

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NORTH CANTON  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

1. Call to Order

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, July 9, 2018, 7:04 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer – Pastor Emil Gretarsson, Associate Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church 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, Fonte, Kiesling, Peters, Revoldt and Werren.

Thus having 6 in attendance.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Motion to excuse Member Foltz?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to excuse Member Foltz.

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

5. Consideration

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you very much. At this time, motion and a second to approve as presented:

Liquor license transfer from Aashi Enterprise Inc., DBA Eriks Grocery Bag 835 E Maple Street North Canton, Ohio 44720 to Shree Hari 1008 LLC., DBA Eriks Grocery Bag 835 E Maple Street North Canton, Ohio 44720

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Is there a motion? Yes, Daryl?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Chief, do we have any outstanding law enforcement issues at Erik's Grocery Bag? That you're aware of. (No) Does the Administration aware of any issues?

**MAYOR HELD:** No.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to approve the above liquor license.

6. Recognition of Visitors:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you. At this time, if you wish to address Council please step forward, state your name and address for the record.

**LARRY TRIPP:** (read from a prepared statement) 1127 East Maple, North Canton. Held under clear blue skies, North Canton was certainly blessed with two nice events held this past week. The first of course, the Fourth of July Parade. And the second, being the dedication of the Gold Star Families Memorial. It is without hesitation I commend all who participated and witnessed this event. It came across with the upmost and professionalism, dignity and somber at times. While honoring family who have lost loved ones during course of military actions. Mayor Held, your opening remarks were chosen with great care and spoken with passion. Dr. Novelli who led the memorial drive for this community, what else can you say, other than "thank you." You will be endeared to this community for years to come because of your efforts with the Gold Star Family Memorial. Then Mr. Williams, who, in my mind presents a gentleman's gentleman. A man with undying national pride in his unending vision in his quest for Hershell Williams Medal of Honor Gold Star Family Memorial in every state of the union. With the likes of his supporters, such as Dr. Novelli, living in these great 50 states, it certainly has to be one our hope his vision is someday recognized. However, in saying this, I would be remised to say, I was somewhat disappointed in the lack of attendance by North Canton City residents. This City missed a golden opportunity to truly exhibit its local, state and national pride. Unlike the Repository's reporting on this

event, a procession is not a parade. And no, the streets of North Canton were not lined with onlookers and flags. In fact, I watched the Repository's version of a parade with the Police Chief's wife and we pretty much had Main Street to ourselves. Yes, Glenwood Street looked super. Absolutely super. But was this result of City efforts? So Mr. Fonte and City Administration, while Saturday morning has left this City a memorial built honoring families of loved ones who gave their ultimate, it also left me some doubt for this City to grasp an opportunity. Mr. Fonte, the ball is in your court, and you know what I'm saying. Thank you again, Dr. Novelli. And Mr. Williams for a Saturday morning well spent. This event ending with the playing of Taps, reminded me of some 60 years ago as an 18 year old U.S. Army recruit. Like then, 60 years ago I could feel that tear in my cheek as Taps was playing. This afternoon just after writing this, I went to Dr. Novelli's office. Had never met the man, and thanked him. Just thanked him for his efforts and just a really, really nice Saturday. Thanks.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Anyone else wishing 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 wanted to share a couple things that I was passing along two weeks ago to a few people here in this chamber, after the meeting. Regarding the safety center. The City has wanted this, I guess for nearly 20 years. I don't know why it hasn't already happened. I don't know why this City didn't take steps then to put the ball in motion here. To make this and persuade the voters to get onboard with this, the City should have bought the location for this years and years ago. Clear the property, put a sign up and said "this is the site of our new safety center." It would give citizens something to visualize in their mind, to think about, and get behind. You couldn't have gone wrong. Property values, as everybody champions up here, always go up here in North Canton. But it would show the City's commitment for a safety center that we want and desperately need. I'm wholeheartedly behind that. As far as keeping a possible location secret, I just do not understand that mindset. We all know eminent domain. That protects municipalities from being forced into overpaying for a piece of property. All eminent domain does is if after a good faith offer for a marketing, the market price of the property, the owner doesn't want to sell, the courts will force him to sell at a market price. Which should be close to what any municipality would offer for a piece of property. You have a million dollars setting in your CIC. Buy the property, let the public know where this safety center is going to be located, and let people run with it from there. So, I urge you to quickly go out there and buy the property to show your commitment behind this idea. It just boggles my mind. This has set there for almost 20 years, and we have not made one small step to making this happen. Now, as far as paying for it. I think every citizen in North Canton should be paying for this property. In some fashion. Somebody has supplied me with figures regarding reciprocity all through the area. The City of North Canton is the only community that gives 100% reciprocity. Why? Everybody should be contributing to the services that we receive here. Maintaining the infrastructure. Out of six municipalities in Stark County, North Canton is the only one that requires, or offers 100% reciprocity. That is just wrong. And you would certainly think after Hoover left we would have scrambled. But Mayor Held elected to just start cutting back employees, which probably was a good thing to do. We were probably overstaffed. I'm not going to support this income tax levy that you have, that you're voting on tonight, unless you expand it to include all residents. Now I know you guys don't want to pay it because I think everyone of you except maybe Mr. Fonte are paid from an entity outside the City. And you get 100% reciprocity for what you pay to Canton, or wherever it is you're paid from. But on a positive note, Mr. Foltz is not here, he wanted to hear something positive. I'm trying to give you my best advice as to how to get the citizenry behind this. Because unless you do something real positive real quick I don't think it's going to pass. And you need to be doing something about this reciprocity. Everybody needs to be contributing to what we enjoy and receive here in the City. Thank you.

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

**BRANDICE SCHNABEL:** (read from a prepared statement) 472 Hillcrest Ave NW. Also a local business owner. I just have a few questions from the last meeting. The biggest one is why we should support a levy for a build for the City, when the City failed pretty significantly to back the schools when they needed, and still need money for build, for building in the school system, in the fall. And barely offered support for the school levy that very narrowly passed in the spring. Also, why is this conversation occur, I understanding this conversation has been ongoing? But it hasn't been ongoing here, and I'm very curious why the conversation is just now being had in front of voters to the extent that you guys have had to change your typical recess. To get this on the ballot for the fall. Councilwoman Kiesling kind of brushed this off in the last meeting. And didn't really answer that question of why it's here and being had publicly only now. Councilman Revoldt claimed that we should trust the conversations being had behind the scenes. That this administration is the only one that can get it done on time, and at budget. Which seems like kind of disparaging of previous councils, not a lot of faith in future councils. You know, why are you guys the magic team that needs to do it right now? And with little notice. And I'd like to know that if you want voters to support this is the Council then willing to commit unanimously to provide strong and open vocal support for the next levy proposed by the school system? If you guys would be willing to answer some of those questions I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Okay, anyone else wishing to address Council? Going once, okay, onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to ready by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 48 – 2018?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to read by title only the second reading of Ordinance No. 48 - 2018.

7. Old Business

An ordinance amending Chapter 192, Income tax, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, to increase the rate of municipal income tax from 1.5 to 2.0 percent for a period of 10 years, January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2028, for the purpose of providing additional safety funding for construction of a new safety building to house Police, Dispatch, and Fire/EMS operations, providing additional training opportunities for safety forces, and to create a resource for future maintenance of the safety building.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairwoman Werren.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Okay, well we continue this conversation and the only I had noticed and I talked to Laura about also, and she brought it to my attention in looking at the way the language was. In it it says; providing additional safety funding for construction of a new building. But we have talked in our many discussions about all that kind of goes into it, as well. So, it's not just the outside brick and mortar. It's also to furnish and equip it and construct it. So, that would be the only change that I maybe want to add to that. Laura, I'll let you let us know if there's any other Facebook postings. I haven't received any other calls. And I've talked with a few people throughout the weekend. And just getting, you know, some pretty positive support. So, if any Council people have any other different conversations. Dominic, I know that you had a good conversation with Laura. So maybe some of you may have reached out to others to kind of get more additional guidance on funding. And different things. But Laura, do you want to take it first, and then we can if there's any other questions?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** Sure, as far as the public reaching out. I haven't had anything else come in on Facebook in the last two weeks. I've had a couple calls from Mr. Tripp. Just clarifying some numbers that, but other than that, I think I also spoke to Melanie once about some statistical information. Other than that, I haven't had anything. And then I've had a meeting with myself, the Administrator and Mr. Fonte about some of his concerns. And Dominic, would you like to explain...?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Yeah, so what my concern was, is that if we have higher revenue and we meet our goal quickly can we just stop this in seven years? If it happens to be in seven years, five years, eight years, whenever. And it wasn't constitutional to be able to do it that way. So, the language we have a draft that everybody can look at. And it basically just says that from a financial standpoint of our collected revenue that the Finance Director Laura or whoever it be has to do an accounting once a year after the collections to show us what has been collected, and where we're at with the building fund. Or where we're at in the progress. So that at that time the Council can decide if they want to cancel it, rescind it, or whatever. So each year we're going to that, all the way through the 10 year period, and if we hit our mark sooner, it's up to that Council group at that time to decide if they want to stop it or not. And that was really my big concern, is that I just want to make sure from, you know, a voter's standpoint, and I'll be paying the money too. I just want to make sure that, you know, we're working lean and mean. That's, that was my issue. And several of us talked and it seems like that's a pretty good idea. So, give me your input if you would.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Yeah, and I think the nice thing is, I mean, the conversation really won't be relevant until you're seven or eight, when the debt is paid. Most likely, correct?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** Correct.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Unless we have a lot of influx in some income maybe we're not aware of. Could be. But, then it becomes relevant and then whoever's sitting here can decide that. And decide what needs to happen.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** And after our conversation I drafted up an ordinance, like you said, it wouldn't really become necessary until if we know the voters would approve the tax. But in talking with President Peters, he had a good idea that maybe you could introduce this after you come back from break. Have a couple readings and then hold the third reading until we know the outcome of the vote. And basically the language is just to create that fund that holds that money. And then as Dominic said for the Finance Director to report on that fund every year in February for the preceding year. And then each Council would be kind of, you know, it would put a spotlight on it each year to look at the balance of that fund.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** I like it Dominic. And again, it creates a level of transparency.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** We have transparency. It's a buzzword, stop it.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Extra clarity.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** That's right, there you go. Extra clarity. There you go.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Laura couldn't be more transparent. I want that on the record.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Laura's doing a good job. Thank you.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** So, I think from what was initially discussed about the portion for not just construction but for furnishing equipment, to move forward this evening and for the next reading, is perhaps there be a motion both for Ordinance No. 48 and separately for Resolution No. 10. That in each section where it calls for the construction of a new safety building, it would be

amended to read construct, furnish and equip. We'll put that in each section.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Okay.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** I will move that for Ordinance No. 48 – 2018 as amended by re-amended, to reflect the modification in the first paragraph. Where it says; for construction, and then is section 1, again says “for construction” be inserted “to construct, furnish and equip.” I think those are the only two locations that I... .

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to amend Ordinance No. 48 – 2018 to include the language stated above.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, any further discussion? Is there a motion and a second to adopt as amended the second reading?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 yes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 48 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 48 – 2018 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only, the second reading of Resolution No. 10 - 2018.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Do we need to amend this one first? We're going to read it first and then amend it.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** I motion.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 yes to read by title only the second reading of Resolution No. 10 - 2018.

9. Resolution No. 10 - 2018

Finance and Property Committee

A resolution directing the Board of Elections to place upon the ballot at the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018, the question of increasing the City of North Canton's rate of municipal income tax from 1.5% to 2.0% for a period of 10 years, January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2028, for the purpose of providing additional safety funding for construction of a new safety building to house Police, Dispatch, and Fire/EMS operations, proving additional training opportunities for safety forces, and to create a resource for future maintenance of the safety building.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairwoman Werren?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** We've talked about this, and said the only recommendation I would have again is to change it as we did for Ordinance No. 48. And where it says “for construction” just change that to “to construct, furnish and equip.”

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** On the reverse page, page 2, should its say section 3 and then should it say section 4? Or section 2? Maybe we've got a typo.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** That's got to be a typo.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** The construction I see in the opening paragraph, section 1.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Section 1, section 3 and section 4.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Very good. Thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second the amendment.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Yep.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to amend Resolution No. 10 – 2018 to include the language as stated above.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you. Any further discussion on Resolution No. 10?

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** I motion we adopt as amended.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 to adopt the second reading of Resolution No. 10 - 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 2018 WAS GIVEN SECOND READING.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you very much. Reports, Member Fonte?

10. Reports – Council

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** I would say that Larry Tripp hit it dead on with the memorial at Price Park. It was moving and it was very touching. Going down the street, you know, seeing the police cars and the procession. And all the flags. It was quite a moment. You know, unfortunately you wish more people could experience what we did. It was really wonderful. And if you didn't get a chance to see it, we streamed it live on Facebook. So, if you didn't have an opportunity to see it, if you were out-of-town, you can watch it. The Mayor had some very good points, good interviewing with the 94 year old young man who started this, Woody Hayes. He was a great guy, and really a lot of fun. I can't say enough about it. It was great seeing all the flags. The second thing is, is don't forget about this Saturday at St. Paul's, we have the 720 Group. Which is if you haven't been to one, it's fantastic. And it's going to be behind St. Paul's parking lot, and I believe we're going to have some access here if it spills over. Is that correct, Pat?

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Correct.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** And then as far as the schools, supporting the schools and all that. You know, it's important to have a safe, good city, which we're working on. Continuing and improving. And, of course, school systems are a big driver for people that want to move to safe communities. So, it's just like everything, you know, you've got to find common ground, and improve the relationships. So that we come to something that would be, you know, a good place to raise your family. Which we do have. And the schools are awesome. So, we want to continue that trend. So we just have to make sure we work together come up with common solutions so that we can all win. As a City. And as people. That's all I have.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Dom. Member Werren?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Yeah, Mr. Tripp, thank you for those comments. It was a great ceremony, and thanks to Dr. Novelli, but thank you to Pat for working on different aspects of it. For Mark for really leading the charge for Council. And Mayor, you did a great job with your remarks. And I told you that day. But just everything really worked out perfectly. That day in regards to that. Rob, thank you for all the, I think there's a lot going on in ward right now. Some of it not good with Easthill. I am getting calls about when is it going to be opened? And we talked about that. So, hopefully by the end of this week, maybe even tomorrow. We'll see. And then we can kind of talk about some of the design. I know we've talked about with the sides on that. And then Eastwood the tennis courts are really coming along. And everything looks really good. After I got caught in a rain storm too, and it was a little hard navigating through, but luckily that was in another area. So I was glad that we weren't getting as many calls on all the water. At least, not in my ward. So, that's it, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Kiesling?

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** No report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Revoldt?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Let me take a stab at a couple of questions that were raised about taxes. You know, we tend to look at our own situation, but the fact of the matter is under Ohio law there are wage taxes. So if you work in Canton, you pay now 2.5%. If you work in Akron you pay 2.5%. The bulk of our residents, vast majority I believe, Laura, correct me if I'm wrong, work in another community. And one of the challenges that we have, and this goes back to 2008 when the mayor asked us to consider raising the income tax. We took a look at our taxpayers here, and we declined to do it large part, because we thought we needed to get skinny. Which we did. But also driving our reluctance to raise taxes and understanding that, regardless of where you pay taxes, that when you get into the 2, 2.5% range, it becomes a real burden. And I think we have to look at whether it was a school proposal, or our own proposal, getting a tax rate at about 3% is what you pay for state income tax. And I think we want to be very, very careful about moving our residents into that zone. It's a real challenge. And as I eluded last time we met Jeff Wendorf and I had a good conversation about circling the waterhole. It's very tough for the schools, and very tough for us. We recognize that we've got to figure out a way to get this done, or at least certainly communicate to our legislators. But until some changes are made, I don't think we really, and Chuck, this goes to your question about reciprocity. I'm not sure that I really want to take our residents up to 3, or 3.5%. By waiving reciprocity. That's a huge tax burden, particularly for people at the lower end that are working. And if we're going to attract younger families to town, I think they particularly, not the folks, I know when I was working a little extra capital. But at the other end, you know, and this is what our study of that imaginary family who lived down on Lipton, back in 2008. They didn't have a lot of money leftover at the end of the year. And, you know, that played, I think that played a role in the failure of the first school levy. And frankly the passage of the second levy. There was roughly cleared town by only 150 votes. That was it. So, you know, I think there's a ceiling out there that we bump against. Laura's done a pretty job

trying to figure out kind of where the opportunities and what the constraints might be. But at the end of the day, I can only speak for myself. I don't want to see people in town paying 3% income tax. Whether it's to Akron or to Canton. I know when I was working in Columbus it was 2.5%, I was a resident of North Canton. If you'd factored on an extra .5 or a full percent, I would have been at 3.5 or 4, if the school levy had passed. And if they used income tax. Think about that a second. 4% of my income would have gone out through that door. I'm not sure that is what we want to do. Certainly I don't want to go there. And so, Brandy, I think to answer your question, the reasons that levy passed are far more complicated than the opposition that may have been expressed around this Council chamber. There were a lot of other issues that concerns that popped up right away. And many of those people, frankly were people who were working in Akron or Canton. Who just really didn't want to go, lived in town but didn't want to go in that direction. So, that's kind of it on the two questions. Glad to have them, however. The other is, that I want to indicate and I think the Mayor is going to discuss this. We had an opportunity to have a conference call with EPA last Friday. EPA Chicago, regional headquarters. We talked with the individual who is overseeing the activities across the street. It was an enlightening conversation. I think the Mayor or Patrick may share a little bit more with us. I know many people are anxious to have this project move forward and without stealing anybody's thunder. The reality is that there is a test regiment that is going to be required for air and air sampling and some surface contamination inside the building. It will take many, many months for that activity to be completed. And for the EPA to ultimately grant Maple Street Commerce any kind of permission to move forward. I took a look at, I went over to the library, and looked at some of the previous reports. The EPA has been working with them for the last 48 months. And in large part that's the reason, one of the reasons the project has been moving very slowly. So, that's my report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Cerreta?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Yeah, just a couple of things. Great report for the Gold Star, some of the behind the scenes, like Brian Hill. Did a fabulous job with his crew. Our Police, Fire and our EMS for both things. Not just the Gold Star, but the Fourth of July. I mean we were everywhere with that. So, thanks for you over there. That behind the scenes we don't see that kind of thing. Lot of people did come up to me that are not from this town, and said how wonderful our town was. And how quaint it is. How clean it was. We sometimes take that for granted. Someone came up to me and said "your little flowers on the corner there are the most beautiful things." And you know, we take that for granted. You know, all the little things that we do, like that, the little touches. That creates that one big thing that people see. So, let's don't stop doing that. You know, proof is in the little details. So let's keep that kind of thing. That's all I've got.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Director of Law?

11. Reports

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** No report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Director of Finance.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** Just quickly, our conference of annual financial report was finished up, and submitted to the national group that reviews that every year. So we sent that in by the end of June, and then our annual audit also wrapped up right at the end of June. And that's been submitted to the State Auditor's Office for final approval. And now that we're at the midway point of the year, finance is going to get to work in July on looking at all of our budget categories and lines, and making sure we're on target for the rest of the year. So that if there's anything that may be a little off kilter we can bring that before council. That's all I have.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Director of Administration?

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Thank you. I don't have much, I do want to thank the Administration, the Council for affording me the opportunity to go on vacation and return. It's unfortunate that I missed a lot of your events. But the team functioned well without me. So I'm very pleased with that. I just wanted to share one piece of correspondence briefly that had crossed my desk in my absence. From Captain Amy Shover to Chief Minock on behalf of the North Canton Fire Department "I would like to commend and thank the North Canton Police Department. In particular Officer Phil Taylor for providing lifesaving assistance to a City resident by helping our department during a recent EMS call. And it was a difficult call, and both the EMS personnel that responded were needed to address the patient. And that left no one available to drive the ambulance. And Officer Taylor didn't hesitate when asked. His actions and decisions were not only quick, but very professional. His excellence driving during this call provided our medics the opportunity to successfully treat and deliver the patient to the hospital alive and in a position to seamlessly transition care to the emergency doctors." So thank you to your staff for a job well done. That was it. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR HELD:** Yes, Larry, Mr. Tripp, Larry Tripp, thank you for your very thoughtful words. And when you had mentioned too that, you know, 60 years ago the Taps reminded you of when you were serving our country. And I think it's just a very emotional, the playing of Taps brings a lot of emotion to everybody. And as I had mentioned when we were at the memorial, one of the hard parts is that when you go to an event like that, you know you're thinking "oh do we have the flags in place? Do we have the tent set up? Do we have all of these logistical things in place?" Of course, the employees in the City make it very easy. You look at all the planning that went into it. Mark Cerreta put a lot of time into it. Dr. Novelli, I mean his efforts, his financial contribution, everything, is unmatched. He's just a really intensely giving person. And the same with you Mark. Which it

wouldn't have happened. Also Patrick DeOrio. And the City Council. The hard part is, is when you look at an event like this or a memorial, whenever you thank people they always say "don't thank me, this is not about me. This is about the Gold Star Family members." And their family members who are the heroes that gave their lives for our country. So that we can have a free country. And it really, you know, you'd like to think that you're intentional and you're thinking, refocusing on what it is important when you have an event like that. But I think what really caught my attention, is when I saw the Gold Star family members there, as the Council members did. You see them in the front row, and you can see on their face. And then you get a chance to talk to them, they tell you that they lost their son back in Vietnam. And there's still the lifelong pain. It's never the same for them. There was another young lady from Jackson Township, she had her six year old, and I believe a two year old daughter. And she was there with the two children, and she lost her husband. Just a few years ago. And so it just absolutely changes your perspective on everything. And then another, I saw on the comment section on the internet. A resident said "oh another memorial in North Canton. Do we really need another memorial?" And I think as Mr. Tripp mentioned that you don't really think about those things until you're there and you see the faces of the people. For me, I have not been able to stop thinking about it. Because you look at all the advantages that we have in this City, and in this country. And it's because you have individuals that were willing to put their life on the line for our security and our safety. That alone is incredible. And then some paid the ultimate price for that. So, as far as the memorials in North Canton. I think North Canton is a different community, and that we do have that tradition of excellence. And it's really due to our rich history. Our rich history of being a strong giving community. And when you have those memorials, those granite rocks that are sitting there. It's not going anywhere. It will be there for decades to come. But it does serve as a reminder to all of us as to truly what is important and what we really have here as a community. So it helps to kind of sift through some of the distractions I think. Which, you know, we're all plagued with every day. And it certainly was a reminder to me and everybody that was present. You could tell, because it was hard to keep your composure and not to, you know, just cry for the people that, the Gold Star Family members. So it really was a great honor to have Woody, who is 94 years old, and was given the Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman, when he was 22 years of age and three days. And he's still alive, and boy did he have a lot of energy. And he took a picture with everybody there that wanted a picture. And it was hot. And he just kept going. And his family told me that this is the fifth one that they've had in Ohio, the fifth monument, and think the 39<sup>th</sup> across the country. And they said this welcome is unbelievable and had never seen anything like this. So, our community does always stand out. Which is really nice. And then, just two more items. We have, we received a letter from the U.S. EPA. Actually it was addressed to Maple Street Commerce, IRG. It was dated June 13, 2018, and the subject was a notice of deficiency for the Resource Conservation Recovery Act. So basically what that means is the U.S. EPA monitors brownfields for old industrial sites like the Hoover District. When you have an old industrial site, it's understood it's a given that you're going to have contaminants in the soil. And those contaminants can give off vapors. Those contaminants can creep into, you know, aquifer or the local water supply. So, what they do is they monitor the air through different devices. They also monitor the groundwater. The good news is in North Canton, we do have our own water system. So any potential contamination is not going to negatively impact the drinking water, because we have our waterlines that run through that. But they still do groundwater monitoring test to make sure that everything is acceptable. So, what they have now is myself, Patrick DeOrio and Councilman Revoldt, we had called the U.S. EPA, and we had a conference call with them. Because we wanted to make sure that all the residents were safe that are living in that area. We wanted to make sure that, and we had no reason to believe that they were not. But we just wanted some assurance from the U.S. EPA. We also looked to make sure that the employees that are working at the Hoover District, that there was no compromise there at all. And so through the conference call we talked with Joe Kelly from the U.S. EPA. I believe they're in Chicago. Joe Kelly's the project manager for the U.S. EPA, Rafael Gonzales is the community involvement coordinator for the U.S. EPA. And also their supervisor. So, it was a lengthy conversation, and they said that, you know, there's nine total deficiencies that were identified in the work plan. And most are simple in nature, involving further collection samples and gathering of information. Just to ensure that there's no exceedances, as far as vapors, or groundwater contaminations. Maple Street Commerce will work with the North Canton School District and they'll evaluate whether the existing or temporary cap on the parking lot, the game patron parking lot currently owned by the school district can provide active long term protection. When combined with institutional controls. So they want to make sure that there's no contaminations in some of the land that the school is using as a parking lot. So, they want to make sure those requirements are met to today's standards. And then also they want to make sure there's the establishment of the sub slab depressurization systems. They have to put those in place before you can have tenants in there. So what they're doing is it was compared to like a radon system. You know if you have your home tested for radon and you have those vapors that are coming out of the basement. So what they do is they put in these depressurization areas, and they'll collect the gas and then they make sure it's evacuated out. So the tenants, whether it's residential or the employees that are working there, are safe. So they have those requirements that they have to meet. In addition to that, there are building code requirements that they're in the process of complying with. There's also fire code, measures that they have to take to meet those requirements. So, it's really the environmental, with the U.S. EPA. Nine deficiencies that, you know, we do not believe that will hinder the project at all. There was no indication from U.S. EPA that would hinder the development. But again, it has to be addressed. And then on the City's end, we're meeting the building code and the fire code. But the good news is, the project still has the ability to move forward once those requirements are met. And so we still have promise for the future with the project. And everybody's safe. People that live in that area and work in the area is safe. So that's good news. And the last item, and it's really to compliment what Patrick DeOrio was mentioning about our Police Department. This really, we had another situation on Pershing, a house caught on fire, and we had one of our police officers Scott Carrol, who was off duty, who lived in that area an into the house to get people out. You had Patrick Lewis who showed up at the scene who was on duty, our police officer, who ran in there with him. They both ran in there together, they waited until Scott Carrol had his backup. But the fact is, you had two men that were willing to run into a building that was totally involved. I mean the house was completely engulfed in flames. And if anybody has ever been in a situation like that, you, it goes against your normal instincts. And we're just really proud of them. Very proud of both of those gentlemen for their willingness to put others ahead of themselves. And the good news is, both residents that lived at the house, they got out, with the help our police officers. And also their dogs. They had a few dogs that they were to get out of

the house. So again, you know, North Canton is a great community. And it's really because of the people who live here, and the people certainly that work here. So, special thanks to Phil Taylor and Scott Carrol, and Patrick Lewis. And all our safety services for their commitment to serving the people. And that is all.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Engineer?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Some really good news today. Our joint Everhard Paving Project with Stark County, the last bit of asphalt went down today. So really thrilled how it's looking. Still have to adjust the manholes to grade. But that pavement being down well before the Hall of Fame deadline, that's great. The 2018 paving program, we're progressing there. Hower and Maplecrest have been in the last week or so. And we're working on the last four, and they coming along. The last catch basins actually went in today. So that's moving along. Kind of ready to hit you with the second wave, Batchel to dead end, that's going to get started this week. We've still got South Main to West Maple to do. I guess the little negative is ODOT's project on Easthill Street. Obviously, they didn't meet their three day closure. They had all kinds of issues with underground condulets, they had no idea that were there. They're open tomorrow, but they did get a lot done. They worked Saturday, I went by after the ceremony to check on it. They were out there today. So, we're moving right along. And things are going pretty well.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** And I had two questions. Have you heard anything recently from Plain Township on the collaboration between North Canton and Plain on Orion?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** Yes, I've talked to Joe Iacino the Street Commissioner on Thursday. And they're about 70% done with their program. So they're contractor is moving right along, it should be coming our way pretty quick. For our joint project on Orion.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Okay, and then the Chatham Creek Bridge there?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** The Chatham Creek Bridge, we've got a contractor that's going to clean up the sidewalk and the dilapidated guardrail. Met last week, had the tree trimmers out to clear the channel, so we could get the trees out of the way. Then we noticed there's one telephone pole that's real close to where we will be working. So we met with AEP, they're actually going to move the pole. So it slowed us a little bit, our contractor is still hoping to start next Monday. And AEP said they'd fast track moving the pole from the west side to the east side.

**MAYOR HELD:** If you wouldn't mind also clarifying since that topic was brought up on Orion. How does the City usually handle when we have that road that borders between the City and the township.

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** Plain Township had contacted us, and I contacted them as well. We've been playing phone tag. Because we recognized that Orion needed addressed. And they obviously recognized that as well. The bulk of Orion is a Plain Township road, I mean they wish to pave from Pittsburg all the way east to Main Street. And our corporate line just a little bit west and we own about two-thirds of the road. So the bulk of it is theirs. They opted to put it on their paving program for 2018. We measured up everything, came to an agreement on approximate quantities. I think we've got about \$21,000 in it. It's something we want to do going forward. In my previous life, I was Plain's engineer through the company I worked for. So I've got a great working relationship with the street commissioner there. We want to collaborate on those combined streets moving forward.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** I just wanted to say one quick thing, over where McDonald's, north of McDonald's, there was a buckling right on the sidewalk there. And then right where the trailer park is, right by Mama Guzzardi's. I took a picture and sent it to Pat, and the very next day it got ripped out and redone. It was like, so I just wanted to say thanks for staying super on top everything. And all the extra catch basins that are getting thrown your way. We really appreciate it. Thanks again.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay. Is that it, Rob?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** That's it.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Madam Clerk?

**COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY:** No report.

12. Final Call for New Business:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay. Regarding our July meeting schedule, our next meeting will be Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. And then we will not meet until Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Final call to Council for new business.

13. July and August Meeting Schedule:

- Monday, July 16, 2018 - no meeting
- Monday, July 23, 2018 - Council meeting
- \*\*Monday, July 30, 2018 - no meeting
- \*\*Monday, August 6, 2018 - no meeting
- \*\*Monday, August 13, 2018 - no meeting



\*\*Monday, August 20, 2018 - no meeting  
Monday, August 27, 2018 - Council meeting

14. Adjourn:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion and a second to adjourn.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 6 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

  
DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT