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Regular Council Meeting
January 25, 2018

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Joseph Migliorini called the January 25 regular meeting to order at 7:34pm.

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3 **Present:** Council members' Kevin Bilkie, Jessica Brandt, Nick Molnar, Jan Tulley and Vini J.
4 Ventura; Law Director Mark Guidetti and Council Clerk Josephine Arceci.

5 **Absent:**

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7 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION** City Chaplin Commander Tom O'Brien, Nordonia Hills
8 American Legion #801

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10 **MINUTES** Mr. Bilkie moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote
11 to approve the minutes of regular meeting of January 11, 2018.
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13 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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15 ~ **Shirley Koth, 902 Eileen Drive**, questioned the allocation of the annual \$20.80 WM&E fee (Water,
16 Maintenance and Emergency) and if the trash receptacle ordinance was being enforced. Ms. Koth said
17 she recalled a portion of the WM&E funds were going to be reallocated and recalls the WM&E form was
18 supposed to indicate for what purpose. Ms. Koth thought appointing a Charter Review Commission was a
19 good idea as well as increasing the length of time of Council's work sessions. Ms. Koth feels lengthier
20 work sessions provide the opportunity for more in-depth dialogue between Council and the
21 administration. Regarding the proposed Charter amendments, Ms. Koth is not convinced the composition
22 of Council should return to six or that the Mayor should be responsible for breaking a tie vote, reiterating
23 a Commission's review of the proposed amendments was the appropriate avenue.
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25 Mayor Migliorini explained to Ms. Koth the annual WM&E fee is used to clean, flush and maintain fire
26 hydrants and to replace them when damaged. Council reallocated a portion of the WM&E fund in order
27 purchase leaf removal equipment as part of the storm water maintenance program. Mayor Migliorini
28 explained that technically Macedonia's water lines owned by the City of Cleveland. This ownership was
29 restated by ordinance/agreement in 2016. Per the agreement Cleveland is responsible for paying and
30 replacing deteriorated lines. Affirmation of this is legislation on tonight's agenda to replace two lines,
31 one at the east end of Shepard Hills Blvd and the other Robin Lane at a cost of about \$400,000 for which
32 Cleveland Water is paying. Regarding the trash receptacle ordinance, Mayor Migliorini informed Ms.
33 Koth that no citations have been issued. The zoning inspector is simply issuing letters reminding
34 residents where trash receptacles should be stored.
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36 A brief discussion ensued about the large size of the two receptacles each household received free from
37 Republic Waste Management; one for trash the other for recyclables and the difficulty of moving and
38 storing the cumbersome containers particularly for the elderly and particularly during the winter season.
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40 Councilor Bilkie agreed with Ms. Koth about extending the length of work sessions. Mr. Bilkie also
41 agreed with setting time aside before works session for one-on-one conversations with residents which
42 Councilor Ventura had suggested.
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44 Mayor Migliorini interjected that it was he as council president his early years of office who first
45 introduced work sessions. During those years work sessions were held on alternating Thursdays from
46 council meetings, the first and third of each month.
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48 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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50 **ORD. NO. 110 - 2017**

51 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 182.01(B), 182.03 AND 182.04(A) OF
52 THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO IN ORDER TO INCREASE
53 THE CITY'S INCOME TAX RATE BY ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (1/4%) STARTING JULY 1,
54 2018 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER; AND SUBMITTING SAME TO THE ELECTORS MAY 8,
55 2018 was **offered** by Ms. Tulley **for its third reading by title only**. Second not required.
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57 Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to amend**
58 **ORD. NO. 110-2017 were applicable by the changing the percentage allocated to fire, police and**
59 **service as follows: Increasing fire allocation from 35% to 40% ; Decreasing police allocation from**
60 **35% to 30% and decreasing the allocation to service from 40% to 30%.**
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66 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded to **adopt ORD.NO. 110-2017 as amended** and posted same
67 according to law.

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69 Roll call: Ayes: Bilkie*, Brandt**, Molnar***, Tulley****, Ventura*****
70 Nays: None
71 Motion carried.

72 **ORD. NO. 110-2017 declared adopted as amended**

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74 Relative to ORD. NO. 110-2017 and prior to roll call Mayor Migliorini stated for years Macedonia has
75 “robbed Peter to pay Paul” because it has never had enough money to maintain operating expenses.
76 Exacerbating Macedonia’s financial situation is the state has reduced community share dollars by
77 \$650,000 each year for the last six years. Macedonia has also lost inheritance and intangible taxes
78 because of changes in state law. The Mayor said the administration is making a concerted effort to keep
79 operating costs down: employees have not received a raise in two years and the health coverage plan was
80 changed. But it’s important that Macedonia get on par with other communities in order to keep good,
81 qualified and well-trained employees because Macedonia continues to lose employees to other
82 communities with higher pay scales. Revenue is needed for other reasons as well. The police department
83 needs a canopy to cover thousands of dollars worth of police vehicles, the fire needs to replace an aerial
84 ladder truck that is well over 25 years old and service department needs a building to house costly trucks
85 and equipment. If the levy is successful the Mayor promised the administration will not pursue renewing
86 the 1 mill fire levy. This levy generates between \$380,000 and \$420,000 annually. To the owner of a
87 \$200,000 home this means \$60 per year in property taxes. The recent tax increase for the roads Mayor
88 Migliorini has become a reality. Now it is time to fund police, fire and service. The administration
89 promised if the quarter percent tax increase passed roads would be repaired. That promise was kept, the
90 process began immediately. Last fall almost \$1Million dollars worth of roads were improved. This year
91 another 40 roads will be done. In addition, a credit is available to residents who apply relative to the
92 quarter percent for the roads. Mayor Migliorini explained Macedonia is not alone in seeking to increase
93 in its income tax rate. Many communities are doing the same to avoid increasing residential property
94 taxes. The Mayor also explained that in order to generate the same amount of money as a quarter percent
95 income tax increase would generate would require a property tax levy of 3.5 mills. This would mean to
96 the owner of a \$200,000 home a property tax \$200 per year he added. Mayor Migliorini expressed hope
97 residents will understand why there is need to increase the income tax and then support it.

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99 Also prior to roll call Mr. Bilkie asked Service Director Hnottavange, Chief Black and Chief Golden to
100 expound on the needs in their respective departments.

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102 Service Director Hnottavange explained more revenue would provide for additional manpower and the
103 possibility of a new service facility. Additional manpower would alleviate postponing projects that
104 constantly get set aside because of limited staffing. Crews could be dedicated to specific tasks instead of
105 having to redirect them to other projects. During snow events Mr. Hnottavange said only six trucks are
106 on the roads, two less than in the early 1990’s, when in truth the City has more lane miles to plow than it
107 had thirty years ago. Regarding a new service garage, presently there is over \$900,000 worth of vehicles
108 and equipment parked out in the elements year round for the lack of a storage facility Mr. Hnottavange
109 stated. A revenue stream would allow for purchasing equipment on rotation basis. This means instead of
110 purchasing equipment all at one time (and having them deteriorate all at one time) at least some vehicles
111 in the fleet and equipment remain functional and operational. Establishing annual revenue specifically
112 earmarked for the service department allows for a realistic and attainable Five-Year Plan Mr.
113 Hnottavange added.

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115 Chief Black explained that the fire department’s aerial ladder truck is actually 27 years old. The useful
116 life of a latter truck is about 20 years. Macedonia’s truck has 1990 technology and safety devices. Income
117 tax dollars would be used towards replacing it. Monies would also be used to hire more part-time fighters
118 because part-time employees are most cost effective. The Chief mentioned the fire department is willing
119 to sundown the 5-year, 1 mill renewal levy for a percentage of the quarter percent income tax increase.
120 The fire department also supports eliminating the property tax because it will help Macedonia’s senior
121 citizen population.

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123 Councilor Bilkie asked Chief Black the difference in pay between Macedonia part-timer firefighters
124 compared to other communities to which the Chief did not specify a dollar amount but said many
125 communities pay well over Macedonia’s rate of \$17.50 per hour and that is why Macedonia continues to
126 have difficulty hiring and keeping qualified, well-trained and certified firefighter/paramedics.

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128 Councilor Ventura interjected, stating he works for the Village of Oakwood, a community that is 3.7
129 square miles with a population of 3700; a community half the size of Macedonia yet Oakwood’s
130 firefighters/paramedics earns 17.50 per hour. The same amount of money for half as much work.

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131 Macedonia needs parity Councilor Ventura stated. Part-time firefighters/paramedic need more financial
132 incentive to work and stay in Macedonia.

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134 Councilor Brandt asked Chief Black to explain how the fire department's budget has been effected by
135 implementing the fire district. Some residents are questioning Ms. Brandt stated why the fire department
136 needs more revenue when Sagamore Hills and Northfield Center residents are paying for the service
137 Macedonia is providing.

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139 Chief Black answered; the fee of the fire contracts, the fee each community pays covers the cost of
140 manpower. This money was used to appoint additional firefighters to handle the increase in call volume.
141 The Chief said call volume for Macedonia increased from about 1600 to 3600-3700 with the addition of
142 Sagamore and Northfield. The additional manpower has helped with regards to large scale incidences.
143 This means staff from each of the three stations is available for these types of calls lessening the need for
144 mutual aid. The Chief explained that each community remains responsible for purchasing its own
145 equipment; replacing Macedonia's aerial truck or other vehicles or equipment is Macedonia's
146 responsibility. Revenue from the income tax will be used towards a new aerial truck.

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148 Councilor Brandt interjected the aerial truck has been a perk for the surrounding communities and school
149 district particularly with regards to the middle school which is three floor building.

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151 Chief Golden explained the police department would use the additional revenue to upgrade the 911
152 emergency call systems, to upgrade radio system to 800 MHz, to hire an additional officer for the
153 detective bureau and to install canopy to protect thousands of dollars worth of police vehicles. The Chief
154 explained further that City has had only two detectives in the bureau since 1980's. Three have been
155 needed given the growth in Macedonia's population and commercial areas.

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157 Councilor Ventura interjected, regarding the police vehicles that oil change is no longer based on miles
158 but hours of service. Mr. Ventura mentioned he leaves his police cruiser running when out the vehicle on
159 a call to avoid having to deice, etc, in order to be ready for the next call.

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161 During roll call the following was stated.

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163 *Councilor Bilkie thanked each director for speaking on behalf of their departments. Mr. Bilkie
164 explained his vote to allow the tax increase to appear on the ballot merely allows residents the
165 right to voice their opinion. As a member of the Future Growth Committee listening to each of
166 the director at that time he learned in order for the City to have a better future these departments
167 at the very least must be well maintained. The proposed tax will stabilize and help each
168 department grow as needed and in the end will be a benefit to the whole community.

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170 **Councilor Brandt stated it is difficult as a freshman member of Council to ask residents to
171 make a fiscal decision which may impact them. This difficulty is compounded Ms. Brandt stated
172 by the fact that that she took an active role in the passage of Issue 3, increasing the tax rate for
173 road improvements and the Recreation Center. As a long time resident who also works in
174 Macedonia Ms. Brandt said she feels however that city taxes are directly related to each of us
175 personally. This means Ms. Brandt explained that most of us do not know where our federal and
176 state taxes go. City taxes on the other hand we do. Ms. Brandt opined the service department is
177 part of the safety and appearance of our homes. Service keeps our roads clean, safe and passable
178 and makes repairs in the community when and where necessary. Service in essence is an
179 extension of the landscaping of our homes; service helps keep our property values up, it keeps our
180 homes great. When our homes are great, Macedonia is great. There is a strong case why the
181 service department deserves to be well funded. Police and fire need to be well-funded as well.
182 Safety forces are is our life line. Ms. Brandt like Mr. Bilkie feels placing the increase on the
183 ballot gives residents their voice in this matter. Ms. Brandt said she plans on reaching out to
184 residents between now and May to ask questions of them to answer questions of theirs and to
185 share how in Ms. Brandt's opinion this increase will benefit them.

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187 ***Councilor Molnar stated in the ten-years he has been a member of council the majority of
188 calls he receives are service based; leaf and branch pick-up, snow removal, salt on the roads,
189 storm water issues, etc. Mr. Molnar feels therefore how important it is to provide service the
190 tools and equipment needed to perform work that is required. Mr. Molnar feels residents are
191 aware there is a need for more funding in order to provide more manpower and equipment to
192 accomplish more than minimum needs. Police and fire services continue to be maintained and
193 will be enhanced where necessary. Mr. Molnar said Chief Golden expressed his needs and
194 Council has been aware for at least the last five years of fire needing to replace the aerial ladder.
195 Police presence throughout the community is a necessity and improved equipment in fire helps
196 the City maintain its low ISO rating Mr. Molnar added. The annual unencumbered carryover is

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197 only \$1.5 million dollars. To the average person this seems like a lot of money but the fact is, for
198 a city it is not. The City cannot continue to dip into the unencumbered funds when a problem in
199 service or safety comes up. The quarter percent earmarked for the three departments helps break
200 that cycle.

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202 ****Councilor Tulley stated she personally has been on the fence about this increase, in part
203 because she thought it was too soon to go back to the voters after just approving Issue 3 for roads,
204 water and the Recreation Center. The refund relative Issue 3 has not even been tested. All the
205 projects or purchases that have been discussed this evening create debt, a grave concern for Ms.
206 Tulley. Years back she said a concerted effort was made to pay down Macedonia numerous
207 notes. A concerted effort was made to pay cash instead of continuing to finance. This is one of the
208 reasons the carryover decreased Ms. Tulley stated. Cash instead of credit was used. Ms. Tulley
209 expressed disappointment that the tax increase just appeared on the agenda of the first meeting of
210 this year without any prior discussion. It was not until this evening that there was any meaningful
211 dialogue about it Ms. Tulley stated. Ms. Tulley is also not certain eliminating the property tax
212 will effect residents in the amount that has been stated. Ms. Tulley agrees there is a need for
213 additional revenue and while she is disappointed about how the increase was introduced she
214 believes it is the resident who should decide whether the increase is warranted, whether it is too
215 soon.

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217 ***** Councilor Ventura agreed with the comments of fellow council members. Mr. Ventura
218 like Ms. Brandt said he will avail himself to speak to residents on this issue.

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220 **ORD. NO. 1 - 2018**
221 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.17 AND SECTION 351.18 REGARDING
222 EMERGENCY PARKING BAN was **offered** by Mr. Ventura and moved Council waive the requirement
223 that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for its second**
224 **and third readings**. Second by Mr. Molnar carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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226 Mr. Ventura moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
227 **ORD. NO. 1-2018** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 1-2018 declared adopted.**

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229 Relative to ORD. NO. 1-2018, discussion was held about placing signs regarding the above at every
230 entrance of the city.

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232 **ORD. NO. 2 – 2018 [Tabled]**
233 Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to **table**
234 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
235 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.03 OF THE CHARTER RELATIVE
236 TO THE MAYOR’S LEGISLATIVE POWERS

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238 **ORD. NO. 3 – 2018[Tabled]**
239 Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to **table**
240 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
241 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 4.01 AND 4.02 OF THE CHARTER
242 RELATIVE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

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244 **ORD. NO. 4– 2018[Tabled]**
245 Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to **table**
246 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
247 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.13 OF THE CHARTER RELATIVE
248 TO THE CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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250 **ORD. NO. 5 – 2018[Tabled]**
251 Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Molnar seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to **table**
252 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF
253 MACEDONIA A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 10.1 OF THE CHARTER REGARDING
254 THE COMPOSITION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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256 Relative to ORD.NOS. 2-5-2018, Mayor Migliorini announced that a Charter Review Commission will
257 be created to review the proposed amendments. Each member of Council will be represented by a
258 resident of their choice. The Charter Review Commission appointments must be made by resolution. A
259 member of Council is also a member of the Commission. Mayor Migliorini explained he presented the
260 proposed amendments because he never wants the City to be crippled like it was for the two years prior to
261 his election. Since the inception of the five- member council there has been nothing but turmoil and
262 gridlock. Council misused their legislative power. The administration was paralyzed, the administer

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263 could not administrate. By simple majority Council took over control of the operations to the deficit of
264 the City.

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266 **ORD. NO. 9-2018**

267 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JOHNATHAN
268 DEROSIERS TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER was **offered** by Mr.
269 Ventura and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days,
270 instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley carried
271 unanimously on a voice vote.

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273 Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
274 **ORD. NO. 9-2018** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 9-2018 declared adopted.**

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276 **ORD. NO. 10 -2018**

277 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
278 WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO ACCEPT THE
279 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) was **offered** by Mr. Molnar and moved Council waive the
280 requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for**
281 **all three readings**. Second by Mr. Bilkie carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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283 Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
284 **ORD. NO. 10-2018** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 10-2018 declared adopted.**

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286 Relative to ORD. NO. 10-2018, Mayor Migliorini explained that the NOPEC grants amount to about
287 150,000 are being earmarked for installing lights at the fields in Longwood Park.

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289 **ORD. NO. 11-2018**

290 AMENDING SECTION 1381.02 AND SECTION 1381.03 REGARDING SATELLITE EARTH
291 STATIONS was **offered** by Ms. Brandt for its **first reading by title only**. Second not required.

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293 **RES. NO.12 -2018**

294 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF VINI J. VENTURA TO
295 SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHFIELD CENTER
296 TOWNSHIP-MACEDONIA JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT was **offered** by Mr.
297 Bilkie and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing
298 the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley carried unanimously on a
299 voice vote.

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301 Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
302 **RES. NO. 12-2018** and post according to law. **RES. NO. 12-2018 declared adopted.**

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304 **RES. NO. 13 – 2018**

305 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND
306 SPECIFICATIONS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO
307 ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS was **offered**
308 by Mr. Molnar and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days,
309 instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Ms. Tulley carried
310 unanimously on a voice vote.

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312 **Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Molnar seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to amend**
313 **RES. NO. 13-2018, by adding to Exhibit A Crow Drive (from Seminole to SR82); Crow Trail and**
314 **as an alternate Berkshire Drive from #1287 to Shepard Road.**

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316 Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**
317 **RES. NO. 13-2018, as amended** and post according to law. **RES. NO. 13-2018, as amended declared**
318 **adopted.**

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320 Relative to RES. NO. 13-2018 Council President Molnar announced the list of streets to be improved:
321 Berkshire Drive from N. Bedford to Crow Drive; Brookpoint Drive; Cheyenne Run; Comanche Trail;
322 Crow Drive from Seminole to SR82; Firestone Lane from Ledge to Robinwood Terrance; Ledge Road
323 from Peppers Market to Sheffield Steel; Longbrook Drive; Longwood Drive; North Bedford Road from
324 corporate line to Ledge Road; Oakview Road, east of creek; Robin Lane; Seminole Lane; Shepard Hills
325 Blvd, Shepard to #1044; Shepard Road from SR 82 to Highland; Sugarbush Park; Swallow Drive;
326 Tanglewood Drive; Twinsburg Road, from Valley View to east corporate line; Twinsburg Road from
327 west corporate line to Valley View; Valley View Road from Highland to SR82; Valley View Road from
328 Summer to Preserve Lane and Wren Drive.

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329 **RES. NO. 14--2018**

330 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS,
331 BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE
332 FOR BIDS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS
333 ALONG SHEPARD HILLS BOULEVARD AND ROBIN LANE was **offered** by Ms. Brandt and moved
334 Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read
335 it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Bilkie carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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337 Ms. Brant moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded, motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt**

338 **RES. NO. 14-2018** and post according to law. **RES. NO. 14-2018, declared adopted.**

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340 Relative to RES. NO. 14-2018, Mayor Migliorini explained that the City of Cleveland Water Department
341 is paying for and replacing water lines in the different locations noted in the ordinance. Funds for the
342 project are in the form of grants in the amount of \$400,000.

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344 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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346 ~~Mr. Ventura moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote authorizing
347 the Fire Chief to accept on behalf of the City of Macedonia Fire Department a donation of Twenty-Five
348 Dollars (\$25.00) for use by the fire department from Dolores Batterton, Macedonia,

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350 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

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352 **MAYOR'S REPORT** None

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354 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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356 **JEDD** Mr. Molnar reported that this evening the JEDD Board met and reviewed and approved income
357 tax disbursement as well as approving the right-in, right-out curb-cut at SR 8 (west end of The Golden
358 Link retail center).

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360 **Parks and Recreation Commission** Ms. Brandt announced the first meeting of the year is Wednesday,
361 February 7th at 7pm at the Recreation Center.

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363 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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365 **Service Department** Director Hnottavange announced that leaf program has not resumed because all
366 three leaf removal machines are down for repairs. Branch chipping however has resumed. A contractor
367 was used to expedite chipping process. Mr. Hnottavange stated that several residents called to complain
368 about snow removal and salting during the January 12-13 snow event. During that event only prime
369 locations were with treated with salt because of low inventory. Salt was ordered but like so many other
370 communities Macedonia was only receiving limited delivery. Additionally, temperatures under 20
371 degrees renders road salt useless and therefore wasteful if applied. Going forward, the service department
372 is reverting back to using steel blade plows since the roads have been improved. Steel blades get down
373 and close and clean Macedonia's streets much better than rubber blades.

374 **Building Commissioner**

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376 **Engineer** Mr. Gigliotti thanked Council for approving the road and water main legislation.

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378 **Recreation Department** Ms. Manley announced that the whirlpool at the Recreation Center is back in
379 operation. The culprit was a boiler unit which has since been replaced. The Macedonia Recreation
380 Center is 18-years old Ms. Manley stated and from time to time equipment is down for major repair. Ms.
381 Manley stated there are plans to upgrade cardio and resistant equipment. Treadmills and the spin bikes as
382 are going to be replaced and the weight room is going to be enhanced Ms. Manley reminded residents
383 that there are over 50 free fitness classes included with the monthly memberships and daily passes. Ms.
384 Manley announced Fun Fest 2018 will be held Thursday, June 7th to Sunday, June 10th.

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386 Councilor Ventura asked Ms. Manley if old equipment could be traded-in or sold to recoup some costs to
387 which she responded each company providing quotes for the new equipment provides a different answer
388 to that question. Much of the resistance equipment has zero trade-in value she stated. Consideration is
389 being given to sell the equipment outright.

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391 **Finance Department** Director Hall corrected information stated earlier in reference to the carryover
392 balance. The cash balance at the end of 2017 was \$1.5 million but the unencumbered cash balance
393 (carryover) was actually \$1.2 million. Ms. Hall reported January income tax receipts were \$898,234.26

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394 compared to \$783,043.63 last year at this time, a difference of \$115,190.63 to the good. Ms. Hall stated
395 next month the finance department will be implementing WM&E invoices. The tax fund application is
396 available on the city's website.

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398 Councilor Brandt suggested the tax form application should also be available at the library like other tax
399 forms.

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401 **Fire Department** Chief Black had no report.

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403 **Police Department** Chief Golden had no report.

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405 **IT Department**

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407 **Law Department** Law Director Guidetti had no report.

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409 **Unfinished business** None.

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411 **New business** Council President Molnar mentioned that during the last council meeting he had asked
412 Engineer Gigliotti to inform residents by letter of the time frame, scope and processes regarding
413 forthcoming road projects. Mr. Molnar said he made the request of Mr. Gigliotti but the suggestion to
414 initiate a letter was Councilor Brandt's.

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416 Councilor Brandt thanked Mr. Molnar, adding, given Mr. Molnar's knowledge base in road projects
417 everyone gets credit when residents are benefitted.

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419 There being no further business before council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.