn't you speak up and nominate who obviously you feel can fit those positions better."

Councilor Hanneken responded, "The reason I didn't is there is absolutely no chance and it would be wasting time. There is no chance that anything I would say would have any effect whatsoever. It was already decided when we got into the meeting from the work session, I think you are aware of that."

Resident Ruggiero stated, "So wouldn't you want to go on record that you at least made an attempt?"

Councilor Hanneken said, "I could do that. I chose not to waste the time for everybody."

Resident Ruggiero asked Ms. Hanneken, "So, do you think these actions will help you get re-elected by sending a letter like that to me?"

Councilor Hanneken answered, "The attempt was not to do anything other than to what I was advised to do, which was to, when as a public official I need to inform someone that their statements are false. If I don't do that then, than what I am doing is I am allowing these to continue and can't really take any action because of it. That is why I did that. And I didn't threaten to sue you. I didn't do anything like that although other people have threatened to sue all over the place. I was trying to let you know what the facts are. I make no comment on your opinion of me. It doesn't, I mean clearly that is a different issue and you have a right to any opinion you wish to have. "

Resident Ruggiero said, "You do know that everything that I said at that meeting, I feel as being truth."

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Councilor Hanneken responded, "Well, that is why I am letting you know that I assumed you weren't trying to state something that was false. What I was doing was trying to assist you by saying these are not true. These are false. That is all I did."

Resident Ruggiero said, "But that again, I perceived as your opinion as to what is the truth and what is not the truth."

Councilor Hanneken stated, "I had the facts to support my opinions."

Resident Ruggiero responded, "You didn't give me facts to support that. You just stated you opinions, not facts."

Councilor Hanneken answered, "Well, you do whatever you wish to do, Tracey. I'm just letting you know why I did that. You asked me that and I'm telling you."

Resident Ruggiero asked, "I'm curious. How many other residents you might have sent letters like that to?"

Councilor Hanneken answered, "None, zero."

Resident Ruggiero, addressing Council stated, "I would like to ask Council. Is this a conduct that you guys perceive as acceptable? Do you send letters to other residents who stand up here and say something about what you believe or actions that you have done?"

Council President Molnar's response, "I say no. As a number one victim that I would call myself but I never play the victim, I have been attacked about my previous employment which there is more coming about and guess who is involved in that but I will leave that alone for the time being. It is the constant playing a victim. You know we get attacked by many people up here. There was a gentleman who came up her who I have never said one word to in my life and he preceded to berate me on every level think of. I didn't send him a letter saying I am going to sue you. That is part of the problem with society today in general and depending on things that are happening with Mrs. Hanneken everyone is sue happy. 'I don't like what you said; I am going to sue you'. What world are we living in? I was very upset when I found out that she did send that letter and as a matter of fact Mr. Bilkie said in the work session that he is going to make a motion to censure this evening, and part of that censure which I may add to it is what she has done to you."

Resident Ruggiero responded, "I appreciate that, thank you. I have a question. You said you were told by council of some sort, was it City Council?"

Councilor Hanneken answered, "No, I'm talking about legal counsel."

Law Director Guidetti interjected, "I had no involvement in that."

Councilor Hanneken added, "No, of course not."

Resident Ruggiero stated, "Maybe Mr. Engle was her legal counsel."

Councilor Engle stated, "Are you asking me if I am Sylvia's legal counsel? I am not."

Resident Ruggiero asked Mr. Engle, "Did you counsel her on that action?"

Councilor Engle answered, "I never talked to her about it. I didn't counsel her as a friend or as a councilmember or as an attorney as I am not her attorney."

Resident Ruggiero said, "Okay, I am just clarifying that."

Councilor Engle said, "I don't know why you would even ask me that question."

Resident Ruggiero said, "Well, I believe, haven't you represented her for something else?"

Councilor Engle answered, "No, I have never represented her in anything. I have never been her attorney."

Council President Molnar said, "Yes, you were."

Councilor Engle asked, "For what, for what?"

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Councilor Bilkie answered, "For the resident's mandamus letter about you not terminating Scott Svab."

Councilor Hanneken interjected, "Oh, no he was not my attorney for that either. I filed on my own behalf."

Councilor Engle answered, "Right"

Councilor Hanneken added, " I filed motions myself. If you want to know that I can get it right off the Internet because it is in the court records."

Councilor Engle interjected, "Just for the record, check the court records if you are talking about the lawsuit where the City sued several members of Council. I was not her attorney. Mr. Guidetti can confirm that."

Resident Ruggiero said, "So I would actually like to ask once again like I did at the November 10th meeting for Sylvia Hanneken to step down from Council. If she will not resign I would like the rest of Council to step up and do what is right for the City and remove her from Council. Thank you."

INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION

ORD. NO. 1 - 2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF MACEDONIA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 MACEDONIA was **offered** by Ms. Tulley 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 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO.1-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 1-2017 declared adopted.**

ORD. NO. 2 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JAMES GARVEY TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA by Mr. Bilkie 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 Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO.2-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 2-2017 declared adopted.**

ORD. NO. 3- 2017

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF BRYAN FRIEND TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA 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 Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO.3-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 3-2017 declared adopted.**

Relative to ORD. NOS. 3 & 4-2017, each newly appointed firefighter introduced their respective families and each were sworn-in to their position by Mayor Migliorini.

ORD. NO. 4- 2017

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF LAURA BUTTO TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA SERVICE DEPARTMENT was offered by Ms. Tulley 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 carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO.4-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 4-2017 declared adopted.**

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RES. NO. 5 - 2017

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBIN BUGENSKA TO THE CITY OF MACEDONIA AUDIT COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY 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 Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt RES. NO.5-2017** and post according to law. **RES. NO. 5-2017 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 6 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT WITH WELLRIGHT, LLC TO PROVIDE A WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES was offered by Mr. Bilkie for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 7 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 161.20 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE was offered by Ms. Tulley for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 8- 2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 161.15(F) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO RELATIVE TO EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT was offered by Ms. Hanneken 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 Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Hanneken moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO.8-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 8-2017 declared adopted**

ORD. NO. 9- 2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 63-2010 RELATIVE TO BILLING FOR THE SERVICES OF A MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM, A UTILITY OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO, DISTRIBUTING CITY OF CLEVELAND WATER was **offered by Mr. Bilkie for its first reading by title only**. Second not required

ORD. NO. 10 - 2017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF THE CHARGE OF \$3.00 PER MONTH, PER RESIDENTIAL UNIT, FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA LEAF REMOVAL PROGRAM was **offered by Mr. Engle for its first reading by title only**. Second not required

ORD. NO. 11- 2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 182.01(B) AND 182.04(A) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE CITY'S INCOME TAX RATE TO ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (1/4%) STARTING JULY 1, 2017 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND STORM WATER PROJECTS; AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE ELECTORS MAY 2, 2017 was **offered by Ms. Tulley for its first reading by title only**. Second not required.

Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to amend the first version of Ordinance No. 11-2017 to conform in its entirety to the second version of Ordinance No. 11-2017 introduced this evening, January 12, 2017 the title of which reads "AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 182.01(B) AND 182.04(A) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE CITY'S INCOME TAX RATE TO ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (1/4%) STARTING JULY 1, 2017 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND STORM WATER PROJECTS; AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE ELECTORS MAY 2, 2017"

MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION

~~~Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Engle seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote authorizing the Finance Director to accept on behalf of the City of Macedonia a donation of \$100.00 (One Hundred) to the K-9 Donation Revenue Fund from Shirley Foulkes, Macedonia

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~~~Prior to proceeding with a motion Councilor Bilkie criticized political literature disseminated just prior to the election for its misleading and inaccurate information and for advising residents to vote no on Issue 18. The literature against Issue 18 and entitled "These Are the Facts; Please Vote No" was not factually correct and for this reason Mr. Bilkie is championing the cause he said to show the public that the information fostered by Ms. Hanneken is wrong. The City will not have \$850,000 more to spend on roads like the literature states Mr. Bilkie stated. Ms. Hanneken has been asked over and over again how she factored that the City would. This dollar amount is derived from a hypothetical situation in a plan that had no merit Mr. Bilkie said. The literature speaks to funds from NEORS. That funding source had been examined and explained and therefore was not properly represented in this piece of literature. NEORS officials told city officials that the storm water fee cannot be used for road improvements. This literature also stated that Macedonia's operating expenses increased in 2016 by 14%. Mr. Bilkie said Finance Director confirmed that percentage was incorrect. This literature was purposely misleading. This cannot be let go Mr. Bilkie stated. Ms. Hanneken distributed this literature knowing it was wrong and misleading. Mr. Bilkie said Ms. Hanneken first took ownership of it, then she denied it, then she called Mr. Bilkie bully but he is not the one who misled residents. Mr. Bilkie said he promoted what would help Macedonia. Mr. Bilkie promoted the Recreation Center levy as a renewal because he was advised by the counsel for the City was a continuation of an existing tax. Mr. Bilkie would have agreed to promote the tax as a continuation he added. The words renewal and continuation in essence mean the same Mr. Bilkie stated.

Mr. Bilkie moved to censure Councilperson Sylvia Hanneken for putting out information that was misleading to the voters of Macedonia adding that she should apologize for doing so.

Mr. Molnar seconded the motion adding the nature of elected office is council members are sometimes subjected to residents' anger, comments and ridicule. Mr. Molnar said he has never sent a letter to a resident as Ms. Hanneken has done to Ms. Ruggiero telling Ms. Ruggiero "if you do that again, I'm going to get you." Ms. Hanneken's actions were totally wrong and wildly inappropriate Mr. Molnar stated. Mr. Molnar added when anyone has a different opinion than Ms. Hanneken she is the victim. Ms. Hanneken's opinion of herself is that she is perfect, she is never wrong. She sits back and plays the victim when she is criticized. Mr. Molnar said he is personally tired of talking about Sylvia Hanneken and about all her misleading statements, about all the things that are going on and the continuing shuffling feet in mud in the about her. The time has come to stop it.

Councilor Hanneken, "Once again, we have a situation in which I am asked to respond to something I have not seen number one. Number two, as a resident and human-being let me make the following observation. I did not threaten to sue anybody. I was advised by counsel that I had to correct any factual errors, statements that were made during anyone talking about me in public otherwise I cannot take any further action. I was told that because the way the law states. It states they have to be aware that the point of view and the facts do not coincide. That is all I did. I am happy to provide everyone a copy of that letter. It did not threaten anybody. It simply said you are making false statements and you need to be aware of that. That was the point of the letter. It was very clear. I went exactly through every statement. I went and looked at the video of what she said. Also looked at the details to make sure I was confined to what was said. I did not criticize her for criticizing me. I agree, it that were the case then that would not be appropriate. I simply responded that these are the facts. You stated things that were not correct, not true or false, I didn't say she knew they were false. The point was she needed to be aware that they were false, that's all. As far as Mr. Molnar saying he has never done anything, well Mr. Molnar you know perfectly well that when another resident came up here and was highly critical of you, you spoke to him on the phone and threatened to unleash the beast and among other things. There was a recording of that and nobody wanted to pursue that. I do not threaten anyone who is different, who has a different opinion and certainly no resident who has a different opinion. You can have any opinion about me and what I do or do not do. They're just not entitled to their own set of facts. That is the only thing I did. I corrected it so that she is aware that some of the statements just like tonight when she was stating that Mr. Engle was my attorney in that lawsuit that Mr. Bilkie originated and signed against the council members. I represented myself and my own motions and you can find that out on the Internet you don't have to come here. He corrected that here appropriately. I had not seen anything that she was going to say before she said so I had to respond post to what she said. So that is just it. Let me just speak to what Kevin is talking about. I want to have an opportunity to see what is being said and then I can respond. Otherwise am I sitting here with a surprise motion and I have not had a chance to even provide any counter or defense. So at this point I just don't think it is appropriate, I've said so and I don't think this needs to go any further but of course he has made the motion and there is a second. So we need to go from here."

Council President Molnar stated "Let's be clear about something. We held a meeting in December when we held an executive session to give you the opportunity to explain this, to speak to you about his. But because you are arrogant you chose not to come into that room. In that meeting we talked about censuring you. But because you are arrogant and you could not walk into that room we were going to give you the opportunity to speak but chose not to. Secondly, unleash the beast, my God; I am so sick of hearing

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unleash the beast. I said before the Browns season, we are going to unleash the beast. That did not work out so well. If there is a recording of that where is it? If I said that and I threatened someone, where is it? Let's talk facts. These are not the facts. This is what Kevin brought up tonight. We sat in a finance meeting this week and we asked Sylvia where are the \$850,000 more in funds freed up in 2017 from Rec Center and City hall bonds paid off in 2017' silence, nothing because it's all lies. We twist and turn, we play the victim we have to have the last jab, and there is always a jab in there. All I am saying is this; if you can't tell the truth don't say anything. "

Councilor Bilkie stated, "During the last council meeting we went point by point over this so to say you were blind-sided by this is ridiculous. You at that meeting said if we were at 2% then we would have had \$850,000. But unfortunately we are not going to be at 2% we are going to be at 1.75%. You cannot call it a fact by using hypothetical situation. I would be a millionaire if I won the lottery but I'm not. So you cannot say we would be there if we are not. And that is what I have the biggest problem with is that you disregard everyone else's opinion and you only used your own on this one. We voted down your plan four to one. And the reason why we did it did not fund everything that needs funded. Rather than taking that as maybe I should do something else you took it as a stab and it was intended. We are here trying working hopefully together to figure out how we are supposed to solve all these problems. You can't just throw everybody's opinion out. That is all I wanted to say. We did talk about this at the last council meeting and to say that you are blind-sided again is wrong. I also want to remind the rest of Council that we have vote basically that if these are the facts then I expect you to vote no. I think it has been proven that these are not the facts and then you should vote yes to censure Ms. Hanneken."

Mayor Migliorini stated, "I have a question of you Sylvia. The 'Paid For By Citizens For Macedonia Fiscal Accountability' is this your group?"

Councilor Hanneken answered, "It's a group I am a member of."

Mayor Migliorini asked, "You are member of, did you draft it and put this together?"

Councilor Hanneken responded, "No I did not draft it. I am a member of the group."

Mayor Migliorini asked Ms. Hanneken, "Did you pass it out?"

Councilor Hanneken answered, "Oh yes, the group passed it out."

Mayor Migliorini stated, "You were passing this out in mailboxes in our city, correct?"

Councilor Hanneken answered, "Oh, yes absolutely I was part of that."

Mayor Migliorini said, "You acknowledge as an elected representative of this city that you have knowledge more than others do who are out in the community or should have more knowledge."

Councilor Hanneken said. "Well, let me put it this way. I do have more knowledge than the average member of the community. I am not arguing that. I am arguing that this is a situation where we get once again we have come to the floor with a motion to censure without telling me in advance that it was going to happen and providing me the argument. That is all I am saying tonight."

Councilor Bilkie interjected, "We did say this in the executive session that this might be an action."

Councilor Hanneken said, "Here is the following thing. You are not supposed to be talking about what is going on in executive session number one."

Law Director Guidetti interjected, "They are not. They just generally brought up the subject."

Councilor Hanneken continued, "And number two, the reason that there have been so many conflicts is that there is really no basic dialogue. There is a one-way street as we saw here tonight. Mr. Engle and I are once again in the minority here and there is no attempt to even try to integrate us in any kind of thinking or plan. So please go ahead and call the motion."

Councilor Tulley interjected, "It's interesting that before Mr. Bilkie came on you were in the majority and my voice and Mr. Molnar's were never allowed to be brought forward."

Councilor Hanneken told Ms. Tulley, "That is untrue. Let's move on."

Councilor Tulley stated, "Oh, no it's not"

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Mayor Migliorini stated, I am going to ask one more question then we are going to have a roll call so just bear with me because as the administrator of the city as the mayor of the city and knowing the financial condition of the city I take great exception when things that are put out in the community that are not true and therefore we have gone to the ballot twice and have failed twice because of misleading statements, lies to the community as it relates to this brochure here. We admittedly know are city department operations spending across the board did not go up by 14%, we have proven that the information presented.”

Councilor Hanneken interjected, “You appropriated 14% more. That’s what happened, that’s why the plan went out that way. You know that Mr. Mayor. You know it. You didn’t execute the appropriation. You only increased by 7%.

Mayor Migliorini’s response, “Sylvia, I am only reading what was put out to the general public, that this is what was spent. You can say yea or nay when I read this statement; the city’s department operation spending across the board except roads went up 14%. Was that in fact something that you put out to the community?”

Councilor Hanneken answered, “That was the appropriation we passed. It is in fact true.”

Mayor Migliorini stated, “Is it? You know it’s not true. We had a finance committee meeting where it was shown that it was 6.32%”

Councilor Hanneken answered back, “Well, the point is, listen to me to you appropriated 14% more. You agreed to spend 14% more. This is all nonsense. “

Mayor Migliorini asked Ms. Hanneken, “Does it say appropriation here? Do you believe that it is misleading?”

Councilor Hanneken stated, “No, I don’t.”

Mayor Migliorini said, “That’s your opinion”

Councilor Hanneken answered, “Of course that is my opinion, otherwise I would not agree to the statement.”

Mayor Migliorini stated, “I’ll let the judge and jury be the citizens of Macedonia.”

Councilor Hanneken answered, “I think we are going to do the same thing we did before. There won’t be discussion. You’re going to give a speech about how you need every bit of money.”

Mayor Migliorini stated, “Sylvia, the next sentence states ‘that is the exact same \$1.5 million diverted from roads.’ Now, what \$1.5 million dollars was diverted from roads?”

Councilor Hanneken answered, “You agreed to pay that much more money in operations over the previous year. That was in the appropriations.

Mayor Migliorini responded, “But, that did not occur though, did it?”

Councilor Hanneken answered “Well, I’m sorry, you appropriated it that way. We had the numbers to show you did.

Mayor Migliorini stated, “Council approved the budget we offered. What was included in there that you failed to show is that there were new firemen in there, there were capital improvements and there were other things and that increase by the way was only 6.32%

Councilor Hanneken answered, “No, it was not Mr. Mayor. It is factual to say we appropriated 14%. Sir, we have gone over this over and over it, we are just wasting time.”

Councilor Tulley interjected, “We are just trying to get to the truth.

Councilor Hanneken answered, “No you are not. We have gone over this and over this. We are just wasting time.”

Mayor Migliorini interjected, “We are going to get down to the bottom of this issue. I am calling on our finance director who is a certified public accountant who is very educated in this field. Rhonda, would you please provide the information on this again.”

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Finance Director Hall explained, "Our final tally for our department spending that has been touted around, and what that means is that the departments and their operations is only from the various funds, we actually increased our spending this year by 6.32%."

Councilor Bilkie interjected, "Not 14

Finance Director Hall answered "Not 14"

Councilor Hanneken interjected, "Yes, but we appropriated it at 14%. That is all I said, Rhonda."

Finance Director Hall answered, "Actually in 2015 operations increased by 14.4%

Councilor Hanneken stated, "Rhonda, when you certify those resources to the county, when you spend here you can't spend it there. That's the fact."

Councilor Tulley told Ms. Hanneken, "Would you let Ms. Hall please finish before interrupting her."

Finance Director Hall continued, "2015 actual appropriation increased by over 14%. The actual spending at the end of the year was 2.4% over 2014. Our increase in spending, and I created the budget based on last year's budget was by 13.3%. Actual spending is 6.32%."

Councilor Hanneken interjected, "In comparison, Rhonda, if I may say I am talking about only in the operations budget which was less than 1% more."

Finance Director Hall answered, "No it was not."

Councilor Hanneken said, "That was for the total budget."

Finance Director Hall stated, "No, this is only operations."

Councilor Hanneken said, "They are your numbers, Rhonda."

Finance Director Hall answered, "Yes, and I am explaining them. They are exactly 2.4% over 2014."

Mayor Migliorini interjected, "The point we are trying to make here Sylvia if you would please bear with us is that this propaganda that was put out to our community caused the failure twice before the voters. It is easy to go out to the voters and say 'The city is lying to you. They've really got more money than they say than they are telling you about.' The city is telling us there is not money for roads. Sylvia is there money for roads?"

Councilor Hanneken answered, "We have not appropriated this year yet so we don't know whether there is. You have said and have chosen to appropriate in a way, I want to explain to everybody in Macedonia, money coming in generally not dedicated. There are some dedicated funds, but the vast majority of the money coming is appropriated to operations."

Mayor Migliorini stated, "Sylvia, we have had two finance meetings. The bottom line is there is \$1.575 million dollars in carryover and that is because of the frugality of this administration."

Councilor Hanneken answered, "That is because we didn't spend what was appropriated."

Mayor Migliorini stated, "That is because we were frugal. Because we knew that net profits are down by \$275,000, they are not being paid. We knew that we are down by \$550,000 in local government funds. So by the end of 2017 we will probably be at less than or close to \$600,000 carryover, if we spend as we are supposed to spend."

Councilor Tulley interjected, "And, that is with zero capital improvements."

Mayor Migliorini added, "That is with zero capital improvements in 2016 and \$140,000 in 2017. What can you do with \$140,000?"

Councilor Hanneken added, "You can't do anything. But that is an assumption you are making that we are going to pass the budget, appropriation."

Mayor Migliorini stated, "It's not assumption, its fact."

Roll call on motion to censure Sylvia Hanneken:

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Ayes: Bilkie “Without a doubt. It’s misleading. Obviously if we can’t agree it’s misleading in nature to say that we have money that we do not.

Molnar “Do the same thing over and over is absolutely right, spinning your wheels in mud, spinning the truth and confusing everyone. One thing resonates with me this evening and I hope you all took from this; she is smarter than all of you. She said it tonight, remember that. This is your councilwoman who represents you. She knows more than all of you. I am no better than any of you and I’m no smarter than any of you. I think I am just an average guy who tries to do his best about what can be done for the city as all our roads go to dirt. I don’t want our roads to continue to deteriorate. Our concerns are basically keeping the City afloat and paving the roads. We would listen to more of what Ms. Hanneken had to say if she would compromise. There is no compromise. As Kevin stated earlier her plan failed four to one, including Mr. Engle. Her friend said no, I am not going to support that. So because of that brought on that little pamphlet that was passed around town. There is no compromise. There continues to be no compromise. If it is not Sylvia’s idea, it is not right for us. She lost for mayor twice and believe me, she is showing it. I hate to say this and take jabs like that but she is showing that. She is telling you, I know what is best for this community but this community told her twice, no you don’t. I hope in the future, I hope in 2017 there is at least an effort to compromise. No more spinning the wheels in mud, having twelve meetings, sitting in the back room for four hours about things walking out saying ‘what did we just do?’ Here are the options. What is it going to take to move this community forward, it’s that simple.”

Tulley “I think what appalls me most tonight, I kind of got used to the false literature after seeing what you distributed during the mayoral election, is that you wrote a letter to a resident who came to speak their mind. I have been on this council for 19-years. I have been sworn at, I have been yelled at and I have been threatened. But you do not write to them in rebuttal. You have to be above and recognize that is just part of being a public servant. We are public servants. We serve you. We don’t serve our ego. I am right, you are wrong. Compromise, well there was a former councilmember who she and I used to battle but at the end of the day we always came to a compromise and we always decided what was best for the residents. It wasn’t what I was going to get out of it. I am appalled that you wrote that letter. I am just appalled. Mr. Engle you sit there with a smirk but do think it’s okay to write a letter to a resident saying stop, you’re wrong, knock it off, don’t say anything. You think after all the years we have spent on council together you would think it’s deplorable. I have never met a council member with all the ones I have served with who have

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ever done that. I asking why you are smirking, Mr. Engle. What I am saying is not funny. What I am saying is true. You will find this interesting but the information that was put out when we went to talk about it during the finance meeting, Ms. Hanneken who had been ill suddenly had to get up and leave. We never did get to take about the mysterious \$850,000. But Ms. Hanneken was in attendance the night before at the Planning Commission meeting. What I would like to do and I have challenged this Council at the finance meeting is to knock-off the egos and put them at the door. When we put proposal together at the finance meeting they were anonymous. Why? This is why.

Nays: Engle “The political drama continues. Mr. Bilkie says we want to work together, but we continue to rehash and rehash. We have been through this two or three times and we are going to continue again. Albert Einstein once said that the definition of insanity was doing the same thing over and over and over again and then were are surprised by the same outcome. We are doing the same thing over and over and over again and they we are going to be surprised by the outcome. All we do is argue about the same thing. The levy has been voted down twice. Now it’s back again. We had one finance committee meeting which was an hour and half. We have not discussed anything in detail. We haven’t done the budget for this year and we are going back saying we have to have a special election for another tax levy, a primary in May, I apologize for misstating that. Still, it’s the same thing over and over and over. And we are going to be surprised at the outcome. This is not good for the City. We are not working for the City at this point.”

The motion censuring Sylvia Hanneken passed.

Councilor Engle, addressing comments made by Councilor Tulley during roll call stated, “I have never written a letter to any individual. I may have responded to emails to answer questions. I may have done that. But, you know I am an attorney and I suppose that jades my outlook on life. There are certain requirements that when someone as sought legal counsel I am not going to criticize them for following legal counsel. I think there is a big difference from what we do here and are public activities and our obligations and what we do outside our public activities and obligations and certainly if a resident receives a letter or an email from a council member and they are unhappy they can certainly raise that issue. But I do not think it becomes a thing that becomes sanctionable for Council to handle.”

Councilor Tulley asked Mr. Engle was he was smirking during her comments to which he answered, “This is a waste of time, totally ridiculous and I am sorry that I smiled. The next time I will come with the biggest frown on my face and you can check it out whenever you want to.”

Mayor Migliorini interjected, “Dave, the only comment that I would have at this time is that we had an executive session and without getting into all the details but I need to because you were part of that discussion, the council majority wanted to censure Sylvia a couple meetings back. You indicated you would talk to Sylvia to see if you could get her to reason. Unfortunately, you never came back with any answer to that. But you admittedly have to say that the information that was put out is incorrect.” Councilor Engle stated, “I think the information put out is not incorrect. And before everyone bounces on my throat I think it is opened to interruption. I think the 14% appropriated, what we were going to spend, I don’t remember the language as I have read it in a long time could interrupted either way. Unfortunately it becomes the old liar’s figures and figures lie and it’s just however you want to interrupt it. I don’t think it’s a false statement. I think many things sent out to voters, folks that are running for election or groups trying to influence the election, can be interrupted anyway you want to. With that I would say we should stop the drama and get back to work and solve the problems of a very fine city.”

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Mayor Migliorini told Mr. Engle, “I so agree with you. Dave. I think we should be on track and we should be unified up here as a council and as mayor. We should be putting our oars in the water together, collectively, moving in one direction. But unfortunately not all of us are doing so.”

Councilor Engle stated, “But we continue to go back to what happened this year, last year. Mayor, we can agree to disagree. But if you go back and bring up everything, I have been 16-years on council. The people in Macedonia, the people on Council, the mayors, all have very good memories and they cannot forgive or forget any fight. If our country was the same way we would still be fighting the civil war. You know if you have to put it behind you. You have to understand that there were mistakes made on whatever side the mistakes were made. You have to forgive. You have to move forward. And as long as we continue to slather ourselves with all this past history nothing is going to get accomplished.”

Mayor Migliorini said, “My heart is trying to make this city move forward. I didn’t run for this office just to be sitting up here and not be effective. When I see somebody putting out information that is misleading, that is basically a lie in my opinion that I cannot condone it. I will do everything in my power, as mayor to educate the general public as to the truth of these matters because it has an effect on each and every resident of this community. I don’t think you guys know the ramifications of not getting your roads repaired, of not operating a city where we cannot give out raises this year to any of our employees.”

A resident who didn’t identify himself (Richard Suess) yelled from the audience that he didn’t get a raise. Why should you he asked. Continuing Mr. Suess complained about what he described as “a bunch of bickering” and a mayor who came back, which in Mr. Suess opinion doesn’t understand why.

Indiscernible, loud dialogue briefly ensued with Councilor Bilkie telling Mr. Suess that Mr. Bilkie extensively researched the information, the dollar amounts Ms. Hanneken distributed and it was not even close to the factual information.

Councilor Engle interjected it saddens him to see when someone has a different theory or opinion than Mr. Bilkie and the Mayor they “screams people down.”

More loud, angry dialogue continued with Mr. Suess being escorted out of Council Chambers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

~Email from Nagwas H. El-Mangoury, Beachwood, Ohio to Chief Golden in appreciation to Police Officer Jason Hetrick who while off duty having dinner with his family at a local restaurant assisted Ms. El-Mangoury when she experienced a flat tire.

MAYOR’S REPORT: State of the City / 2016 Accomplishments

Regionalizing services for safety coverage by implementing Fire Emergency Services Contract with the townships Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center

Maintaining City Services on a limited budget with no capital improvements dollars available

Negotiate a settlement relative to NEORSO Storm water contract

Negotiate contract with City of Cleveland for maintenance of water system

Institute law requiring Big Box users to register thefts etc. ***in order to mandate the presence of security officers at big box retail businesses that are open for business twenty-four hours per day***

Complete negotiation with Ambassador Soccer that is a fair resolution for S. Bedford Road residents

Farnhurst/Pla lawsuit settled in favor of the City of Macedonia and Parkview Homeowners Association

- 1) The Plas will undo the lot split, and reunify Lot 6;
- 2) The Plas will submit to the association board plans and a design review application for one house;
- 3) Upon the board’s approval of the plans and design review application, the city will review the plans for the house for the purpose of determining if a building permit should be issued;
- 4) The Plas will pay \$5355 in attorney fees awarded earlier by the judge because of their failure to comply with court orders regarding the production of documents;

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- 5) The Plas will pay the city \$3500 for engineering fees that the city incurred in its review of the plans for the south house;
- 6) The insurance company for the association and the city will forego pursuing payment of further attorney fees;
- 7) Joe Migliorini and the association board will withdraw the affidavit of record that puts a cloud on the title of Lot 6;
- 8) The parties will file an agreed order of dismissal of the case;
- 9) All parties will release all claims;
- 10) The Plas will not pursue an appeal of the ruling by the judge granting our motions for summary judgment;
- 11) The Plas will provide a covenant not to sue the defendants in state of federal court for any matters related to Lot 6.

Renovation of the Longwood Manor House proceeding more smoothly.

Construction of dugouts at all the baseball fields at Longwood Park fields.

Walking paths at Longwood Park enhanced with gravel.

Received 80% Grant to rebuild Sioux Culvert

Completed Route 82 Phase III widening

Completed Route 82 new on ramp to I 271 widening project

New Digital Entry wall and sign at Longwood Park

More Intense Enforcement of motel activities

New Landscaping and lighting around city hall

Finalized plans for Veterans Memorial

Mounds partially complete for screening of cruisers and vehicles from Safety building

Continuing to work on Police and Fire Memorial at park of former City Hall

Received Grant from NEORSO to tear down and build retention at Iroquois house

Received Grant Senior Citizen Grant from Area Aging

Received \$11,000 Meals Grant thru Direction Home Area Agency on Aging

Macedonia ranked 23rd wealthiest suburb in Northeast Ohio (based on per capita income) CRAINS Cleveland Business Book of Lists 2017

Security Camera upgrade/install at City Hall, Recreation Center, Service Garages (TV security monitor install on all work stations)

Phone System – install/upgrade saving city money due to elimination of old phone lines

Internet upgrade @City Hall, Rec Ctr. and all city buildings

Upgraded the network infrastructure in all City buildings (spam filter, firewall, etc.)

Working with Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Bldg & Property Maintenance program students to assist in design efforts for the Veterans Memorial on Route 82

CVCC – exploring options with Architectural & Mechanical Design students to craft a blueprint concept for a Community Greenhouse @Longwood Park

Streamlined city copiers to save city money

Healthcare – switched healthcare coverage providers saving city money

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Fire Department: implemented electronic EMS charting software system (elimination of paper logging)

ISO rating – remains at 2 one of best in State (10 worst) thus keeping down insurance premiums to tax payers

SRO School Resource Officer – assigned to Nordonia City Schools

F.A.I.R program – planning to re-implement program created in 1995 to educate school children.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee Finance Chair Tulley reported that to avoid preconceptions about who was presenting what, anonymous financial proposals were presented during last finance meeting. Discussion that meeting included increasing the rate of the income tax by ¼% or by ½%, assessing property owners for road repairs, reducing the 2017 budget, limiting storm water dollars by utilizing only revenue from the NEORD community share reimbursable grants. The large projects to be funded by NEORSRD will take over ten-years to complete Ms. Tulley added. No decision has been made at this point she added about how to shore up the budget. The year 2016 will end with \$1.5 million dollar carry-over but 2017 is projected to end with just a \$600,000 Ms. Tulley added. Finance meetings are scheduled through January, February and March to prepare the 2017 annual appropriations. The three largest financial challenges Ms. Tulley stated are roads, the Recreation Center and storm water. Ms. Tulley announced that the finance meeting on January 24 will be followed immediately by a brief special meeting.

Northfield-Macedonia Cemetery Board Ms. Tulley reported the Cemetery Board faces three financial challenges this year and perhaps over the next several: the badly deteriorating wrought iron fence that surrounds the property, the roof of the service garage and the roads within the cemetery. Funding the cemetery is through assessment by the four surrounding communities. Each community pay an assessment predicated on a percentage of its ax valuation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Director Hnottavange reported that service employees converted 36 street lights with LED bulbs and photocells in several subdivisions: Beachwood Meadows, Spring Hill, Lake Forest Estates and Thousand Oaks. Wood street signs in the subdivisions of American Estates, Thousand Oaks and Rolling Hills were sleeved in white vinyl to reduce maintenance. Mr. Hnottavange explained with the use of the newly purchased skid-steer with asphalt grinder, multiple roads in the area of the Highland Homes subdivision and the streets of Berkshire, Broadmoor / Broadledge, Oakview, Highland Road and Route 8. In total 42 ton of hot asphalt was hand shoveled to make these repairs. Mr. Hnottavange added that 3,986 total feet of ditching was completed in these areas. Continuing his report Mr. Hnottavange announced that between Shepard and Ledge Roads 3,329 total feet of roadside berm was laid, that 26 stumps were ground down in the Firestone area. The Ash trees in this area were initially removed due to Ash Bore Disease. Eighty street trees were replanted in the Gardens at Highland development to replace original plantings from 2-3 years ago which did not survive. The leaf collection program, while not completed has collected 6120 cubic yards of leaves compared to 5310 cubic yards in 2015. Mr. Hnottavange mentioned office calls in 2016 totaled 4,098 compared to 3,750 in 2015.

Councilor Hanneken asked Mr. Hnottavange the timeline relative to removing the stumps along Summer Road to which he answered not until the ground is frozen because the grinder has to be stabilized on the property and current ground conditions are not optimal.

Building Commissioner Commissioner Rodic provided a written report for 2016 which indicated the building department issued a total of 1026 permits: 456 residential; 250 commercial and 220 zoning. Revenue from permit fees was \$252,200. Point of sale permits amounted to 198. Twenty-six (26) permits were issued for single family dwellings with aggregate construction value of \$7.7 million dollars with the average cost per home just under \$300,000. Total of registered contractors is 484 representing \$48,400 in registration fees. Permitted work required 1,652 building inspections. Zoning enforcement resulted in 780 inspections of which 423 came from point of sale and 357 from property maintenance and code enforcement.

Engineer Mr. Gigliotti reported the Planning Commission has approved the overall site plan for the first phase of a new Macedonia subdivision named North Woods (at Valley View Road). The subdivision will be developed in three phases and consist of 84 homes. Approval is still needed for residential/house drawings and building requirements. Mr. Gigliotti reported that Planning also approved 17 new homes in

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the second phase of Spruce Hill (at Ledge Road). Detailed plans have been submitted for final engineering relative to this project. Continuing, Planning approved a right-in, right out only drive relative the new building at Route 82 and Waters Drive. The building will home to Starbucks and Aspen Dental. The driveway from Waters Drive and drive thru lane has been approved for north-end of this property. Planning approved too the three-story Marriott Hotel to be located at Girls Scout Way next to the Girls Scout building.

Recreation Department Ms. Manley reported there were several large projects in 2016; the 16-year boiler unit for the lap-pool was replaced, all underwater lighting in every pool was replaced, primarily with LED lights. The competitive time system including touch pads, computer console and starters was replaced. Replacement of these devices Ms. Manley stated was in conjunction with the Nordonia Hills school district as the school's swim team use the Natatorium for practice and swim meets. Continuing Ms. Manley announced that a 19 camera security system was installed throughout the Recreation Center and plans for the new digital sign enhancing the entrance of Longwood Park have been finalized. Regarding programming, the Center now offers Silver and Fit, a health insurance funded program for qualifying seniors. Silver Sneakers, the same type of program is also offered. In 2016 there was instruction for 2,000 swim lessons; fitness class variety was expanded to include massage and personal training resulting in \$12,000 revenue stream increase. An organized 5K and car show were added to this year's festival activities Ms. Manley stated. Revenue collections in 2016 increased in park programming and Rec Center programming fund by more than \$31,000. Membership revenue from 2015 to 2016 increased by about \$7,000. In total Ms. Manley announced 2016 ended with \$10,000 in revenue than in the previous year. Ms. Manley added that daily, on average about 700 "recreationers" visit the Macedonia Recreation Center.

Finance Department Director Hall reported that the General Fund budget for 2016 was \$12,451,422.00. Unofficially, because December has not formally expenditures were \$11,353,336.00, down -13.1% from the original budget and down by -9.0% over 2015 actuals. Ms. Hall reported that income tax revenue in 2016 was done in total by \$273,280.00. December collections were done by \$114,676. Projected tax collection for 2017 is estimated to be \$7,750 million dollars, \$500,000 of which will be allocated to the Recreation Center fund. The 2016 unencumbered cash balance of \$1,575,133.58 is up from the beginning of the year of \$1,436,426.00 Ms. Hall reported. This past year Ms. Hall said a conscious effort has been made within all the departments to reduce expenses. In the finance department Ms. Hall reduced expenses by eliminating the cost of \$20,000 for a financial advisor and reduced the cost of paper banking by instituting remote deposits.

Fire Department Chief Black thanked the Mayor and Council for the two full-time appointments made to the fire department this evening. Chief Black added the regionalization of fire/emergency services is progressing smoothly and the new hires will enhance efforts even more he added. Chief Black announced the call volume in the district of regionalization for 2016 was 3,331 and the average response time within the district is 3 minutes 53 seconds

Police Department Chief Golden announced that Officer Glen Nicholl is the SRO (Student Resource Officer) for Nordonia High School. Chief Golden announced that having seven full-time dispatchers which has allowed for two dispatchers on each shift has made a world of difference to the efficiency of the call center.

Councilor Hanneken asked Chief Golden for statistical information relative to big box stores since onset of legislation passed last year relative to the same compared to previous year's statistics. Ms. Hanneken also asked what has been proposed relative to increasing security at Sugarbrush in order to deter drug activity to which Chief Golden answered at this point just adding patrol of the area.

Ms. Hanneken questioned installing security cameras to which Chief Golden answered there are no funds.

Mayor Migliorini interjected that the administration will look further into the matter to learn if something can be done.

Law Department Mr. Guidetti had no report.

IT Department Mr. Allen reported the cost of replacing the almost 20-year phone system within the City Center will be a monthly savings of about \$1500. Mr. Allen reported he has been installing upgrades to Internet to reduce spam.

Unfinished business None

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New business Ms. Hanneken mentioned the ethics ruling in recent NewsLeader article pertaining to former Mayor Kuchta.

Regarding another matter, Ms. Tulley reported that all though a bit confusing to residents at this time, changes in NOPEC will be a more cost effective overall.

Mayor Migliorini interjected that the Nordonia Hills Chamber of Commerce did not properly inform business owners about the exit fee associated with leaving NOPEC

There being no further business before council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm