

Record of Proceedings

Regular Council Meeting

March 22, 2018

Presiding Officer, Mayor Joseph Migliorini called the March 22 regular meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

**Absent:**

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

**MINUTES** Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Ventura seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes of regular meeting of March 8, 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

~**Julie D'Aloiso, Shepard Road resident** and creator of NordoniaHills.news announced that this year's Nordonia Hills Expo, the largest annual event of the year is Saturday, March 24 from 9am -3pm at Nordonia High School. The Expo, brought to the community by The Nordonia Hills Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Nordonia Hills Schools offers free admission, free entertainment and free prizes. The Expo includes food and the opportunity to explore local services from a variety of vendors.

~**Roy Metzel, Smokerise resident** thanked and commended fire department personnel for responding quickly and professionally to the Metzel's home recently. Mr. Metzel said he and his wife have been sick for last several months with Ms. Metzel requiring emergency care. Regarding increasing the income tax rate for the departments of fire, police and service Mr. Metzel feels it is warranted and hopes residents feel the same and understand the reason and support the measure particularly since the 1 mill fire levy will not be renewed if the tax levy passes. Mr. Metzel added he enjoys attending the Expo each year because he always learns so much.

**INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

**ORD. NO. 40-2018**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1135 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA REGARDING THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS was offered by Mr. Ventura for its **second reading by title only**. Second no required.

**ORD. NO. 43-2018**

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE FINAL APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER BARBER TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCHER was offered by Ms. Brandt and moved Council waive the requirement that it be read by title on three different days, instructing the Clerk to read it by **title only for all three readings**. Second by Mr. Bilkie carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Brandt moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded, and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO. 43-2018** and post according to law. **ORD. NO. 43-2018 declared adopted**

**MOTIONS AND/OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

~~~Mr. Molnar moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote **to amend Resolution No. 13-2018 by adding preventive maintenance/miscellaneous as set forth below in document Council received today.** [*The 2018 Road Program Contract B relative to preventative maintenance/miscellaneous includes crack seal of nine streets paved in 2017, that being Waters, Summer Road, Laurel, Roseland, Barkdale, Skyland, South Skyland, Sioux Lane, and Macedonia Commons. Crack seal of State Route 82 from the west corporation line to the east corporation line. Partial depth asphalt repairs at various locations along roads not being paved in 2018. Full depth asphalt repairs at various locations along roads not being paved in 2018. Existing catch basin reconstruction and cross over culvert replacement and roadside ditch enclosure.*]

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT** None

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Charter Review Commission** Ms. Brandt mentioned the Commission has had two meetings thus far and is scheduled to continue meeting weekly in anticipation of having recommendations to Council for the May 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Ms. Brandt added the Commission is a formidable group whom she is enjoying working with.

**Longwood Manor Historical Society** John Cassmer, president of the LMHS announced that the CHIPS meeting (Council of Historic Institutions Preservation Society) that the LMHS had planned to host May 12 has been moved to the following Saturday, May 19. The CHIPS meeting will actually be held in Shelter 2 at Longwood Park. Tours of the Manor House will follow in small groups to comply with occupancy requirements. Mr. Cassmer also announced the LMHS is resuming its monthly meeting schedule which has been set for the fourth Tuesday's of the month. Mr. Cassmer added the LMHS is gearing towards opening the Manor House Museum one Sunday per month perhaps from 1 p.m. -4 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Service Department** Director Hnottavange reported 65 tons of winter mix asphalt has been used for pothole patching. Regarding leaf collection Mr. Hnottavange stated one-half of the airport streets and part of Parkledge are all that remain relative to subdivisions. The main roads are the last to collect. Mr. Hnottavange announced a Rain Barrel Workshop is being held Wednesday April 18, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. behind the old fire station 9683 Valley View Road. The fee for workshop is \$50.00. Tinker's Creek Watershed is the sponsor of the workshop. This year Earth Day Celebration is Saturday April 21, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Check in for the event is also at the old fire station. Participants will receive a free t-shirt, a lunch ticket and clean up supplies. At 11:30 a.m. that day an Arbor Day tree will be planted. The first 100 participants will receive a free tree seedling.

**Building Commissioner**

**Engineer** Mr. Gigliotti announced the bid relative to the Ledge Road project was awarded to Katz Construction. Northfield Village, the lead agency and the project will be scheduling pre conference in week or two regarding the project which he and Mr. Hnottavange will be attending.

**Recreation Department** Ms. Manley announced the Recreation Center's Aquatics Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 24. The different time slots for children age 6 months to 8 years is posted on Rec Center's website. Ms. Manley also announced the Recreation Center is hosting a Red Cross Life Guard course from April 2 through 6. To become a certified life guard participants must be 15 years of age by April 6 Ms. Manley added.

Councilor Ventura commended Ms. Manley and staff for immediately responding to faulty bench in men's locker room that could be dangerous, particularly for the elderly.

**Finance Department** Director Hall announced the WM&E bills are being printed and will be mailed soon. Regarding income tax receipts, Ms. Hall reported March revenue was \$634,475.35 and while higher than last March (\$579,765.32) this is lowest revenue month so far this year. Ms. Hall said comparing the first three months of last year (\$2,218,667.09) to the first three months of 2018 (\$2,339,276.46) it appears receipts are ahead by \$120,609.37. However, considering the difference in rate of tax from 2% to 2.25% receipts are actually down by \$156,724. Ms. Hall is hopeful May's revenue will be high because typically the fifth month is good because reporting timing. Ms. Hall added the finance department has received about 200 requests for tax refunds all of which are currently being processed.

Mayor Migliorini interjected that Macedonia's retail businesses are feeling the impact from online shipping. The more consumers shop online the less need there is for brick and mortar stores. While online shopping is here to stay it is killing the retail market. Macedonia faces a challenge in this regards because of the number of commercial locations within the community Mayor Migliorini added.

Director Hall added another deterrent to revenue collection has been brought on by Ohio Gateway. Under the new state reporting system the City has no knowledge of how many companies have chosen to file with the state instead of Macedonia.

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**Fire Department** Captain Ripley in Chief Black absence reminded residents to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and CO detectors when they change their clocks.

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

**IT Department**

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

**Unfinished business**

**New business** Councilor Ventura announced that Councilwoman Tulley will be the council contract for next "Council Office Hours" on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. and that Mr. Ventura will be the contact for the following meeting on April 26.

Regarding another topic Councilor Tulley asked Service Director Hnottavange to explain what happened at Route 82 and Crow to cause surface water on the roadway to which Mr. Hnottavange answered at this point it is unclear the source of the problem. At first Cleveland Water indicated the problem had been resolved but it has not so Cleveland Water continues to pursue the cause. Mr. Hnottavange's main concern he said is keeping the road surface from freezing over.

Relating in part to the final appointment of Dispatcher Jennifer Barber earlier this evening, Councilor Brandt said she wanted to recognize all dispatchers for the thankless job they perform. Dispatchers are the first line of defense and integral part of Macedonia's safety services. They unlike fire and police are not out and about in the community. They are isolated in a controlled area performing a job that is physically and emotionally demanding. They are the first line of contact with callers who may be experiencing the worst possible moments in their lives. The job of a dispatcher requires that they provide calm and assurances until police and/or fire arrive. Macedonia's fire and police would not perform the amazing job that they do without the exceptional work Macedonia dispatchers.

**Executive Session**

**At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Molnar moved, Ms. Tulley seconded to convene into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or threatening litigation.**

**Roll call: Ayes: Bilkie, Brandt, Molnar, Tulley and Ventura  
Nays: None  
Motion carried**

**At 8:09 p.m., Council reconvened into the regular meeting and there being no further business before council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**