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Regular Council Meeting
January 14, 2016

Presiding Officer, Mayor Joseph Migliorini called the January 14 regular meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION Commodore Jim Sobek, Nordonia VFW Post 6768

MINUTES Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to approve the minutes of regular meetings of November 12, 2015 and December 10, 2015. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote with Mr. Bilkie abstaining.

■■■■ 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 closed and Mr. Bilkie's motion nominating Mr. Molnar to position of council president carried unanimously on a voice vote. **Mr. Molnar elected Council President for year 2016**

Council Vice-President

Mr. Engle moved to nominate Ms. Hanneken to the position of council vice president. There was no second to Mr. Engle's motion

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

There being no further nominations, nominations closed and Mr. Molnar's motion nominating Mr. Engle to position of council vice president carried unanimously on a voice vote. **Mr. Engle elected Council Vice President for year 2016**

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

Mr. Engle moved, Ms. Hanneken seconded to nominate Ms. Hanneken to the position of council representative to Parks & Recreation Commission

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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

Ayes: Bilkie, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: Engle and Hanneken
Motion carried. **Mr. Bilkie elected council representative to the Parks & Recreation Commission for year 2016**

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.

Mr. Engle moved, Ms. Hanneken seconded to nominate Ms. Hanneken to position of chair of the Finance Committee.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

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

Ayes: Bilkie, Molnar and Tulley
Nays: Engle and Hanneken
Motion carried. **Ms. Tulley elected chair of Finance Committee of the Whole for year 2016**

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Council Committee Assignments Councilor Tulley is Macedonia's representative to Cemetery Board. Regarding all other assignments Council President Molnar asked each member to provide their desired positions by the end of this meeting for announcement at the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

~**Vini Ventura, 1479 Bruce Road**, thanked Mayor Migliorini and service department personnel under the direction of Acting Service Director Hnottavange for opening Sioux and Ledge Road before the holidays as promised. Mr. Ventura also thanked Chief Golden and others he collaborated with to keep 911 emergency mobile calls local. Recent changes in state law would have required 911 emergency mobile calls be diverted to a regionalized call center (Stow) before being relayed back to Macedonia's dispatch center Mr. Ventura stated. As a 42-year veteran of law enforcement Mr. Ventura understands full well the precious time lost when mobile emergency calls are bounced from one call center to another. As more consumers depend on mobile devices it is imperative that emergency calls remain as close to the emergency as possible to insure fast and accurate response.

~**Tom McLaughlin, 1587 Bruce Road** congratulated Mayor Migliorini on his election. Mr. McLaughlin expressed disappointment and frustration Macedonia's engineering staff regarding recent road work. Bruce Rd's poor condition has been an ongoing problem which continues to fall on deaf ears Mr. McLaughlin complained. Bruce Rd was resurfaced 2-years ago. But in the 43-years he has lived on Bruce work on the road was performed only one other time. The berms were also repaired once and that was just two years ago at the time the road was resurfaced. Mr. McLaughlin complained that what was done two years ago is already deteriorating. He complained too that the job remains incomplete as the edge line on his side of Bruce was never applied.

Councilor Tulley interjected that Bonnie does not have edge lines on both sides of the road either. From what she has been told the contractor is due back to complete the markings.

Councilor Hanneken questioned how long the City has been aware of this issue to which Mr. McLaughlin responded another resident complained to Council during the council meetings several weeks ago.

Mayor Migliorini suggested the only viable solution the roads in Highland Homes and road in other older subdivisions is to widen the roads by moving ditch lines back and rebuilding the berms. The roads are just too narrow and the sides take a terrible beating and are continually damaged by heavy vehicles like those used for snow and garbage removal and deliveries. Mayor Migliorini said he would prefer not to invest any further into resurfacing until the primary issue gets resolved.

Council President Molnar asked Mr. Hnottavange if service crew cut berm in-house to which he answered not in the last four to five years. Mr. Molnar asked if the latest repair in Highland Homes included berm work to which Mr. Hnottavange answered that it did.

Building Commissioner Hlad interjected the contractor will be returning to complete the edge markings.

Councilor Hanneken commented on poor conditions of the berms throughout the city and questioned Mr. Hlad why they continue to be a problem even after they have been repaired to which Mr. Hlad answered poor drainage is the reason.

~**Cathy Loya of 9186 N. Bedford Road** expressed concern Council will hold the Mayor's appointment of Cuyahoga Valley Engineering. GPD Engineering completed its study regarding Bedford and Ledge storm water drainage and Council owes it to the residents, the constituents in this area to act quickly by appointing CVE. Storm water problems in the area of Bedford and Ledge do not need further study Ms. Loya stated. The problem has been there, will continue to be there. It is not going away until something is done Ms. Loya added.

~**Shirley Koth of 902 Eileen Drive** expressed her concern that since a line item budget is not being used this budget year that the reason a line item budget was introduced in the first place may still in fact be an issue. Ms. Koth's mentions this she said so the administration remains mindful of past problems in this regard. Regarding other matters, Ms. Koth requested that the various board and commission agendas be posted the City's website earlier than they are currently. Ms. Koth suggested legal notices which normally only appearing the *NewsLeader* also be posted on the City's website. Ms. Koth mentioned that the berms on Eileen Drive have all but disappeared and that she has noticed that twice a day Hudson school buses come through Eileen in order to get back to Valley View Road. Ms. Koth questioned if it was legal to use Macedonia has a cut-through.

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Mayor Migliorini, Chief Golden and Mr. Hnottavange explained the same that Eileen is a public road and that it is a much safer route than Hudson buses using the turnaround on Valley View that is meant for this purpose. Explaining further they stated the visibility of the turnaround and the dip in the road at the corporate lines of Macedonia and Hudson is not good and given there are new restrictions about buses moving in reverse the use of Eileen is a reasonable alternative.

~**Roy Metzel of Smokerise** congratulated re-elected and elected officials Messer's Migliorini, Molnar and Bilkie. Mr. Metzel commented on the efficiencies of the departments of police, fire and service; the efficiencies of year's leaf removal program and the civility he witnessed during the last couple of council meetings. Mr. Metzel opined Ohio checkbook is not needed.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION

RES. NO. 164- 2015 [S. Hanneken]

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA CONFORMANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PURCHASING CONTROLS AND PROPER PUBLIC PURPOSE EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENTS was offered by Ms. Hanneken for its **second reading by title only**. Second not required.

RES. NO. 3- 2016

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK GUIDETTI AS THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND THOMAS HANCULAK AS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW, AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES was **offered** by Ms. Tulley for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

Relative to RES. NO. 3-2016 Mayor Migliorini mentioned that Mr. Guidetti was born in Macedonia and attended Nordonia schools.

ORD. NO. 4- 2016

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DONALD F. SHEEHY, P.E., P.S. OF CHAGRIN VALLEY ENGINEERING L.T.D., AS ENGINEER FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA 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 ORD. NO. 4-2016** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 4-2016 declared adopted.**

Regarding ORD. NO. 4-2016, Mayor Migliorini introduced Principal Engineer Don Sheehy and Engineer Joe Gillotti.

ORD. NO. 5 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JOHN HNOTTAVANGE AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF MACEDONIA 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 ORD. NO. 5-2016** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 5-2016 declared adopted.**

Relative to ORD. NO. 5-2016, Mayor Migliorini mentioned during his first tenure as mayor he appointed Mr. Hnottavange to the service department. Mr. Hnottavange left Macedonia for awhile but was reappointed to the service department 10-years ago. Mr. Hnottavange is a good example Mayor Migliorini stated of rank and file, working from within to achieve a leadership role. Mr. Hnottavange introduced his mother who is still a resident of Macedonia and his wife Heather and youngest daughter Payton.

ORD. NO. 6 - 2016

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A FUND TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUNDS TO NEW LINE ITEM 101.150.5346 TO MEET UNPAID OBLIGATIONS FROM 2015 was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

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ORD. NO. 7- 2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF MACEDONIA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 8- 2016

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 3-2012 MAKING MEMBERS ELECTED TO COUNCIL ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY'S HEALTH CARE PLAN was **offered** by Ms. Tulley for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

ORD. NO. 9- 2016 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CITY ELECTED OFFICIAL'S ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE RECREATION FEE DISCOUNTS TO MACEDONIA FAMILY RECREATION CENTER was **offered** by Ms. Tulley for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

Relative to ORD. NOS. 8 & 9-2016, Councilor Tulley explained she offered each for its first reading in order to provide an opportunity for residents to comment. Ms. Tulley opined elected part-time officials should not be eligible to receive health benefits when part-time employees are ineligible. Ms. Tulley said she has received only one comment for continuing to provide health benefits to members of Council. The reasoning being to provide an incentive to run for elected office. During the last four elections health benefits in her opinion were not a driving force.

RES. NO. 10 2016

A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE CITY OF MACEDONIA TO PARTICIPATE IN OHIO CHECKBOOK.COM was **offered** by Ms. Hanneken for its **first reading**. Second not required.

RES. NO. 11- 2016

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF KENNETH GREER TO THE MACEDONIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY MACEDONIA 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 all three 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 RES. NO. 11-2016** and post according to law. **RES. NO. 11-2016 declared adopted.**

RES. NO. 12- 2016

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN BARTOLOZZI TO THE MACEDONIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION 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 all three 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 RES. NO. 12-2016** and post according to law. **RES. NO. 12-2016 declared adopted.**

MOTIONS/ OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION None

CORRESPONDENCE: Email from Larry Kerr to Chief Golden commending Macedonia's police department particularly Patrolman Nick Szaibel for quickly and professionally responding a vehicular accident in which Mr. Kerr was involved

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor requested ODOT reduce the speed limit within the construction at the east end of Route 82 to 25mph for duration of road widening.
- Mayor reported issue with signal light trip at Shepard at 82 has been resolved.
- Mayor reported Mayor's Court revenue for December was \$29,345.32.
- Mayor mentioned a collaborative meeting being held next week between GPD Engineering and Cuyahoga Valley Engineering regarding Macedonia's ongoing projects including but not limited to the Bedford/Ledge Storm Water Drain Study completed by GPD.

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- Mayor reported he met with NEORS D officials regarding the storm water fee Macedonia resident will begin paying again with their water bills. Mayor optimistically anticipates allocation of funds from NEORD fee which will help defray the costs of Macedonia large storm water projects.
- Mayor reported the Ambassador Soccer is on agenda for February 1st special of the Planning Commission. Mayor met with residents of S. Bedford to learn their concerns/complaints about the facility and subsequently met twice with agents of the soccer facility to insure residents' concerns/complaints are being heard. Mayor opined Ambassador us exceeding expectations by complying with requests for aesthetics, mounding, sound control, fencing, positive drainage and a retention area.

Councilor Hanneken interjected that a major concern of S. Bedford Road residents has been the height of building. Ms. Hanneken questioned Mayor Migliorini if that will continue to be a concern to which he answered that no variances will be requested and none will be given. Ambassador is responsible however for complying with the requirements of light-industrial zoning. Mayor Migliorini opined while wearing his real estate hat that it is better to have an indoor soccer facility in one's backyard than any other type of permitted light-industry. Mayor Migliorini added Ambassador's officials are allowing Nordonian high school football team to use the soccer facility for indoor practice and during the second phase of construction have committed to installing a turning lane from S. Bedford Road. A Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted regarding all of the above relative to the first and second phase of construction he added

Councilor Hanneken asked if height of the building during the second phase of construction will be made to comply with light industrial zoning to which Mayor Migliorini answered yes.

Councilor Tulley suggested Mayor Migliorini negotiate that Nordonian's soccer teams can also use the facility for indoor practice.

- Mayor Migliorini announced he will be introducing legislation to place ¼ % income tax increase on the ballot. Last year Council voted against placing the same question introduced by Mayor Kuchta on the ballot. Residents should be given the opportunity to speak for themselves, decide what they are willing to pay for Mayor Migliorini stated. The City will never, ever catch up with the number of roads that need to be repaired estimated to cost from \$20-30 million dollars unless there is a specific flow of revenue earmarked for this purpose he said. Increasing taxes is not a pleasant alternative. Macedonia's portion of real estate tax has not increased since 1967. The city receives 8.5-9 cents per every dollar of property tax. The school system receives the lion's share of property tax, the balance of which is distributed to the county and other agencies and therefore income tax revenue is the life blood of a community. Mayor Migliorini mentioned that AMATs informed local officials today that the state continues for reduce funding so have no expectations of outside revenue. The burden of road maintenance is falling to each locality Mayor Migliorini stated. Paving projects at \$300,000 of mile cannot continue to deplete the general fund. Mayor Migliorini reported an anticipated carryover of \$1.2 million dollars compared to \$3.2 million last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Director Hnottavange advised residents to report downed street polls because they remain active "hot" until capped. Mr. Hnottavange reminded the public that pot hole repairs for the most part are call generated so call and report pot holes. Mr. Hnottavange urged caution to by not standing close to the roadway when snow plows are clearing the roads.

Building Commissioner Commissioner Hlad congratulated Mr. Hnottavange on his appointment to service director and Chagrin Valley Engineers on their appointment as the City's engineers. Mr. Hlad mentioned he has known Mr. Sheehy since 1989 and looks forward to working with him and with Mr. Gillotti. Regarding current projects, Mr. Hlad reported footers for The Avenue are being poured as weather permits. Mr. Hlad announced that Ms. Milani announced her resignation and therefore her position will be posted.

Engineer Mr. Fini was not present.

Recreation Department Ms. Manley thanked Council for the reappointment and new appointment to Park & Recreation Commission. Ms. Manley congratulated Mr. Hnottavange on his appointment to

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director of service; adding Mr. Hnottavange has been nothing but extremely attentive to the needs as the park and recreation facility. Ms. Manley announced the survey regarding the future needs and wants of Macedonia's parks and the Recreation Center has been released and is available Rec Center's Facebook [page. At www.macrec.com and www.macedonia.oh.us.

Mayor Migliorini thanked Ms. Manley and her team for what he described as a well thought-out and prepared survey.

Finance Department

Fire Department Chief Black reported that the fire department responded to 1653 calls in 2015 compared to 1366 in 2014. Of the 1653 calls, 1250 were EMS related. Regarding the horrific, fatal house explosion in Northfield Center, Chief Black mentioned there is a debriefing scheduled with a chaplain for all the fire/emergency and police personnel who responded to the tragedy.

Police Department Chief Golden reminded residents that the SR82 southbound ramp will be closed from January 18 -23rd during the hours of 7pm -6am in order to mobilize the crane to install a sound barrier. This information will be posted on the police department's Facebook page and well as there will be Nixle alerts.

Mayor Migliorini interjected that during the power outage several weeks ago the Internet was down so Nixle could not be utilized. The Internet issue has since been resolved to avert any similar future situation by adding Verizon to Macedonia's two other providers, Windstream and Time Warner Cable. The Mayor reminded residents not to call 911 or Macedonia's non emergency police access number when there is a power outage because it strains the lines for real emergency calls.

Councilor Hanneken interjected that Ohio Edison's website provides the reason for outage(s).

Law Department Mr. Guidetti had no report.

Unfinished business Council President Molnar congratulated Mr. Hnottavange on his appointment to service director, describing Mr. Hnottavange's abilities as omnipotent. Mr. Molnar also commended service department personnel for their readiness during recent snow events. It is not uncommon to be clearing roads for 12-16 hours Mr. Molnar stated. This is a tiring and demanding aspect of the service department for which Mr. Molnar expressed high regards. Mr. Molnar asked Mayor Migliorini and Mr. Hnottavange as well as engineering personnel to remain responsive to Mr. McLaughlin's concerns

New business None.

There being no further business before council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm