

Record of Proceedings

Regular Council Meeting

May 23, 2019

Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the May 23 regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chaplain Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American Legion 801. Chaplain O'Brien asked for special remembrance in recognition of Memorial Day, the most solemn of all the veteran's holidays.

MINUTES Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote approving the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2019.

PROCLAMATIONS

- To ProQuip, Inc, a 50-year old company doing business in Macedonia for forty years and established by Harry Abrahams in 1969. Under the tutelage and leadership of Harry and his son Brian, the company that designs and manufactures industrial agitation equipment continues to prosper.

Mr. Abraham stated that it was Mayor Stu Feils who was instrumental in Mr. Abrahams moving his business from Brooklyn Heights, Ohio to Macedonia. It was a good move Mr. Abrahams added. Macedonia is a good city to operate a business, to work and to live. The City's police and fire departments have always been responsive to ProQuip when needed as has the other departments in the city. Mr. Abrahams added that he founded the Nordonia Hills Chamber of Commerce 38-years ago.

- May 19-25, 2019 declared Emergency Medical Service Week. Theme: EMS Strong, Stronger Together

SWEARING-IN

Captain Brian Ripley and acting fire chief after competitive civil service testing was sworn in as Macedonia new fire chief. Following the swearing-in Chief Ripley was pinned by his son Adam Ripley, a city of Beachwood firefighter/paramedic and daughter Courtney Ripley Foust of California.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Jason Roberts, a Macedonia resident and volunteer member of the National Ski /Boston Mills Brandywine Alpine Valley Ski Patrol thanked Macedonia for the forthcoming donation of two cots to the ski patrol. Mr. Roberts explained while the life of the Stryker cots have out used their usefulness in Macedonia they are like new equipment to the ski patrol whose equipment has seen much better days. Mr. Roberts explained the BMBWAV Ski Patrol is one of the largest Ski Patrol chapters in the United States, and has been named "National Outstanding Large Alpine Ski Patrol" multiple times by the National Ski Patrol Board, most recently in 2018. This is the highest award that a Ski Patrol can receive. It indicates a well-deserved recognition by their peers across the nation of the wonderful job that they do tending to the skiers and snowboarders at Boston Mills/Brandywine/Alpine Valley. Ski Patrollers support and participate in the ski and outdoor recreation community by providing first responder emergency care, search and rescue, and education services. The National Ski Patrol has developed partnerships with the National Ski Area Association, the Professional Ski Instructors of America, and others.

INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION

ORD. NO. 33-2019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 797 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA RELATIVE TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES was **offered** by Ms. Brandt for its **third reading by title only**. A second not required.

Ms. Brandt moved, Mr. Bilkie seconded and motion carried unanimously on a voice vote to amend ORD. NO. 33-2019 to conform to the latest version introduced by the law director.

Ms. Brandt moved, Ms. Tulley seconded and motion carried unanimously on voice vote **to adopt ORD. NO. 33-2019 as amended** and post same according to law. **ORD. NO. 33-2019 declared adopted as amended.**

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RES. NO. 38- 2019

A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND OTHERWISE CONFIRMING THE CONDITIONAL USE ZONING CERTIFICATE AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF MACEDONIA PLANNING COMMISSION IN REGARD TO PHASE III OF THE SPRUCE HILL CROSSING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT was **offered** by **Mr. Ventura** for its **second reading by title only**. A second not required.

Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Brandt seconded and motion carried unanimously on voice vote **to adopt RES. NO. 38-2019 as amended** and post same according to law. **RES. NO. 38-2019 declared adopted as amended.**

ORD. NO. 41 - 2019

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VAROUUS COMPONET CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF MACEDONIA was **offered Ms. Tulley** 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 and suspend the 48-Rule**. Second by Mr. Barker authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Barker seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt ORD. NO. 41-2019 and post same according to law. ORD. NO. 41-2019 declared adopted.**

ORD. NO. 42 - 2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 114-2018 RELATIVE TO CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019 was **offered** 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 Mr. Barker authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Bilkie moved, Mr. Barker seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt ORD. NO. 42-2019 and post same according to law. ORD. NO. 42-2019 declared adopted.**

ORD. NO. 43 – 2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE VALLEY VIEW ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT was **offered** Mr. Ventura 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 authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Ventura moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt ORD. NO. 43-2019 and post same according to law. ORD. NO. 43-2019 declared adopted.**

RES. NO. 44-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF TWO (2) STRYKER EMS-PRO COTS TO THE BRANDYWINE SKI RESORT SKI PATROL BY THE CITY OF MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT was **offered** Mr. Barker 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 authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Ventura seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt RES. NO. 44-2019 and post same according to law. RES. NO. 44-2019 declared adopted.**

RES. NO. 45-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF MACEDONIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15 was **offered** Mr. Barker 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. Ventura authorizing the same carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Barker moved, Mr. Ventura seconded, and motion **carried unanimously on a voice vote to adopt RES. NO. 45-2019 and post same according to law. RES. NO. 45-2019 declared adopted.**

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MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

~ In honor of Memorial Day, Mayor Molnar quoted President Ronald Reagan who stated: "They gave up their lives; the only one living and the only one they would have lived. When they died they gave up their chances to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. We owe them a debt we can never repay. Memorial Day is a time to remember the brave soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice and has a significance that we should all reflect, admire and remember. Have an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend."

~Mayor Molnar congratulated Chief Ripley once again on his promotion to fire chief.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Commission Councilor Brandt announced the next meeting of the P&RC is Wednesday, June 19th at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee Councilor Bilkie reported the finance committee met May 16th to finalize discussion relative to capital purchases. The focus of this meeting was primarily on the recreation and service departments. Mr. Bilkie stated at least since he has been a member of council Macedonia is in the best financial shape it's been in a long time. Mr. Bilkie thanked the residents who supported the two income tax increases in the last several years which are the revenue generators. Each increase was specifically earmarked, the first for roads and recreation and the second for fire, police and service. By purposely earmarking each increase has allowed needed revenue stream for overdue improvements and purchases. Some of the capital purchases this year include two F-250 trucks, vehicle lifts and an asphalt hot box for the service department and for parks and recreation department, a trickster and mower and the police department a K-9 cruiser cameras for the cruisers.

Northfield Macedonia Cemetery Board Ms. Tulley, although not currently a member of cemetery board announced the annual meeting of the four communities who financially support the cemetery through an annual assessment is Thursday, June 13th just before council's next regularly scheduled meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Service Department Director Hnottavange reported the second rain barrel workshop was hosted last night, May 22. This workshop was the most attended thus far. Given the increased interest another workshop will be scheduled sometime in August. Participants are eager to learn how to utilize the rain barrel water system. The cost of \$50 for the workshop provides a white 55-gallon barrel, a downspout diverter and a spigot. Registration is required through Tinker's Creek. Mr. Hnottavange reported free mulch for residents should be available by next week. The set-up will be as in years past, on the pavement in front of the former fire bays. The mulch is available only until the supply lasts he added. Mr. Hnottavange reported too that all the baseball fields will be complete within a few days and the renovation work on Recreation Center is anticipated to be completed, fingers crossed in the next several to three weeks.

Building Commissioner

Engineer Mr. Gigliotti reported the road improvements to Wiltshire, Saybrook, Pond Brook and Skyland. Chenook Trail, Chenook Run, Blackfeet and Florence are in progress. Work on Melody Lane begins in June. Valley View Road is scheduled for this fall.

Councilor Bilkie asked Engineer Gigliotti the status for funding by way of grants relative to improving the intersection at the Highland and Valley View Roads to which Mr. Gigliotti answered application for funding took place over two years ago. The City was not successful and therefore improvement to the intersection is not currently being planned although Mr. Gigliotti added he and the Mayor have been having dialogue with ODOT and AMATS about a solution or some improvement to the intersection.

Mayor Molnar interjected, regarding Speedway that the company is modifying what is referred as the pork chop, the concrete obstacle controlling right-in, right-out traffic by enlarging it Making it more robust and more of a barrier is expected to be deterrent the Mayor added.

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Council President Tulley asked Engineer Gigliotti if any consideration is being given to widening the remainder for Route 82 from Shepard Road to the eastern corporate line given the increase in traffic volume in that area. Ms. Tulley wondered if such a widening couldn't be in conjunction with the city of Twinsburg.

Engineer Gigliotti answered given Route 82 is a state road ODOT's participation and approval for increasing two lanes to four is paramount, regardless of participation with the city Twinsburg. Mr. Gigliotti is confident ODOT has no plans for that stretch of road being widened given that portion was completed in 2016. Mr. Gigliotti however will reach out to ODOT regarding the matter.

Councilor Ventura mentioned that the southwest corner of Chamberlain and Route 82 is for sale and is zoned commercial, which right now is opened to speculation as to what is going to be developed.

Recreation Department Director Manley reported the Spirit of Macedonia Festival is fast approaching. There will be lots of fun, food, music and a variety of activities for all ages from June 6-9 including a fireworks display. Ms. Manley also reported that online registration for all of the department's programs and/or events has proved to be successful and an asset.

Finance Department Director Veres reported 408 income tax refund checks have been issued thus far for a total of \$102,000. Mr. Veres reminded residents July 15, 2019 is the filing deadline for 2018 tax year.

Fire Department Chief Ripley thanked everyone for their well-wishes regarding his promotion to fire chief.

Police Department Lt. Vince Yakopovich who was in attendance in Chief Golden's absence congratulated Chief Ripley on his promotion. Lt. Yakopovich announced the department has hired a new police officer, Anthony Skrbini, a Macedonia resident who was sworn in by the Mayor this evening. Another entry level police exam is being given on June 26th the lieutenant announced.

Law Department Law Director Guidetti announced that he has been working with Finance Director Veres regarding forthcoming legislation that will amend the collection process relative to WM&E fees.

Mayor Molnar commended Finance Director Veres for proposing a change in the collection method thereby reducing man hours and costs associated to the annual billing process by placing the fee on the tax duplicate.

Unfinished business None

New business Councilor Bilkie mentioned that his wife, Dr. Amy Arnold was recently appointed Macedonia's representative to the Summit County Board of Health. On her behalf he asked residents to be mindful when recycling. Plastic bags for example contaminate the bins. The lids of plastic and glass bottles should not be included. Paper or cardboard with food or oil stains is not accepted. Styrofoam in any form is not accepted nor is shredded paper. Glass and plastic containers and bottles, paper and cardboard are the only acceptable items. More information can be found at summitreworks.com

Council President Tulley added that the paper recycling bins located at all the local schools and churches used for fund raising purposes accept shredded paper.

Regarding another matter, Councilwoman Brandt mentioned the 300' Viet Nam Traveling Memorial Wall will be on display at the VFW Post 6768 from June 12-16. Kicking off the event at noon on June 12 will be a procession from Costco, 6720 Bass Pro Road to the VFW on Olde Eight Road. The Wall will be erected overnight with the official opening ceremony commencing at 3 p.m. on the 13th at the VFW. The Wall is on display 24-hours a day. All Veterans are welcomed to participate. The Wall is being displayed in conjunction with the VFW and Rolling Thunder. The Wall is an amazing replica of the Memorial in Washington D.C. Ms. Brandt added and the opportunity for locals to the Wall who cannot visit the Washington

There being no further business, the regular meeting of council was adjourned unanimously on voice vote at 8:16 p.m.