

Record of Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
January 26, 2017

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Joseph Migliorini called the January 26 regular meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

5 **Absent:**

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7 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION** City Chaplin Commodore Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills
8 American Legion Post 801

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10 **FINANCIAL REPORT** Ms. Tulley moved, Ms. Hanneken seconded and motion carried unanimously on a
11 voice vote acknowledging receipt of Financial Report dated December 31, 2016

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13 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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15 ~ **Kurt Laubinger, Ledge Road**, stated for the record his comments are his opinion. Proceeding Mr.
16 Laubinger explained that S. Freeway Drive property owners for which he is one were advised 2 ½ years
17 ago that after the deck widening of I271 and the northbound onramp was relocated that Great Lakes
18 Construction Company would restore S. Freeway Drive to its original condition prior to the ODOT
19 projects Mr. Laubinger explained that in 2008 he agreed to an annual assessment of \$30,000 for
20 improvements to S. Freeway. Mr. Laubinger does not appreciate that what had been promised to all S.
21 Freeway property owners never came to fruition. The specific area of Mr. Laubinger's concern is the
22 strength of road, the goose neck turns at the north end of S. Freeway Drive. Continuing, Mr. Laubinger
23 said bad roads devalue property and the poor condition of S. Freeway is deterring his ability to sell his
24 commercial property. Finishing, Mr. Laubinger added no one is interested in making an investment in
25 property located on a road in bad condition.

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27 Mayor Migliorini told Mr. Laubinger the administration will look into the matter.

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29 ~**Richard Suess, Valley View Road**, apologized he explained for being loud and abrasive during the last
30 council meeting. Continuing, Mr. Suess stated, "I don't appreciate or think a citizen or resident who
31 comes to a City Council meeting should have to deal with being eyed-down, mean- mugged or any other
32 intimidating behavior by any city employee, whether it is the Mayor or anybody else. I don't appreciate it
33 and that is why I went off so I do apologize. My question is about Issue 19 again. I cannot get this clear
34 in my head. I'm slow. I have a couple basic questions that I am going ask each of you for you to give me
35 an answer. First question did any of you ever see any written cost estimate or contractual agreement
36 regarding the cost of building and maintaining of the outdoor pool proposed in Issue 19 Macedonia's
37 Recreational Center improvement levy.

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39 Councilor Engle asked Mr. Suess, "How did you define the question?", to which Mr. Suess answered,
40 "Did you ever see any cost estimate of the work?" and Councilor Engle answered "No"

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42 Mr. Suess asked, "Ms. Hanneken?" to which Ms. Hanneken answered, "No"

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44 Mr. Suess asked, "Mr. Bilkie?" to which Mr. Bilkie answered "I did." Then Mr. Suess asked, "Is it a
45 matter of public record?"

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47 Mr. Engle interjected, "It was from Wadsworth."

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49 Mr. Suess stated, "It was regarding Macedonia. It is a simple no or yes question."

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51 Mayor Migliorini interjected, "I am going to ask you to ask your question and allow them to answer."

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53 Mr. Suess stated, "I just want a yes or no answer" which Mayor Migliorini responded, "Excuse me Mr.
54 Suess, you are not running this meeting. I am". Mr. Suess told Mayor Migliorini, "Again, I know. You
55 are a city employee and I write your check and all the other residents" to which Mayor Migliorini told Mr.
56 Suess, "You are getting out of hand. I am telling you right now, just ask your question."

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58 Mr. Suess answered, "I did, it's a yes or no question. Jan, Jan?"

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60 Mayor Migliorini stated, "You are not putting people under interrogation up here. You just ask your
61 question", to which Mr. Suess said to Mayor Migliorini, "Leave your ego at the door Mayor. It's a yes or
62 no question." Continuing Mayor Migliorini told Mr. Suess, "You don't seem to understand do you? You
63 are interrogating us up here", to which Mr. Suess responded, "It was a simple question, yes or no."

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65 Mr. Suess said to Mr. Bilkie, "You said you saw a contractual agreement, "to which Mr. Bilkie answered,
66 "You asked two questions. No, I did not see contractual agreement."

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68 Mr. Suess asked Mr. Migliorini, "Did you see any contractual agreement" to which Mayor Migliorini
69 answered, "Contract? No contract."

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71 Mr. Suess asked, "Mr. Molnar?" to which Mr. Molnar responded, "No contractual."

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73 Mr. Suess asked, "Ms. Tulley?" to which Ms. Tulley responded, "No contracts have been presented or
74 signed."

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76 Mr. Suess stated, "So there was no lesson. It could have been a picture of a pool at Cedar Point and said
77 in 20-years we could have this. You have no idea, correct?"

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79 Mr. Bilkie interjected, "That is not true."

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81 Mr. Suess stated, "No, you did not get any contracts on it."

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83 Mr. Bilkie attempted to provide explanation but Mr. Suess silenced him telling Mr. Bilkie that Mr. Suess
84 wants a yes or no answer. Talking over one another ensued. Mr. Suess told Mr. Bilkie, "You had no idea
85 what it would cost, no contractual agreement was ever seen" to which Mr. Bilkie answered, "We got an
86 estimate on it." More talking over one another ensued to which Mayor Migliorini interjected, "Mr. Suess,
87 ask your questions to illicit answers otherwise I am going to cut you short."

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89 Mr. Suess stated, "It is misleading to the voters to put items on a tax increase levy without any facts as to
90 the actual cost of the items put on the levy. This is a true or false question. I don't want to get crazy but it
91 is true of false. Is that a true statement Mr. Engle?"

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93 Mr. Engle stated, "Read it again to which Mr. Suess did and then Mr. Engle answered, "I agree with that
94 statement."

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96 Mr. Bilkie, "I agree"

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98 Ms. Hanneken, "I agree."

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100 Mayor Migliorini, "Agree."

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102 Mr. Suess stated, "So we are in agreement that you deliberately tried to mislead the voters" to which
103 Mayor Migliorini answered, "No, no, no". Mr. Suess stated, "You just said it was true" with Mayor
104 Migliorini answering, "You are applying answers to fit your needs here, Mr. Suess."

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106 Ms. Tulley stated, "Mr. Suess you were here when we put this on the ballot for the first time ever, when
107 we put it up 20-years ago."

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109 Mr. Suess responded, "It was simple, yes and no and true and false and you pretty much answered that
110 you put misleading items on the levy and you expected the voters to vote on it. The point I am trying to
111 make with this, you don't understand how the voters of this city don't trust the judgment of this council
112 and the Mayor. Okay, do you understand that now? I am trying to make it as clear as I can."

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114 Mr. Bilkie interjected, "You asked if we had a contract and we did not."

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116 Mr. Suess complained, "You could have put any picture, a picture of Cedar Point's waterfront."

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118 Mr. Bilkie stated, "You are proving the point that you shouldn't be speaking."

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120 Mr. Suess stated, "You are proving my point that you mislead the voters. Who got censured last meeting
121 for misleading the voters? Now we didn't have to pull and facts or figures or switch things around or
122 anything. You just told me and everybody else here that you mislead the voters."

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124 Mr. Suess' comment raised many voices from the audience which Mayor Migliorini gavelled and which
125 also ended any further comments from Mr. Suess.

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129 ~**Melissa Granke**, 1286 Laurel Drive Macedonia I'm here tonight to speak in favor of the tax proposal
130 because it is the responsible choice for our city.

131 In a recent Nordon News Leader article, two councilors were noted to have voted against this proposal.
132 Councilor Hanneken stated she is concerned about businesses because we compete with cities like
133 "Solon, Twinsburg, and Stow". What she didn't mention is that Solon, Twinsburg, and Stow already have
134 rates of 2%, whereas Macedonia's rate will drop in July to 1.75%. Councilor Engle stated in the article
135 that we need to "look at a serious attempt to cut our operating costs".

136 So I want to ask Ms. Hanneken and Mr. Engle why Macedonia residents should receive less? Many
137 residents already pay more than 2% - I pay 2.25% to the city of Kent where I work. So I certainly don't
138 want my city to only receive 1.75% of my tax dollars.

139 While spending cuts sound great in theory and we can always find things to cut – what will that mean for
140 the residents?

141 Continued decline of our parks and recreation center or reduced hours and programs for residents and
142 families?

143 Further decline of our roads and more wear on our vehicles?

144 Should we cut police officers or firemen? How would you feel if you called 911 and receive a severely
145 delayed response?

146 Should we get rid of snow plow services for seniors or leaf pick up for residents?

147 What if your street stayed covered in snow because we didn't have enough staff and equipment to clear
148 our roads?

149 Should we cut funding to our highly rated school district which would lead to a decline in our state ratings
150 and significantly hurt our property values?

151 Should we cut the city workers who maintain our parks and repair our roads?

152 The list goes on and on. We can choose to live in a run down and under-funded city. We can choose to
153 save our pennies and let our great city deteriorate. But we can't have our cake and eat it too folks – we
154 have to make a choice. We can choose to invest in our city, our families, our properties, and our future.
155 It's well past time for us to stand up for the future of Macedonia.

156 I am coordinating a group of residents who will be working to inform the community and answer
157 questions or concerns about the proposed tax. Please see me if you'd like to be a part of a brighter future
158 for Macedonia. Together we will do what is right for our city. Thank you."

159 ~**Jessica Brandt, Blue Jay Trail** stated, " First, thank you Mr. Bilkie for taking the time to work with
160 Ms. Hall, Mr. Guidetti and the Mayor to come up with a new plan for getting the revenue the city needs
161 via an increase income tax. It is clear that you put work into something creative that can hopefully bridge
162 the gap of the small number of voters that did not feel the issues presented in November suited them. If
163 this plan becomes a ballot issue for the next election, I look forward to helping it get passed so that our
164 city can get back on its path to a bright future.
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166 I noticed from the finance meeting that Mrs. Hanneken had the beginnings of a plan to help save the city
167 from financial ruin - which is, to cut the budget 7% across the board - but there were no specifics of
168 where these cuts could or should be made. Mrs. Hanneken, you said in your informational meeting in
169 October that you envisioned another vote in May for a plan better than the one on the November ballot.
170 You've known since October that if you had your way, there would be need for another plan up for vote in
171 May. Where is your plan? What department heads have you spoken with that have told you where they
172 have room to cut their budget?
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174 As part of the Redevelopment & Future Growth Committee, I've had the privilege of being in meetings
175 with all the department heads over the past year. Each one of them - aside from Chief Black, who seems
176 like an optimistic guy - indicated that their department was falling behind in staffing, equipment and basic
177 maintenance of their space. Five-year plans have been repeatedly ignored, year after year. Safety
178 equipment, service equipment and even buildings are in disrepair and departments are making do. Each
179 department - even the fire department - has plans for improvements they would like to see "if there was
180 money" but no one is banking on that money. Across the board, the entire staff of the city is adding
181 another layer of duct tape to keep their department moving along. And if you are familiar with the
182 economic theory of "The High Cost of Poverty", that duct tape is really starting to cost the city a lot of
183 money.
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186 Cutting salaries and benefits to get to your 7% reduction is not the answer either. While it's not an
187 economic theory, the idiom "you get what you pay for" seems to be a pretty solid piece of wisdom. To
188 attract and keep the best people working here, you have to pay what they are worth. You have to pay for
189 people with college degrees, top testing scores, certifications and/or years of experience. That is just good
190 business. You groan and grimace about the cost of adding staff to support our growing city, but do you
191 not hear the reports from the departments about how wonderful it is to finally have a full-time dedicated
192 IT employee? Did you not hear the report about this very employee saving the city fifteen hundred dollars
193 a month by installing a new phone system? This is an incredible example of how proper staffing and
194 updated equipment can both improve the city's well-being and save the city money with just a small
195 investment in capital. This is something we should be able to do for every department across the city, but
196 not if your proposal is to cut the budget and remove staff.

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198 Perhaps if you had spent the time between October and now researching the feasibility of across-the-
199 board budget cuts, you'd know that what you are hoping for just isn't feasible. I don't know how the
200 advice of the department heads and the city's finance director and the mayor - who is also a successful
201 business man - has not convinced you that your path is misguided.

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203 I wish that you would embrace the new income tax increase as a possibility to save this city. Watch the
204 new income like a hawk. Dole it out like a miser. Sit up there and guarantee the voters that you will not
205 let their money go to waste or line the pockets of whatever evil entity they feel is looming. Tell the
206 seniors that you helped protect their fixed budgets and their city-provided services by avoiding property
207 tax increases. Tell everyone that the city is safer, cleaner, prettier and more modern than ever because you
208 supported an income tax increase that brought millions to the city and cost the voters nothing. I wish, I
209 really wish you would get behind this.

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211 Please just stop dragging your feet, stop using lack of more information as an excuse and start listening to
212 your fellow councilors who have done the work, the mayor who has the experience and the department
213 heads that are running the city every day. There is a place for and your ideas on this council, Mrs.
214 Hanneken, but you've taken the role of contrarian too far.

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216 I have a feeling that the income tax increase will be added to the ballot this May, and I hope Mrs.
217 Hanneken and Mr. Engle can see the tremendous benefit it will bring to the city. I hope you love
218 Macedonia as much as I do and will be able to put any personal bad feelings aside and help get the new
219 proposal passed.

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221 Also, in closing, please someone do something to help the Loya family with their home. I am embarrassed
222 and disgusted that my city has been giving my best friends the runaround for this long. We are absolutely
223 blessed to have a family such as theirs in our city and it's a shame that people who have worked so hard to
224 get their problems solved have been so roundly ignored while other people have shown up to a meeting or
225 two, put up the right election signs and are immediately taken care of. Thank you for your time."

226 ~**Karen Bartolozzi, Driftwood Lane** stated that when she complained about the condition of her road in
227 August 2016 Driftwood was ranked #22 on the 2015 road list. In addition to ranking of the road and its
228 condition, the 2015 list also provided the cost of repairing Driftwood as well as the accumulative cost of
229 making repairs to all the roads on the list to the tune of \$6.7 million dollars. Under the 2015 plan, Ms.
230 Bartolozzi complained that it would have taken five-years before Driftwood gets repaired fixed. Under
231 the new plan it will take ten-years. In the meantime Ms. Bartolozzi asked who is going to pay for
232 damages the road is causing to her driveway apron. Ms. Bartolozzi read in the NewsLeader that Ledge
233 Road is being improved with the help of Macedonia. Ms. Bartolozzi wondered how this is possible, how
234 is that manageable when Macedonia has no money for other roads. Ms. Bartolozzi is willing to pay in
235 income taxes without even asking for a refund in order for Macedonia's roads to get fixed. Ms.
236 Bartolozzi stated if only nine cents of every property tax dollar is allocated to Macedonia then her annual
237 share is only \$306, an insignificant amount or all the city services she receives she said and thus the
238 reason she supports increasing the income. Ms. Bartolozzi told Council that for far too long they have
239 kidding the problem of the roads down the road. It is time to face the issue and do something productive.
240 Ms. Bartolozzi asked Ms. Hanneken is she is actively going campaign against the levy for the roads.

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242 Ms. Hanneken answered that she will provide her perspective on Ordinance No. 11-2017 when Council
243 acts upon the legislation later in the meeting.

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245 Engineer Gigliotti explained to Ms. Bartolozzi that Ledge Road is being repaired in cooperation and in
246 conjunction with Northfield Village,. The total repair is being funded by the Ohio Public Works
247 Commission in form of 90/10 grant. Macedonia share's of the project is \$810,000, for which 90% of the
248 cost will be financed over 30-year period via an interest free loan (grant). Ten percent of the project cost
249 is due in 2018 when the project is slated to be let.

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

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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 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 its second and third readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Bilkie moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO. 6-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 6-2017 declared adopted.**

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 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 its second and third readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Bilkie moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO. 7-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 7-2017 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 UTILTIY OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO, DISTRIBUTING CITY OF CLEVELAND WATER was **offered** 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 its second and third readings**. Second by Mr. Engle carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO. 9-2017** and post according to law.

Roll call: Ayes: Bilkie*, Engle, Molnar*** and Tulley****
Nays: Hanneken**
Motion carried, **ORD. NO. 9-2017 declared adopted**

Relative to ORD.NO.9-2017 and during roll call, Mr. Bilkie* stated that he supports a portion of WM&E funds being diverted for use towards storm water related issues.

Councilor Hanneken** stated that the WM&E fund was established for maintaining Macedonia’s waterlines. The maintenance of the lines was recently assigned to the City of Cleveland Water Division through mutual agreement between Macedonia and Cleveland. Ms. Hanneken is not supporting the amendment for that reason. And since it is not needed as originally intended Ms. Hanneken suggested that perhaps the annual WM&E assessment of \$20.80 be earmarked differently, reduced or eliminated entirely.

Council President Molnar stated that Council was advised that the revenue from the WM&E fund only could be diverted for water related issues, i.e., storm water, one of which is leaf pick-up. Mr. Molnar explained that leaf pick-up is vital to storm water management because how leaves obstruct storm water grates causing water back-up and flooding. If additional equipment is needed to facilitate a more efficient and effective leaf removal program than Mr. Molnar totally agrees with using WM&E revenue in this manner. Leaf removal equipment is expensive he added, one machine costs \$75,000.

Councilor Tulley supports the measure as well because the amendment is specific she stated. The amendment earmarks WM&E revenue so that “such monies shall also be used for leaf and branch pick-up and expenses related thereto”.

ORD. NO. 10 – 2017 (Tabled Indefinitely)

Mr. Engle moved, Mr. Molnar seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to table indefinitely 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

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316 **ORD. NO. 11- 2017**

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

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324 Mr. Engle moved, Ms. Hanneken seconded **to amend Ordinance No. 11-2017, Section1, §182.01(B)(1)**
325 **in order to “continue an income tax rate of 2% after July 1, 2017 for the reason of an increase in**
326 **the income tax rate by ¼% .**

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328 Roll call: Ayes: Engle and Hanneken^^
329 Nays: Bilkie^, Molnar and Tulley
330 Motion failed.

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332 Relative to Mr. Engle's motion and during roll call Councilor Bilkie stated Mr. Engle's proposal was just
333 brought before Council. There has been no discussion, which would have been helpful if the proposal
334 had been brought to the attention of everyone during the January 24 finance meeting Mr. Bilkie stated.

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336 ^^ Councilor Hanneken feels the income tax should remain at 2%. If left at the rate refunds proposed by
337 Ordinance No. 11-2017 would not be necessary.

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339 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded to **adopt ORD. NO. 11-2017** and post same according to law.

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341 Roll call: Ayes: Engle and Hanneken*
342 Nays: Bilkie****, Molnar** and Tulley***
343 Motion passed. **ORD. NO.11-1997 declared adopted.**

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345 Relative to Ordinance No. 11-2017 and during roll call Councilor Hanneken* stated her opposition to the
346 levy is that there has been no discussion relative to what the City's baseline budget ought to be, what the
347 capital plan ought to be. The levy was proposed before the 2017 budget is approved. Ms. Hanneken is not
348 personally convinced there is a need for an income tax rate of 2¼% she said. Ms. Hanneken supports 2%.
349 In Ms. Hanneken's opinion there is no inherit need to increase the rate more than necessary given the City
350 has paid salaries and wages and made some capital improvements within the tax rate of 1.75%. The
351 administration proposes increasing spending by 13% in 2017 Ms. Hanneken stated. The actual basis for
352 all spending should be identifying priorities correctly and in Ms. Hanneken's opinion the correct priority
353 is balancing operational needs with capital needs. Right now Ms. Hanneken feels roads and some other
354 capital needs take priority over operational spending. Ms. Hanneken added that she is not against all tax
355 proposals. Ms. Hanneken does not agree however that May is the right time because Council has not gone
356 through the budget in a fiscally sound way, a thorough vetting of the budget with a clearer understanding
357 of spending priorities and therefore Ordinance No. 11-2017 in her view is unjustified and unsubstantiated.
358 It is clear money is needed for roads Ms. Hanneken added, but not to the extent of this levy.

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360 Council President Molnar** stated that during the January 24th finance meeting Ms. Hanneken stated
361 Council needs to have a unified front. Ms. Hanneken proposed cutting operating expenses across the
362 board by 6%, which everyone was willing to accommodate with the understanding Ms. Hanneken would
363 support the levy. Ms. Hanneken did not agree Mr. Molnar stated. Ms. Hanneken wants more time to talk,
364 more time to meet, more time to continue spinning wheels in mud. Now, the spinning is in gravel Mr.
365 Molnar stated. Mr. Molnar said a resident asked to bucket of rocks from this resident's road to Mr.
366 Molnar as evidence of the condition of this resident's road. Mr. Molnar told the resident he didn't need to
367 see the bucket because he already knows Macedonia's roads are in deplorable condition. The need in
368 Macedonia is serious Mr. Molnar stated. Turning a blind-eye, being obstinate or spiteful does not change
369 that fact. The fact that several members of council are up for re-election does not help the situation.
370 Everyone is in a politicking mode. Mr. Molnar said he trusts the expertise of and reports by Ms. Hall,
371 Macedonia's finance director. Mr. Molnar is not going to contort the numbers in Ms. Hall financial
372 report. Mr. Molnar reiterated that trusts Ms. Hall's reports because she is a certified public accountant
373 with years of experience in municipal accounting. There is not one member of Council who has the
374 financial experience or credentials as Ms. Hall Mr. Molnar stated. Refuting Ms. Hall's analysis of
375 Macedonia's financial situation as Ms. Hanneken continues to do is counterproductive. Ms. Hanneken
376 does not compare apples to apples Mr. Molnar stated. During the January 24th meeting Ms. Hall had to
377 correct Ms. Hanneken's analysis numerous times because of Ms. Hanneken's personal interpretation of
378 the facts. Mr. Molnar reiterated Macedonia six departments are doing their best to serve Macedonia
379 residents while staying within their budgets. Mr. Molnar reaffirmed his goal is to keeping Macedonia's
380 resident safer by having safe, drivable roads Mr. Molnar reminded Macedonians that Ordinance No. 11-
381 2017 was drafted in such a fashion that what residents pay today in taxes is what they will pay July 1,

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382 2017. The City heard voters after the last levies failed and thus the reason Ordinance No. 11-2017
383 provides for refunds for residents. The essence of Ordinance No. 11-2017 is for the business community
384 who use Macedonia's roads to share more in the responsibility of maintaining city roads. Mr. Molnar
385 explained that a company that is a one million dollar business would pay \$2500.00 more each year in
386 income tax, an amount that is not significant enough for a company to pull-up stakes and move out of
387 Macedonia.

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389 Councilor Tulley***, as finance chair thanked all council members for attending each finance meeting,
390 for expressing their ideas, for attempting a compromise. Discussion included cutting the budget by 6 &
391 7%, increasing the income tax rated by ¼% or ½% and assessing each resident for the cost of improving
392 roads. Ms. Tulley stated by year's end, actual spending by each department was within the 2016 budget.
393 Overspending is not the issue Ms. Tulley stated. The issue is not enough revenue to provide servicing and
394 repairing Macedonia roads, making storm water repairs and maintaining or improving Macedonia parks
395 and the Recreation Center. A tax rate of 2% is not enough to provide the revenue needed for Macedonia
396 to stay in the forefront, for maintaining Macedonia and for Macedonia to even grow. A rate of 2 ¼%
397 provides the better opportunity. As an elected official Ms. Tulley wants to leave a positive legacy, not the
398 legacy that she was a member of Council at the time Macedonia failed its residents.

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400 Councilor Bilkie****, who initially passed during roll call, stated that during the Christmas holiday he
401 took the Mayor's challenge to devise a plan to pay the cost of repairing Macedonia's roads and
402 maintaining and improving the Macedonia Family Recreation Center. The Tax Plan Mr. Bilkie proposed
403 and incorporated into Ordinance No. 11-2017 increases the tax rate but provides residents the opportunity
404 to apply for a tax refund, which in essence keeps today's rate of taxation for residents the same after July
405 1 2017. Mr. Bilkie thanked Mayor Migliorini and Council majority for supporting the measure.

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407 Mayor Migliorini added that Macedonia's revenue stream has been declining over the years because of
408 cuts in state funds, the overall national financial crisis in 2008 and lower than expected local income tax
409 revenue. This levy is needed because Macedonia's infrastructure needs are overwhelming. They must be
410 addressed now; they cannot continue to be overlooked. Mayor Migliorini questioned the hearts and
411 thinking of Council minority, who in Mayor Migliorini's way of thinking are willing to destroy their own
412 community, knowing that the City is hand-tied because of its finances. Council minority admits these
413 needs but choose not to participate in resolution. Mayor Migliorini told Ms. Hanneken, one of her
414 supporters, longtime resident Kurt Laubinger agreed earlier in the meeting that a road's condition
415 correlates to the value of property; poor roads devalue property. Mayor Migliorini suggested to Ms.
416 Hanneken that she take Mr. Laubinger's advice.

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418 **ORD. NO. 12- 2017**
419 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF SUSAN ROGANISH
420 TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH THE CITY OF
421 MACEDONIA BUILDING DEPARTMENT was **offered** by Mr. Bilkie and moved Council waive the
422 requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for**
423 **all three readings** Second by Mr. Molnar carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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425 Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
426 **ORD. NO. 12-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 12-2017 declared adopted**

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428 **ORD. NO. 13- 2017**
429 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF LISA HAMRICK TO
430 THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH THE CITY OF
431 MACEDONIA BUILDING DEPARTMENT was **offered** by Ms Tulley and moved Council waive the
432 requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for**
433 **all three readings** Second by Mr. Molnar carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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435 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Engle seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
436 **ORD. NO. 13-2017** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 13-2017 declared adopted**

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438 Relative to ORD. NOS. 12-2017, Councilor Tulley explained that each new hire is a replacement
439 appointment and not additional employees. As well, one of the appointments is to a part-time to position
440 that was formerly full-time position

441 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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443 ~~~ Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded and motion carried unanimously authorizing the Finance
444 Director to accept on behalf of the City of Macedonia a donation of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the
445 General Fund from the Cotton Candy Guild of Hiram, Ohio

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447 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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449 ~Letter to Mayor Migliorini by Macedonia Service Department Co-Foremen Jayson McRitchie and Bryan
450 Schumann concerning their observations about the poor condition of Macedonia's roads.

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452 ~Jade Giglio to Macedonia Police Department regarding traffic witness statement relative to ost tire rim
453 due to pothole on Ledge Road.

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455 ~Darlene Matriano to Macedonia Police Department regarding traffic witness statement relative to
456 damaged tire and tire rim due to pothole on Macedonia Commons Boulevard.

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458 ~Shawn Mulrooney to City officials regarding damage to Mr. Mulrooney's van caused by conditios of
459 Laurel Drive. Mr. Mulrooney asking for reimbursement of damages to his vehicle.

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461 ~Robert Brown to Macedonia Police Department regarding traffic witness statement relative to damage to
462 his vehicle due to potholes on Highland Road.

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464 ~Email from Rick & Cheryl Godic, Antonina Court, Macedonia, to Council complaining about the roads
465 and asking Council to invest in Macedonia's improvement.

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467 ~Email from Bonnie Kimberlin, Boulder Ridge, Macedonia to Mayor Migliorini in appreciation to and
468 commending Patrolman Jason Hetrick, Sergeant Aaron Clelland, Lt. Paul Celinski and Paramedics Rick
469 Kalish and Phil Issac for their quick and professional response relative to herself and her mother-in-law.

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471 ~Email in appreciation for Sergeant Glontz and Patrolman Rich Rizzo for performing CPR in the same
472 day until paramedics arrived.

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474 **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Migliorini stated that the following items are in jeopardy if the levy does
475 not pass in May: security at Sugarbush Park, the senior citizen gutter cleaning program, the senior snow
476 removal program and the senior rubbish collection subsidy, the branch chipping drop-off and pick-up
477 program, the leaf removal program, Veterans Memorial Park improvements and creating the Police and
478 Fire Memorial, elimination of the school resource officer that has been placed in the high school and
479 several other schools as a liaison and to deter drug activity, free rental program of small tools and tables
480 and chairs, and no raises are being given out this year. Increasing personnel salary and wages is vital in
481 keeping good quality employees in Macedonia. Several employees have left Macedonia recently Mayor
482 Migliorini explained n part because of higher earnings elsewhere and also because they realize the
483 negative and fatal attempt exhibited by certain members of Council. Mayor Migliorini added that he if
484 learns anyone is disseminating false information about Macedonia's finances he will personally sue them.

485 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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487 **Northfield-Macedonia Cemetery Board** Ms. Tulley announced that Board's annual meeting with the
488 joint communities will be held is May 11 in Macedonia at which time the budget for 2017-2018 will be
489 presented and approved. Ms. Tulley mentioned that are large, costly expenses looming during this budget
490 period; repair of the cemetery road, new roof on the garage, a new oil fuel tank and new fencing.

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492 **Finance Committee** Ms. Tulley reported the next finance meetings are on February 2nd, 16 and March 2
493 for the purpose of completing the 2017 annual appropriation/ budget. The appropriation must be adopted
494 by March 31st. Capital purchases will be discussed but there is not anticipation of any major purchases
495 Ms. Tulley added.

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497 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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499 **Service Department** Director Hnottavange reported that the leaf collection program was completed on
500 January 20th. This year's collection was 6,876 cubic yards up by 1,566 cubic yards or 58 loads more than
501 last season. This month Mr. Hnottavange reported 11 tons of cold patch material was used on Skyland,
502 Ledge, North and South Valley View and Highland and Twinsburg Roads. Additional side roads have
503 been attended to when the service department has been notified of a specific location. Mr. Hnottavange
504 reported that park personnel are currently trimming street trees on Atterbury and Red Bush following
505 guidelines pursuant to city's ordinance. Clearance over the road is 15 feet and sidewalks are 12 feet he
506 added. Trimming allows plow trucks closer proximity to the edge of the road without sustaining damages
507 to the side view mirrors which is a hefty cost at \$450 each. This year two mirrors needed replaced due to
508 street trees he added. Continuing his report Mr. Hnottavange stated the police department provided a
509 partial list of 58 failed street lights of which 43 were repaired in 2016. There are also about 10 downed

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510 lights due to vehicle damages at a cost replacement \$16,000. Regarding storm water infrastructure Mr.
511 Hnottavange 28 catch basins are failing in the Parkledge subdivision. Cost estimates for basin repairs
512 range from \$6,000 to \$14,000 depending on condition, repairable or total replacement. Lastly, Mr.
513 Hnottavange reported that seven of the twelve plow trucks are under repair and four of the seven in the
514 shop are usable due to either sever mechanical and/or an electrical failure.

515 **Building Commissioner**

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517 **Engineer** Mr. Gigliotti reported that the Sioux Lane culvert project has been re-engineered and is
518 expected to cost less than originally anticipated and that NEORS D will be paying the majority of the cost
519 of the culvert replacement. The City's share originally estimated to be \$80,000 is now estimated around
520 \$42,000 Mr. Gigliotti said. The agreement with NEORS D in this regard is forthcoming and Mr. Gigliotti
521 added this project is not part of the Macedonia's Community Cost Share account. Regarding 883
522 Iroquois, Mr. Gigliotti reported that the City currently has an agreement with NEORS D for \$59,000
523 towards demolishing the house. This project will be drawn from the Community Cost Share account Mr.
524 Gigliotti said however the Summit County Land bank verbally informed Macedonia that the land bank
525 will demolish the house at no cost. That being the case Mr. Gigliotti stated less will be drawn from the
526 CCS account. Mr. Gigliotti added that Rachel Webb, the NEORS D liaison to the city is preparing a
527 written update relative to Ledge/Bedford corridor

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529 Councilor Hanneken asked Mr. Gigliotti how much he thinks will be drawn from CCS for Iroquois to
530 which he answered from \$10,000-\$15,000.

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533 **Recreation Department** Ms. Manley stated she feels compelled to comment on misleading and false
534 information that continues to be disseminated about Issue 19 and the relevant improvements by the levy..
535 Ms. Manley stated there were renderings by architects and price estimates for every proposal and there as
536 a cost estimate for every square foot of improvement. There was not nor ever was a contractual
537 agreement with any entity. Some members of Council who did not see the renderings in the hall of the
538 City were email the designs and supporting information. Ms. Manley thanked Council majority for
539 adopting Ordinance No. 11-2017 for the May ballot. Continuing Ms. Manley stated that the Recreation
540 Center has never been within the structure of 1.75% income tax rate and therefore the future of the facility
541 is threatened if the rate is not changed.

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543 **Finance Department** Director Hall reported income tax revenue for January was \$783,043.00 which is
544 up by \$28,927.00 from last year at this time. Continuing Ms. Hall stated that net profits revenue for 2016
545 was down \$488,000 and of that four companies represent 68% or \$330,000 of the total. The seriousness
546 of this issue Ms. Hall explained is if more companies do as poorly, Macedonia's financial situation will
547 be graver. Ms. Hall stated that the 2017 budget remains a moving target, nothing has been finalized.

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549 **Fire Department** Chief Black asked residents to keep hydrants clear of snow and house, street
550 numbers visible from the street.

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552 **Police Department** Chief Golden thanked Council majority allowing Ordinance No. 11-2017 to be
553 placed on May ballot. Regarding another matter Chief Golden reminded residents to use NIXLE, the local
554 alert, warning system that disseminates information via mobile phones and email

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556 **Law Department** Mr. Guidetti had no report.

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558 **Unfinished business** Councilor Hanneken stated no one denies that repairing Macedonia's roads is
559 essential. Continuing Ms. Hanneken explained that Macedonia has managed many capital expenditures
560 within the 1.75% rate structure, particularly in 2015 when there were several ODOT projects. The one-
561 quarter percent rate falling off June 30, 2017 was earmarked for the Recreation Center and was never a
562 part of the General Fund. Ms. Hanneken said Council minority offered this evening to keep the rate at
563 least at 2%. Ms. Hanneken mentioned that Macedonia should be receiving about \$300,000 annually from
564 NEORS D as a result of the fee imposed by the sewer district on all residents, funds that off-sets the cost
565 of local storm water improvements like the retention basin at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Ms. Hanneken
566 feels strongly in prioritizing the budget, particularly capital improvement whereby allocating more
567 revenue to capital and less to operating. Clarifying previous comments Ms. Hanneken said she did not
568 say the budget should be limited to the amount spent last year but to use last year's numbers as a base line
569 then increment or decrement the budget as needed. That is proper budget planning Ms. Hanneken stated
570 as is done in the Department of Defense and as it is done within some local businesses with whom Ms.
571 Hanneken reached-out to. Ms. Hanneken added she would like to engage with department heads but
572 unlike Council majority the administration has not given her the same opportunity. Ms. Hanneken added
573 too that she welcomes open dialogue with all members of Council. Ms. Hanneken encouraged Council to
574 follow a process of budgeting that makes sense by understanding the needs and adjusting budget were

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575 needed instead of always just asking for more money. Ms. Hanneken complained that plans and proposals
576 just come forth and already blessed by Council majority.

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578 Law Director Guidetti cautioned Ms. Hanneken about her last comment to which Ms. Hanneken took
579 offense and told Mr. Guidetti, "It is true, I have observed it, sir. I saw them in the Mayor's office"

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581 Law Director Guidetti cautioned Ms. Hanneken again asking if she knew, actually heard the conversation
582 because her statement implies Council majority violated the Open Meetings Act.

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584 Ms. Hanneken responded, "I saw Ms. Hall and Mr. Bilkie speaking with Migliorini. Did they speak with
585 other council people, how are we going to prove that?" .

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587 Mayor Migliorini interjected the administration has a 5-year capital plan contrary to Ms. Hanneken's
588 opinion. The plan will be on the City's website. Currently, for 2017 there is \$2.5 million dollars worth
589 of capital needs and over the next five years \$41 million dollars. Mayor Migliorini reminded Ms.
590 Hanneken that Macedonia's share of funding from NEORD is only available to Macedonia after a plan of
591 action is blessed and approved by NEORS.

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593 Discussion ensued heartedly regarding the differing opinions about budgeting methods, interpreting the
594 annual budget, the proposed 5-year plan and the use of the emergency fund and the retirement fund.

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596 Regarding another matter, Council President Molnar reminded residents of the eCommerce Safety Zone
597 designated in the City Center parking lot. This area is the safe zone to exchange the sale or purchases of
598 goods made via the Internet or Facebook. Councilor Molnar mentioned that that he and team of other
599 elected officials; Mayor Migliorini, Mayor Nehez and the trustees from Sagamore Hills and Northfield
600 made a presentation about civics, local government, entertained Q &A with the Nordonia Hills High
601 school students. Several good ideas came forth, one of which is reducing the cost of membership to the
602 Recreation Center for high school students commensurate with senior citizen discounts. Also, for
603 members of the student council to work with Recreation Director Manley towards creating more
604 interesting local activities for Nordonia Hills teenagers. Relative to another issue, Mr. Molnar spoke to
605 Macedonia's Final 2015 Audit Report by Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost entitled "Financial Health
606 Indicators" in which color coded indicators and a linear chart of 17 items illustrate Macedonia's financial
607 strengths and weaknesses. Mr. Molnar explained the green indicator presents a positive outlook, yellow,
608 cautionary and red, critical. Of the 17 areas Macedonia received two yellow and one red, all others were
609 green. The first yellow indicator pertains to unrestricted net assets, the second yellow to changes in
610 General Fund Income Tax revenue and the red, the worst was in General Revenue. The full report will be
611 uploaded to Macedonia's website Mr. Molnar stated. Mr. Molnar thanked resident Melissa Granke for
612 her comments this evening as well as for posting an article from Cleveland.com in which it was reported
613 how the loss of local tax sharing is having dramatic effects cities, counties and school budgets. Governor
614 Kasich improved the state budgets on the backs of the local government Mr. Molnar stated and now
615 communities are trying to make-up the loss revenue. Regarding lighting that the ball fields, Mr. Molnar
616 stated one thing he learned in business is to work towards a business' strengths not its weaknesses. One
617 of Macedonia's strengths is its ball fields; they are booked from mid April until the end of October,
618 everyday, all day. Lighting only enhances the use of the fields for longer periods. And since the ball
619 fields are revenue generating why investing in lightening is even being questioned is troublesome to Mr.
620 Molnar.

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622 **New business** Councilor Tulley acknowledged the passing of longtime Macedonia firefighter Paula
623 Fowles.

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625 Chief Black interjected that Ms. Fowles, a Macedonia resident and registered nurse began working for
626 Macedonia's fire department in 1979. Ms. Fowles was one of the first two female firefighters in Summit
627 County. Ms. Fowles was well thought of, hard working and dedicated Chief Black stated.

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629 Resident Vini Ventura added that he worked with Ms. Fowles in crises management and her tireless
630 personality worried for others, never for herself.

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632 There being no further business before council, the meeting was adjourned unanimously on a voice vote
633 at 9:50pm