

Record of Proceedings

Regular Council Meeting

September 28, 2017

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Joseph Migliorini called the September 28, 2017 regular meeting to order at
2 7:30pm.

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4 **Present:** Council President Nick Molnar and Council Members' Kevin Bilkie, Sylvia Hanneken
5 and Jan Tulley; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci

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7 **Absent:** Councilor David Engle
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9 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by City Chaplin Commodore Tom O'Brien of the
10 Nordonia Hills American Legion Post 801.

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12 **MINUTES** Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice
13 vote to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of September 14, 2017.
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15 **AWARD PRESENTATION** **Auditor of State Award to City of Macedonia**

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17 On behalf of the City of Macedonia, Finance Director Hall received the **Auditor of State Award** that was
18 presented by Lindsay Koon Blair on behalf of Auditor of the State, Dave Yost. Ms. Blair stated
19 Macedonia received **Auditor of State Award** this because of exemplary financial reporting in accordance
20 with Generally Accept Accounting Principles (GAAP) for audit year 2016. A clean audit Ms. Blair
21 explained is not an easy achievement given the numerous regulatory and compliance requirements.
22 Macedonia's audit of year 2016 was clean because there were no material weaknesses, no significances
23 deficiencies, no noncompliance issues and no management letter comments. Ms. Blair stated that the
24 office of the Auditor of State audits about 5900 governmental entities throughout the state and very few
25 receive a clean audit let alone receiving the **Auditor of State Award** so this is a substantial
26 accomplishment for Macedonia and it is the first award Macedonia has received to which Ms. Blair
27 commended Director Hall and Ms. Hall's finance department team: Patty Kurcsak, Andrea Maye, Lisa
28 Hamrick and Laura Welsh.
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30 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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32 ~**Cathy Loya , 9186 N. Bedford Road**, questioned the timetable relative to the demolition of the home at
33 883 Iroquois Run and what is being done relative to the run-off under the Ledge Road Bridge. Ms. Loya
34 also asked when NEORS is making its presentation to the public. Ms. Loya commended Macedonia
35 service department for what they accomplished during the first phase of Veterans Memorial Park. Ms.
36 Loya added their accomplishment has provided a huge asset for all Nordonia residents to enjoy.
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38 Engineer Gigliotti informed Ms. Loya mobilization of the Iroquois property will be within the next couple
39 of weeks.
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41 Service Director Hnottavange informed Ms. Loya that debris obstructing Ledge Road storm sewers that
42 caused the run-off has since been cleared.
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44 Councilor Tulley commended Mr. and Mrs. Loya as members of the Western Reserve Community Band
45 who performed during groundbreaking ceremony for the Veterans Memorial Park.
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92 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to **adopt RES.**
93 **NO. 90-2017** and post same according to law. The motion carried. **RES. NO. 90-2017 declared adopted**

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96 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION(S)**

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98 ~~~~Ms. Hanneken moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote
99 authorizing the Police Chief to accept on behalf of the City of Macedonia a donation Five Hundred
100 Dollars (\$500.00) from Lakefront Floor Covering for Macedonia's K-9 Unit.

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102 **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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104 ~~~Numerous hank you notes to Mayor Migliorini from first grade class of St. Barnabas School.

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106 **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

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108 ~ Mayor reported the Wizard of Oz Festival, the first of its kind event ever held in Longwood Park last
109 week-end went well considering it was a new event and it was not sponsored by the City. While some
110 clichés in Mayor Migliorini's opinion the event went better than expected. According to event planner
111 Don Davis, there were 15,000 attendees.

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113 ~Mayor reported plans for Route 8 curb cut on the east side of the Crossings at Golden Link are
114 progressing. The project will be 100% assessed to all the business properties within that commercial site.
115 The new road will be a right in and right out only which will be a relief value for Routes 8 & 82
116 intersection. The intersection handles between \$42,000-\$45,000 vehicles daily with 8,000 vehicles
117 entering The Crossings on a daily basis. The Mayor added Route 82 traffic would be greatly relieved
118 even further if there were three westbound lanes from The Crossings to Northfield Center.

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120 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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122 **Finance Committee** Ms. Tulley announced forthcoming finance meetings in preparation of the 2018
123 budget on October 19th, November 2nd, November 16th and December 7th with all meetings beginning at
124 6pm. The informational gathering process will be the same as the last two years, that is, the
125 administration, the mayor and department heads will present their operating budgets and capital
126 improvement needs. The goal this year is to adopt the 2018 budget by year's end Ms. Tulley added.

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128 **Longwood Manor Historical Society** Chairman John Cassmer reported the Manor House received a
129 milestone in that the house safety inspection went well. Chief Black has given approval for tours of the
130 Manor House with no more than 15 people in the house at one time and limited to the first floor only.
131 The LMHS is planning its first Open House/Tour October 29th from 1-5pm

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133 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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135 **Service Department** Director Hnottavange announced that spot patching will resume next week on
136 Merline and Briarwood and that street trees have been ordered for the subdivisions of Thousand Oaks,
137 Park View Estates, Canyon Woods and Bel Air. This tree order completes all new plantings within the

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138 City Mr. Hnottavange added. The director announced that he is seeking quotes for stump grinding for
139 the 51 of 96 stumps that have yet been removed. The director announced that the leaf collection program
140 is tentatively scheduled to begin on October 16th. Mr. Hnottavange mentioned that the method of
141 collection is being revamped in that the City is going to be divided into three major sections. The director
142 is hopeful collecting in concentrated areas will prove to be a more efficient. Residents were reminded
143 leaves should not be pushed into the street, nor covering storm water catch basin or within ditches.

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145 Mayor Migliorini commended the service department once again for the beautiful outcome of the
146 Veterans Memorial Park. Mayor Migliorini mentioned that service employee Ron Firem was personally
147 connected and dedicated to the outcome of the park as his father died last year from exposure to Agent
148 Orange during the Viet Nam War. In memory of his father, Mr. Firem encapsulated his father's military
149 medal and planted it under the footer of the monument Mayor Migliorini stated. The Mayor mentioned
150 that members of the American Legion 801 Dan Davis and Frank Posar and David Pristash personally
151 helped lay the bricks around the memorial. About 100 attended the dedication for which there were two
152 keynote speakers. The Western Reserve Community Band set the stage for the wonderful event the
153 Mayor added. The \$10,000 donation to the park received from Brock Milstein of Northfield Rocksino
154 will be used Mayor Migliorini stated towards the construction of a restroom at the park.

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156 Councilor Tulley questioned the Mayor if anyone in the City knows where the 100 Year Time Capsule is
157 located within Veterans Memorial Park so that it can be properly marked before the second phase of
158 improvements is made to the park.

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160 **Building Commissioner**

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162 **Engineer** Mr. Gigliotti announced that the application of final coat began last Wednesday to the seven
163 streets in this year's road program with the expectation that application will be completed by next week.
164 Thereafter the contractor will begin the preventive maintenance and miscellaneous asphalt part of
165 Macedonia's roads. The second sound wall at the off ramp at I271 and Route 82 is substantially complete
166 Mr. Gigliotti announced. He also announced that the retention pond at the Preserve of Valley View was
167 cleaned earlier today.

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169 Council President Molnar asked Mr. Gigliotti to elaborate on the method used to repair Macedonia's
170 roads because rumors abound that Macedonia has incorporated the cheapest method and therefore the
171 repairs are not going to last and to also explain how driveway aprons are going to be repaired.

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173 Mr. Gigliotti explained that with the method used it is estimated that the repairs will last 20-years and
174 longer with proper preventative maintenance. Regarding driveway aprons, Mr. Gigliotti explained that
175 the contractor will take first two feet of each drive apron to create a smooth transition between the new
176 level of the street and the level of the drive.

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178 **Recreation Department** Director Manley thanked the Mayor and Council for the replacement
179 appointment of Brad Wisnieski as the new marketing and membership's co-coordinator. Ms. Manley
180 mentioned the pools have been closed for two weeks to resurface the original surfaces. The pool pumps
181 and motors were removed for service as well.

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183 **Finance Department** Director Hall thanked everyone for their well-wishes regarding the Auditor of
184 State Award. Ms. Hall commended Patty Kurcsak and Andrea Maye, finance department full-time

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185 employees whom she inherited as well as part-time employees Lisa Hamrick and Laura Welsh hired since
186 Ms. Hall's own appointment. Ms. Hall mentioned the senior snow plow applications have been reviewed.
187 Seniors meeting the criteria for the program this year will be advised by the service department. The
188 finance department will be notifying seniors not meeting the criteria. Seniors not meeting the criteria will
189 be given the opportunity to pay for their plowing at the same low rate as the city's contract Ms. Hall
190 stated. Ms. Hall reported she has prepared a draft of the Income Tax Refund Application which she has
191 sent to R.I.T.A for its review.

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193 Councilor Hanneken commended Ms. Hall and her staff regarding the Auditor of State Award.
194 Regarding the most revenue report, Ms. Hanneken expressed concern that fire department overtime at
195 100%. Ms. Hanneken asked Ms. Hall how much of that can be attributed to the fire contracts with
196 Northfield Center and Sagamore Hills. Ms. Hanneken also asked Ms. Hall if she has created a cost center
197 relative to the fire contracts and if Ms. Hall created a cost center relative to the work at the Veterans
198 Memorial Park.

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200 Ms. Hall explained to Ms. Hanneken regarding overtime that its increased because part-time firefighters
201 are always willing to work even though they've been assigned shifts therefore full-timers must take the
202 shifts. Explaining further Ms. Hall stated since part-timers are not paid unless they've worked allocation
203 of part-time dollars is being moved to overtime. Ms. Hall said she does not have a cost center for either
204 the fire department or for the work performed at the park. Ms. Hall added however has created a separate
205 fund for donation received on behalf of the Veterans Memorial Park improvements.

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207 Mayor Migliorini interjected the city has received donations and grants one of which was from NOPEC
208 which the city had been drawing on the make the improvements. The cost of labor has been taken from
209 service operating if that is Ms. Hanneken's primary concern Mayor Migliorini stated.

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211 **Fire Department** Lt. Rob Lewis in Chief Black's absence had no report.

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213 **Police Department** Chief Golden was not present.

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

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217 **Unfinished business**

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219 **New business**

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221 There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned unanimously on voice vote at
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