

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, February 26, 2018

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, February 26, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer - Reverend Melvin Lindberg, UMC gave the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Clerk, please call the roll.

Roll call found the following Council members in attendance: Cerreta, Foltz, Fonte, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt and Werren.

Thus having 7 in attendance.

Also present: Mayor Held, Director DeOrio, Law Director Fox, Engineer Graham and Finance Director Brown.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. Next up, discussion on the progress on the post office. I'm going to turn this over to Member Revoldt. Daryl, it's all yours.

5. Discuss the progress on the Post Office - Doug Lane will be present

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Thank you. Mayor tasked me to reestablish contact with the United States Postal Service, regarding a location for our current site in North Canton, on North Main. That lease will expire sometime soon. And as anyone who's followed developments at the postal services knows that once it was staffed by many, and is now staffed by few. The postal service maintains a service counter and a set of mailboxes. To that end I took advantage of our tie to the chamber, engaged Doug. At your place, you should have a list of a number of the sites that we've been looking at, these have been communicated to the postal service. But we're in the hunt for about 1500 square feet, preferable in a stand-alone building, with space for a 21 foot counter. And so before I get too far, Doug, if you'd like to come up to the mic, and talk a little bit about the challenges that we've had.

DOUG LANE: That would be an understatement. But the problem is, and correct me if I'm wrong, because things have a tendency to change in government. But they don't want to own the property. The people that have some property that would be ideal, don't want to lease the property. So therefore, those properties are off the table. So we have to look at some other options. And the ones that we've discussed, and probably if I were to talk to everybody up here, they would all think it's a great idea. But then we take it to the powers to be, and it's not so good of an idea. So again, I don't want anybody to think that the City isn't working on this situation. And I know Jim Davis was before I got involved, I know that Eric Bowles was before Jim got involved. It has been an ongoing situation, and now Daryl's involved. So it won't be long before you will not have hair.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Well, I think it, you know, again it's the risk is, and I go back to some old experience I had when I was with the federal government. Is that once the facility leaves our community, and establishes a new lease, it's not likely we're going to get it back. And that's what makes this hunt so critical. And I want to give, you know, we've got an arrangement with the chamber to help us take the lead on economic development. Doug's done a terrific job, he knows the properties, he knows the agents, he knows the property owners, and that's saved a huge amount of time, in terms of being responsive to the postal service. So, we're, I guess part of our purpose tonight, is to have our good friends in the media, spread the word that we're looking, and we're open to about any suggestion, that might be available. And these leases tend to be relatively long term, with renewal options.

DOUG LANE: They're very attractive for an owner. It's just that a lot of the owners just are interested in cashing out and moving on. They just don't want to deal with it for another 10 or 15 years of property. So, and then to the other shoe that drops, is that once they do leave their current facility, we have to put somebody in there. And so we're working on that at the same time, trying to get some people interested in that property.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Like the post office wants you to put people in there?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: No, that's owned by the...

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: The current landlord.

DOUG LANE: No, we would like to get a new business in there. That's a very attractive site, and a good location for a number of people that have expressed some interest. So, anyway, I know Daryl's been in touch with them, I have.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So, I guess, the ask from Council is that if you have any ideas, we are open to any suggestions. I mean

went so far as to even ask Doug whether we thought Lobster Louie's might be a location.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: They don't want to be south, they want to be north.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: They want to be north, and that's a good point.

DOUG LANE: Yeah, they're very specific as to what their needs are.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: That's one of the properties that wants to sell though, right?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: We think that one is off the table.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah.

DOUG LANE: Yeah, if you to buy it and then lease it to them, they would be happy to lease from you. So, I would spread the word.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: And you need a drop box too, right? You need a good in and out for a drop box. Because it's really a UPS store right now. I mean the new post offices are two people, taking packages, and mail boxes. That's it.

DOUG LANE: Yeah, and usually in a strip location, as opposed to being a stand-alone.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yeah, but you need a drive thru, in some source to get to, and from that drive thru, we need an in and out that doesn't congest traffic. Even our own post office, there was some, as the City got bigger and things moved out that way, that became very hard to get in and out of.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Left, out that site was difficult.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Right, so even off the side road, to where it comes back out to a light is an ideal situation. So, we need to keep looking along those lines. And talk, every time I go up and down I look that, I just don't see...

DOUG LANE: Square footage wise, about 2000? 1500...

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: 1500, 2000, I think would work.

DOUG LANE: So there's not a big space that they need, it's just that they need these very specific things that you have to check off.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: And they'd like something obviously where they can pull a truck up and unload, and it wouldn't be right at the front door.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So maybe we can get the word out to other people. There might be some people just hanging on saying "it's time for us to, you know, here's a great opportunity to lease this out."

DOUG LANE: Or if somebody wants to do an investment, wants to buy one of the properties, and turn around and lease it to the postal service that would be great too.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Can you say what the lease amount is?

DOUG LANE: I know Jim had that information, I'm not sure if he relayed that to the Mayor, or not, when he was doing that it. The lease amount, I mean it was a pretty attractive lease, and they were going to bill it out as well.

MAYOR HELD: The post office has, they have a fixed amount that they're going to work with. And that was one of the problems that we had with the one site that they were looking at. Is that the amount that the U.S. Postal Service was going to pay wasn't sufficient when you compare it to what the owner was looking for. And to keep in mind too, this is, when we talk about the post office, to give some perspective, this is not what we have there now. That's a really big facility. We're talking about having a retail outlet, with no more than two employees that are basically doing retail services. And to give you an example, if you go to ACME, the grocery store, they have postal service right there. They just don't have the post office boxes. And so it's going to be a much, much scaled down version, but they're just looking for a presence here.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Wouldn't like the owners of Ollie's or something, cut off a section there, because you've got a lot of land there for a drop box.

DOUG LANE: Well, you'll see on your list you'll see ACME Plaza is one of the locations that has an opening right now of the exact square footage they need. So, its, you know, partially up to them to follow through as well.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Part of the challenge has been the postal service has been reluctant to look at something within a strip.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Could I make a contact with one of these people and see if I can get them to say “yes?”

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Yes, and what we’d like to do is to make sure that we, we, we, I would direct this request to the media. Is we would like Doug to be, Doug Lane to be the primary point of contact so they can make one call to the chamber, to Doug. And then we’ll process it from there.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Doug, what’s your number?

DOUG LANE: 499-5100.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: 5100, okay.

DOUG LANE: And then Daryl and I will work together on this. I mean so far it’s been going well, it’s just the problem is, as we get to the list there’s just certain things that they want to do, and certain things they don’t want to do. And when you get down to it, it’s either yes or no, and it’s usually no. But I just want everybody to know that, you know, I think the boxes are even more important than having that counter. Because as the Mayor said, you do have ACME and other, you can go to an ATM and get stamps. But having those boxes there, I know we have a number of our members that use boxes. We have a number of the public that uses boxes. And I think that’s an important element to have in your city. So, we need to find a location for those even more so, than the counter area. So... .

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: And again, I emphasis, once we lose this, should we lose it, it’s gone.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: We want a stand-alone building, that’s what you’re saying?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: That’s what they’d prefer.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: If you’ve got an opening next to Marcs up there, used to be a restaurant there.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: No, I think Just Hairs is a good one.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: What difference does it make, as long as you have a drive thru? They can pull up and get out of their car and go in, just like anywhere else? I mean as long as you have a place designated to drive thru and drop your mail.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: You’ve got a box right out here.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Right, I mean as long as you’re driving thru, it shouldn’t matter how people get out of the car.

DOUG LANE: As I mentioned at the beginning, what makes sense to us doesn’t necessarily means what’s on their piece of paper. So... .

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: Doug, thank you very much. And so want to let everybody know we’re in the hunt, it’s active.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Doug, thanks for coming up tonight. Appreciate it.

DOUG LANE: Yeah, absolutely.

6. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. For your consideration may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Council Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2018
Mayor’s Court Receipts: January 2018

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to approve the above minutes and report.

7. Recognition of Visitors:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, very good. At this time, if you wish to address Council please step forward, state your name and address.

CHUCK OSBORNE: (read from a prepared statement) 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I’m going off information that was kind of floating out there last, late summer, early fall. That the City was pursuing some kind of negotiations with the operators of Arrowhead. That they were in the rear age of payment of property taxes, which is part of their obligation under the triple net lease. And that they were in the rear age of close to \$250,000.00. I don’t know if anybody wants to comment on

that. Frankly, any ventures that the City undertakes with private enterprise, there should be at least an annual report to the public how that arrangement is working out. Is it working out as expected? Are there downfalls? Are there positives that weren't even realized, when you entered into that arrangement? And I'm talking about all these deals. All these tax abatements, everything. But specifically I'm addressing Arrowhead tonight. And I guess I'll make it a verbal records request. I'd like a copy of all documentation that's been generated over about the last three years. Between the City and the operators of Arrowhead, and whatever documentation that's been generated. As far as, the City stating their position, stating the facts as they see them. I don't need it tomorrow, I don't need it by the end of the week. But if sometime by the end of next week, I'd like a copy of all the correspondence, communications, whatever's been generated over the last three years. It should not be a whole lot. And also, I guess I'd like to ask has there been any reappraisal of the property? Last appraisal of the property I have is dated 2011. It doesn't look good for the City. You paid \$4.2 million for it, and I fought like h***, even tried to bring it to the public. But the Repository stopped the democratic process with an editorial, because I was half way through getting the signatures back in 2003. And a beautiful Sunday, I was out gathering signatures, and I get a call from my wife about the editorial in the paper. Which basically said I was wrong, and if you see me with my clipboard, turn and run. Wasn't very funny. It's like being punched in the chest, and your breath just totally taken away. We paid \$4.2 million dollars for that, and it's now appraised between \$1.8 and \$1.9 million. Now granted the downturn in the economy might still have some impact on the value of the property. But not \$2.3 million worth. The City overpaid for that, it was really only worth about \$2.2, \$2.5. I presented a PGA news article, actually appeared, it was a series, April of '03 and May of '03. Mr. Foltz might remember, he was on the board with me, Council with me. Golf course revenues across the entire U.S. were on the downslide, by over a \$1 billion. But Mr. Rice and your former illustrious Council President led this group astray. I also understand that the RNS Golf Partners, whatever they call themselves, have not been making the infrastructure improvements that were required, \$80,000 a year. And I do have some correspondence on that. I think Mr. Fox himself, is following up on that. Just a few years go. So, how about an honest accounting telling the taxpayers what has happened to their \$4.2 million? By the way, your first operating who took it over, walked off owing the \$110,000.00. We eat it, and eat it, and we continue to eat it. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you, Chuck. Okay, anyone else wishing to address Council?

(Mr. Osborne spoke out from the gallery.)

CHUCK OSBORNE: You do acknowledge my record request, right?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Do you want him to put that in writing, Tim?

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: No, I think everyone heard it, right? We all heard it, all we have to do is hear it. Do I have to acknowledge it? No, I don't have to acknowledge it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, anyone else wishing to address Council?

8. New Business

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: At this time, I will entertain a motion to enter into executive session, for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining agreement.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: I move by roll call vote.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adjourn into executive session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, we are in executive session. I don't know how long we're going to be in, if you want to stick around that's up to you guys.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, I will entertain a motion to adjourn out of executive session, in which we were discussion collective bargaining.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adjourn into executive session.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, onto new business. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 4 – 2018?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 4 - 2018.

9. Resolution No. 4 - 2018

Personnel and Safety Committee

A resolution accepting the Fact Finding Report dated February 22, 2018, regarding the City of North Canton, Ohio, Employer, and Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., (Lieutenants & Sergeants), State Employment Relations Board ("SERB") Case No. 2017-MED-10-1215, by Fact Finder Jonathan I. Klein, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, this pertains to the Lieutenants and the Sergeants. And one of the highlights as Tim mentioned in our special Committee meeting is we are removing mandatory Sunday overtime, among other things. So, it is what it is. So, any questions? All right, I'll entertain a motion and a second to adopt the first reading.

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Resolution No. 4 - 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Resolution No. 4 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Resolution No. 4 - 2018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: May I have a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Resolution No. 4 - 2018?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules Resolution No. 4 - 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 - 2018 WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: thank you. Reports, Member Fonte, you're up.

10. Reports – Council

COUNCILMAN FONTE: The road list we should be getting pretty soon. I've talked to Rob about it, so we'll be getting that in our email. So you know what roads are on the list. The other thing I just want to throw out, and I was mentioning to Daryl, they started the Aultman Hospital project, you know the Akron Children's, and I was just hoping maybe we could get a sign out there, wherever we're doing projects, it would be nice to have signs out there. Showing what it is. That's all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Kiesling?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: I just want to say thank you to Tim for the negotiations so far. And also I want to make it very clear that in these contracts we are, we have banned medical marijuana for our safety forces. At least our Lieutenants and Sergeants at this point. And hopefully we'll follow through with the rest of our safety forces, I think that's pretty stinking important. So, I think is the big picture item with this contract that we just approved. So thank you very much.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Revoldt?

COUNCILMAN REVOLDT: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Cerreta.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Just a Water Board meeting this Friday at 9:00 a.m. At this point, we have one thing, so that there may be something other... Just an FYI. That's it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, I do have one here. AEP has scheduled a power outage for Saturday morning, March 17, 2018. This is going to affect a wide area surrounding the substation at the corner of Sutton and East Maple. And I'm not sure how many that's going to address. But Mary Beth, we're going to have to send out notices probably touching a wider swath than we did for the construction meeting. The folks that are going to be affected are going to be a lot wider. I'm assuming probably that whole quadrant over there.

MAYOR HELD: Do they have a specific set of addresses or streets?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: They don't.

MAYOR HELD: But maybe we could get that from them. Just identify what homes and then send a direct mail to them.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: That did affect a lot, I think they said it was a squirrel caused the last big power outage there.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, and that was pretty big over in my area. Up to and including, I think the high school.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: They're rebuilding that power station.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Pat, can you contact them? Because that just dawned on me, if that affects the high school on a Saturday, there might be some functions there that they may not be aware of.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: That's St. Patrick's Day also. Most people won't know if the power's on or off.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: It's also the second day of March Madness.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: How about my freezer? What do we tell the older folks with their freezers? Do we have generators on hand?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: That won't affect Washington Square, or anything like that?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: No, I don't think its Washington Square.

DIRECTOR DEORIO: I think so, but I'll get you the information.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: They're expecting anywhere from 6 to 8 hours.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: That's a long time.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: That's a long time. Especially with the cold.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I thought they said there wouldn't be that much interruption. What about my freezer?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: When we were at the meeting, they said it was mainly going to be a night. But, they've obviously changed. So, you have to get notices out, people's freezers will be all right. We just have to get them notice.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, so yeah. So, if you would make a note of that, Mary Beth, I would appreciate it. And I'll finish by thanking Tim as well for all the hard work on the collective bargaining agreements. And I know it takes a lot of time. We appreciate it.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: So, thank you. All right, Director of Law?

11. Reports

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: As certainly, I also want to thank Director of Finance and Director of Administration and the Deputy Director. I rely a great deal on the information that I get from the Finance Department, "what is the impact of X versus Y? What did we spend on A versus B, time periods?" Because those are the type of arguments that you make in fact finding, conciliation. You try to prepare your municipality and that union with others. You try to make logical arguments and the best are made on past performance, and on hard data. And it's me emailing time and again asking sometimes curious questions. But it certainly aids in that process where you have an outsider selected by the State Employment Relations Board, a mediator, a conciliator, arbitrator. This is essentially a Ph. D., an economist, that comes in and listens to the union representative, listens to management representative, and an outsider essentially tells you what you're going to do. "You're going to pay these people these amounts." And if you don't agree it goes down to this process, to where if you don't agree, you're going to see a judge about whether or not they are entitled to this. So, having 7 unions, although it only occurs once every three years, time goes by quickly. And a lot

of effort goes in both by management and both by the unions. But I think at the end of the day, each side walks away a little bit frustrated, but still with the mindset that it's fair and reasonable. That's absolutely some uncertainty that's involved, and it makes those that rely on hard data probably the most uncomfortable. Because you want data driven decisions in these types of issues. But what you have is the unknown factor is someone making that decision based on what's been provided to you, based on their own research and so forth. And so it can make you feel a bit anxious, but I thank Council for their lively and robust debate on this issue. This is absolutely unique for the State of Ohio, and I believe we're one of the first municipalities having to face medical marijuana. And you can ban it citywide, but the reality is that you must negotiate it with your bargaining units. Because it's part of their bargaining agreement. And so if you leave it open, it will be treated as it's a permissible used substance. And so there's plenty of municipalities that are just getting to that, and having this "uh huh" moment and we're getting in front of it. So, I thank you for your support in that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Finance.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: I'll just follow up on Tim's comments. Thank you, Tim. You know, we always want to try to help you make the process as good as it can be. You know the more facts that you have the more numbers you have. So, I'll definitely pass your comments to the Deputy Director as well.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Director of Administration?

DIRECTOR DEORIO: Okay, FYI, some announcements. The City of North Canton is hosting a Stark Soil and Water Conservation District event on April 11. We are hosting a learn and assemble your rain barrel project. Yes, this is a good thing, so that we can make North Canton more ecologically friendly place. So, I'll get more of those details for you in your email. Watch for that, you can spread that around to your residents and whatnot. I was, I had the pleasure of attending a governmental law seminar with members of the City staff. And this was held at the Stark Parks headquarters, it was sponsored by Regional Planning. We sat in on workshops addressing municipal and township zoning basics. Mark Cerreta and I were in there. RPC and the Health Department grants, public records retention, a land bank update. It was very helpful. The Building Department process with the Stark County Building Department, Worker's Compensation, nuisance abatement, drainage complaints and storm water management and the Sunshine Law. So Rob Graham, Mark Cerreta, Justine Avery, and Cathie Farina, all attended. It was extremely informative. My only regret is that I didn't get more members of Council there. This is something that you really ought to do. It's a great primer, it's a great networking environment. Because everybody who's anybody in local township, municipal government is there. So it's something to put on our radar.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Pat, I'll back up on that. As little as I know about a lot of that stuff, I learned a lot, and I do think it does lift our game a little bit.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Was it on a Saturday?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Saturday.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Yeah, I've been to it once and I think you could go every single year.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: And you don't have to go to the whole thing. You pick out what you want to go to, and you go to it. That's kind of what I did. You know, I learned a lot of things, and I think there's some strategies that Pat and I talked about afterwards, that I think we could make our City better, because we were informed a little bit. So, yeah. You let everybody know, you sent out something. I just had time that day, so I enjoyed it. I will look at going to the next one. So thanks for inviting me.

DIRECTOR DEORIO: We received two, several annual reports. I'll be sure to forward them to you in your email. 2017 Nuisance Case Report. There were 674 nuisance violations filed in 2017. The Administration achieved a 94% success ratio in resolving those. It was 579 out of the 674 were resolved. There are still some that are ongoing. Some are longstanding ongoing that the Administration is going to direct attention to it. Of all the complaints that were filed over 50% of them dealt with signage. If we break it down by ward, they're fairly equally distributed, but ward 4 had the most. Worst month is May, I'll give you the rest later. North Canton Fire Department Annual Report is in as well. Responses by day, worst day is Friday, worst time is 12pm. Worst month is December, and the worst place to be is at home. So don't be at home in December at 12pm on a Friday. And then just one final note, I'm very pleased to report today that we received word from the state regarding our parking funding project. And as you recall, it was a phased project, so we had three phases that we're going through. And we feel that we've got sufficient funds to address a couple of those phases, and start on the last. But the City of North Canton was awarded \$750,000.00. And so now the task before us is reaching back to the benefactors that we that Mark, and myself and others have worked on, to let them know where the state came in on their first phase for us. And both Senator Oelslager and Representative Schuring were instrumental, of course, getting that for us. And we're inviting them to come to March 5th or 12th and talk a little bit about it. But we've been invited to return to the capital budget in two years to talk about what else we can do. They're pleased with what they've seen so far. No other township or municipality got more than us. So thank you for all your support.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thanks, Pat. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: We have just three announcements. The first one is that we had a representative for the Health Department. Councilwoman Kiesling had served as our representative to the Stark County Health Department. And so we spend approximately \$100,000.00, and so they're going to be bumping that up. They've kept the price pretty consistent I think for like

six years. But North Canton doesn't have our own Health Department. We contract with the Stark County Health Department. So our representative we asked Ted Seeberger to serve again. He's been serving in that position for 10 years, and I just swore him again today, to continue to serve another four year term. And Ted is an attorney, he worked with Black, McCuskey. And he specializes in environmental law. Does a really nice job. So he's willing to serve again. And we have in order to replace Del Baker, who had passed away, served on our Park and Recreation Board. We're going to have Bruno Chirumbolo. He works at Aultman Hospital, he's a systems analyst. And so he agreed to serve on the Park and Recreation Board. So we're excited to have those two members serve North Canton. And then over the past couple of weeks, it's been really, really, it's been a really tough time for a lot of the students, and the parents, in light of what happened in Jackson Township. And then with the, you know, dozens, well over a dozen scares, as far as threats that the schools have had through social media. Fortunately, those threats turned out, you know, not to be of no consequence. But the Sheriff's Department is very, very aggressive. If any child, if any adult, if anybody sends out a threat at a school, or a public facility, you will be arrested. If you get one of those messages, and you resend it, retweet it, repost it, you will also be arrested. So that's something that we need to send out a message to our students, that it's not a joke. It is not a joke to even make a joke of something that's threatening. And this goes back to 11, 10, 11, 13, 14, anybody in middle school or high school. It's just not going to be tolerated. So, in light of all of that, we've had to review, you know, the school and the Police Department and the Fire Department are first responders and that includes the Service Department. Depending on the situation, depending if roads have to be blocked off. These a really extensive process that the school goes through in order to set up their emergency response, and also prevention. So historically, the City of North Canton and most of the municipalities and most of the townships, and most of the school systems, it's been in response. So it's the crisis response plan. And we want to expand that to cover more prevention. So what we did is I've had a number of conversations with our Police Chief, our Administrator, our Fire Chief, also numerous conversations with our Stark County Sheriff George Maier. Spoke with our school superintendent, a number of times, over the past week. Spoke with the educational service superintendent, a number of times. Spoke with some other school superintendents in Stark County. And this is just all clarify where we're at, what we need to do. We also there's a leading, a national leading consultant, his name is Tim Dimoff. He has company that he consults on security, school security, and also public security. That's what his specialty is. He's written four books, and ironically he's right here in Akron. He served as a police officer in Akron for over 14 years. And we will email you his bio, but he's got 40 years of combined experience. The big thing is that we need to look at our security plan, and do a security analysis for all of our schools. And that largely falls ultimately onto our Police Department, our first responders. The school still has the responsibility to, you know, to protect the children. But then if that rises to an emergency situation then, of course, the responsibility transfers to our Police, Fire, and EMS. So, our Police Chief John Minock is heading this up, and we've asked Tim Dimoff to provide us with a security analysis and a vulnerability assessment. And so I spoke with him today, I spoke with him Friday, I spoke with him Saturday, and we are not going to take anything lightly. We are going to make sure, absolutely certain that we are doing everything that we can to protect the students in our school system, and in our City. And we've got the full cooperation of our school superintendent, our school board, and I know, of course, our Councilmembers, our City Administrator. That you simply cannot take anything lightly. We are on top of it. And it's a process of continuous improvement, but the biggest thing is as far as the security measures, you know, that's something you just don't put out. It's not for public knowledge, because you don't want to compromise that security either. Same thing with our Water Treatment Plant. But we do want everyone to know that we do have a security plan in place that's been approved through our Police Department, first responders, and the schools. But we are going to bring in, what we believe is, you know, is the best expert, a leading expert in the United States for school security. And he's going to do a full assessment of the schools. It's going to be a process. But he works with the vendors, the flow of the students in and out of school. The flow of vendors coming in and out, does a perimeters analysis, identifies various barriers. We're going to do it throughout the entire school system. And we're getting that started here today. The funding, you know, is a minimal amount to do that assessment, you know, we were looking at anywhere from \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00. And we're going to ask for Council to provide that funding for that. And then we're going to move ahead. And so we appreciate everybody's patience, this past, you know, this past week because it has not been an easy time for a lot of people. But I'll tell you, we are on top of it. And its process to continue to protect the kids. That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Dave. Appreciate it. Mr. Engineer.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Back a couple of days ago, on Friday the 23rd, we opened bids in here for our Dressler Road Waterline. That's the one from out in the Jackson Township, from Everhard Road north towards the Hall of Fame Bridge. The county is going to repave and the road is in pretty bad, or the waterline is in bad shape. So, we'll replace our waterline before they pave. We had eight bidders, we had estimated it to about \$550,000.00. Our high bid, to show you the range was over \$700,000.00. Our low bidder was \$450,681.00. So we're seeing about \$99,000.00 savings from our budget. So, that's very good news. Cementech is the low bidder, out of Akron. They did Salway for us, two years ago. And last year did the Park Avenue Sanitary Replacement. So we have a history.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: These new bids are coming in a lot less.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Right, I think the key is to get as much out as early as we can, before their schedule fills up. And with that in mind, we're going to advertise Thursday for the Price Park Walking Path Phase I, that north piece get that out. Even though we can't do it until the culvert is done. Their bid is still good for 60 days until we have to award it. So, we'll get a good number hopefully. And then right after that the paving program, we'll get that out and opened up by the end of the month.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Hey Rob, I've got a question. Regarding the Everhard project, do we have any hard dates on when the closures are going to be happening?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Yeah, the closure will be in year two. The County Engineer's office is replacing the bridge over the Zimber Ditch as part of that. That will happen next year, in year two. It's going to be roughly 45 to 60 days. Probably late spring, to early summer next year.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Of 2019, okay.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: 2019, yeah the paving will happen in year one. But I mean there will be some delays and inconvenience, but there won't be any closures.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All right, thank you. Madam Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: No report.

12. Final Call for New Business:

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: And one quick thing to put on, I think I let everybody know, Walsh College has asked us to have a Council meeting out at their place. At their new building. And we kind of date down, we've kind of brought it down to April 9th. So we can look at helping set that up, at a Council meeting at Walsh University. It should be a good event to see the new building. We need to look, kind of look to see, we're talking about how we can record it and all those things right now.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yes, thank you Mark for bringing that up. I wanted to touch on that. I wanted to get Mary Beth, if we could get you out there to the site, Pat, take a quick look see what we're looking at as far as recording. How they have it set up. Tom Wilson is out of town that weekend, so he's passed it along to Tim McCarty. See if he can the guys out there, the story teller boss.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: And I'll help you meet with the gentleman. I called him today. So, we'll go out there.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, anything else?

13. March Meeting Schedule:

Monday, March 5, 2018 - Committee of the Whole meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018 - Council meeting
Monday, March 19, 2018 - Committee of the Whole meeting
**Monday, March 26, 2018 - no meeting

14. Adjourn:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Motion to adjourn.

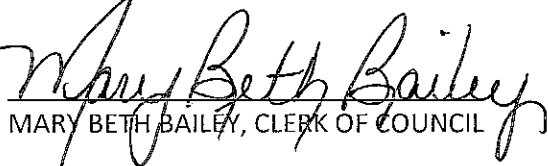
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

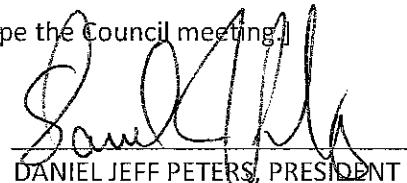
COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, we are adjourned.

[Let the record reflect Charles Osborne set up a tripod and appeared to videotape the Council meeting.]


MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL


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