

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NORTH CANTON  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018

1. Call to Order

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, July 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer – Councilman Fonte 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, 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:

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: June 18, 2018  
Council Meeting Minutes: June 25, 2018 & July 9, 2018  
Financial Reports: June 2018

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Is there a motion?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

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

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.

**PERRY LAZICH:** 516 Rose Lane SW. I'm not here to complain. North Canton is a great place to live. How do I know that? Next year on November 7<sup>th</sup>, will be 50 years that we've lived there. My wife and I, and raised three children. So I'm not complaining here, but I'm seeking some answers. Answers to a problem that has plagued us for 49 years. And there's a little place between Cantini's and our property. And whenever it rained, not very hard, but water would accumulate in a low spot. And I tried several things, I won't go into any political reasons, or conversations I've had with Council, any of that. Or with neighbors. But the problem has been there and it was aggravated in late April, when we had three days of rain and wind. That blew two big Spruce trees down. Fell across the driveway and took out a clump of Hemlock. They were big when we moved there. And so I, I cut those trees down, I've got \$4,000 in the property right now. In trying to correct it. Putting in more dirt, was not the answer. As Councilman Dominic Fonte said there's just not enough dirt there. It's got to be something else we have got to do. And yes, more dirt. But a couple weeks ago, it rained very hard. And I'm thinking "Can I sell this property without telling somebody what the problem is?" I couldn't do that. I have to tell them. I wouldn't buy the property without knowing it could be "well we like your property, we'll buy but fix that problem." I can't fix it. I don't know what to do. But all I see that's around on the other side, on the east side of Rose Lane, are storm sewers. Catch basins. And there's a catch basin right at my next door neighbor Rick Hohan. And he faces his property faces Fair Oaks at that corner. Maybe a catch basin where I am and it connecting with his might solve the problem. I don't know. But if the City doesn't have an answer, maybe the City Engineer can help me find one. That's why I'm here. The, my next door neighbor, two doors away Joe Risaliti, five years ago October he put in a new sidewalk and driveway. He had to raise that. And when we had a couple weeks a very hard rain, he saw that water lying from the street all the way back to my backyard. In the west part of my driveway. And water lying on the driveway. He said to me "there's going to be a lot of rain between now and winter. And I can see if you don't something pretty soon, that water down there, when it freezes you've got a real problem." So if I sound anxious about it. I really am. I don't know what to do. But perhaps the City can help out with any suggestion. And, but just let me know so I can get to work on it, and solve this. I appreciate Mr. Mayor, and City Council for listening to this problem of mine. And I thank Dominic Fonte for his dedication to what I've been saying here for a couple weeks now. So thank you very much.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** If I may, Mr. President, I'd just like to address Mr. Fonte. If I could. So I had the opportunity to go down to the property and take a look at that. I had the City Engineer go with me. And we have some ideas that we think will work this time. And we will be contacting Mr. Lazich to work out the details for access to his property, to try a couple solutions that we have in mind. So, just wanted to let you know that, we hadn't had a chance to talk. So... .

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Thank you very much. And I know it's a big concern of Perry's. Been there almost 50 years. He's going to be 90 years old, and God bless him.

**PERRY LAZICH:** Was 90 years old.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Okay, so you're still here. God bless you, brother.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you, Pat. I appreciate it.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Excuse me, this water's collecting on the street?

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Correct. In the yard. It gets deep enough that it can overflow.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** And he is east of Cantini's, or west of Cantini's, correct?

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Yes. Yeah, he's next to Cantini's. Cantini's is the red house, he's the brick house. Towards Cerreta's house.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Perry, where exactly are you on Rose Lane? Are you right next to Risaliti's?

**PERRY LAZICH:** Two doors away.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** To the east? East of... .

**PERRY LAZICH:** He's west of me. Two doors.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** He's west of you, but you're east of him?

**PERRY LAZICH:** Yes, yes, my property, Mrs. Cantini and Joe Risaliti.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** You're next to Hohan then. You're next to Hohan.

**PERRY LAZICH:** I respect his opinion, because he has been at this concrete business for over 40 years. And... .

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** We're going to look into it for you. Get it handled.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Okay, you're next to Hohan's then, right? You're right next to the Hohan's?

**PERRY LAZICH:** Rick Hohan is my next property to the east. He's my next door neighbor to the east.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Okay, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you, Perry. All right, Chuck, you're ready?

**CHUCK OSBORNE:** (read from a prepared statement) 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. On July 5, 2018, a news story appeared in the Inde online. A sister publication of the Repository, titled "New pediatric care center planned for Massillon." This was certainly good, this was certainly positive news for the City of Massillon. The announcement is doubly good for Massillon, as a pediatric primary care facility to be operated by Akron Children's Hospital was planned for a blighted vacant commercial building on the east side of Massillon. Near the intersection of Wales and Lincoln Way. Given North Canton's City government mindset that community investment only occurs with tax incentives. I was especially interested to learn what sort of incentives Massillon had given to lure Akron Children's Hospital to town. There was no mention in the news story, so I called and talked to Dave Mayle, Massillon's Director of Economic Development. Much to my surprise, Mr. Mayle told me no tax incentives were offered, or promised to Akron Children's Hospital. In contrast, I would like to reacquaint everyone here with how North Canton responded to Akron Children's investment in our City earlier this year. North Canton showered Akron Children's Hospital with an industrial and commercial occupancy grant that I described in remarks to Council on February 12, 2018, when the legislation Ordinance No. 10 - 2018 was passed on emergency as laundering of tax dollars. Under the terms of the grant, North Canton would collect income taxes from employees of Akron Children's Hospital. And then return those collected taxes back to Akron Children's Hospital. Akron Children's Hospital would then make a donation of a portion of those tax dollars back to North Canton. Thereby qualifying for special tax breaks. In a February 5, 2018 Repository news story titled "North Canton reaches agreement for new Akron Children's facility." Councilman Doug Foltz is quoted as saying "This is wonderful efficient use of tax dollars. This is the way we should do business in North Canton." I disagree. North Canton does not have to resort to corporate charity to spur economic development. The investment that Akron Children's Hospital is making in the City of Massillon illustrates that public tax dollars do not need to be given away willy nilly as they are in North Canton to

bring about economic development. City officials need to think long and hard before resorting to tax incentives. Perhaps this City should be as resistant to giving tax incentives to corporations as you are diligent in chasing individuals who have failed to file or pay City income taxes. Taxpayers deserve better. It is your fiduciary responsibility. With regard to Akron Children's Hospital, the City of Massillon knows how to do business. Sadly, I wish I could say the same about the City of North Canton. Thank you.

**LARRY TRIPP:** (read from a prepared statement) 1127 East Maple, North Canton. First of all, let me thank Laura for your help that you've given me and for Jeff and Mr. DeOrio's stopping by the house the other day and just letting me vent a little bit while I took a yard break. But I appreciate you stopping by. Mr. Revoldt, I very much appreciate a month ago, your explanation as to why you were voting yes on the 1.5% income tax rate increase. On a personal note, I believe you have brought strength and moderation to this Council and City government in the past six months. However, when you say you like the makeup and working of this group, remember you are speaking of the same group that made a mockery of City government in North Canton for the past six or seven years. In fact, just recently the newly created Water Board initiated by Council, decides it's a great idea they sell City water to a medical firm occupying a building outside North Canton City limits. No annexation required. No income tax coming in. Only through the threat of veto by the Mayor and your continued opposition, stopped this action. Now, unknowingly Chuck just spoke of the same subject I was going to speak of. But I would ask for your recollection of the 2018 agreement reached with Akron Children facility. Yes, the same one where the City manipulates income tax monies and for a grant, basically. Now, one finds after discussion with Ms. Brown where the voters to approve the proposed tax rate increase to this contract, the terms stay the same but the figures changed dramatically. Still based on an annual payroll of \$2.75 million or \$27,500,000.00 for 10 years, the City collects income tax at 2% totally \$550,000.00. The City nets \$206,250.00 in tax revenue after reimbursing the hospital \$343,250.00 for a \$250,000.00 legacy contribution. Does anybody see the fallacy in this agreement? This is an average of \$20,625.00 less than 1% going into the General Fund, and the City pays \$343,250.00 for a \$250,000.00 contribution. One councilman stated in the Repository "this is a wonderful, efficient use of tax dollars, and this is the way we should do business in North Canton." And another one states "This is a win, win, win situation." Really? For who? And Council wants North Canton voters to play the role of the Bernie Sanders definition of American voters and approve a tax rate a tax increase of some \$20 million without any hint of any transparency. In addition, this agreement was in all probability unnecessary. Just recently this same facility announced plans to move into a somewhat blighted area in Massillon, and to what cost to that City? Nothing. Once again, it's my understanding, nothing. So, foresight in that agreement? Probably not. You had to have been thinking of the tax increase at that time. But anyway, so my remarks above involve two medical facilities. I vaguely recall, we have two medical professionals sitting on Council, and wonder if this is only coincidental. Or if the passage of the 1.5% tax rate is successful, and additional dollars flow into the General Fund, are we on the road to making the North Ridge fiasco look like a fairy tale? If time permits I believe this City in addition to lack of transparency is making a mistake by allowing the 1.5% tax increase to be used as a tax credit to other cities. Again, in conversation with Ms. Brown, the City forgives based on 1.5% some \$2.4 million as tax credits to other cities. This equals at 1.5% roughly \$800,000.00 per year or over five years, \$4 million. Just some food for thought. On the tax credit. First of all, let me say I'm 100% for a new building. And the combination. But certainly not with the lack of preparation nor the transparency that we've seen in the past six weeks. Thanks.

**SAM BRENTON:** 1681 Westfield SW, North Canton, Ohio. When I first moved to North Canton, every summer they hired college boys or whatever. And they went up that wall where you trim, found that light. They repaired that picket fence or the log fence. And they trimmed all those vines. Because these boys get on their skateboard, bicycle, or these other elder people jog down there. And the vines... I live down there on Westfield, on the Fourth of July, I was out at the Hartville Flea Market. My daughter called and said that new neighbor moved in there, she was knocking on the door and said "that UPS dropped a package off at my house." I didn't see it, and she didn't see it. So, I don't know what about it. Are they telling everybody I stole their d\*\*\* package, or what? Just that simple. But I moved there in '81. And ever since, it started out two women, a two year boy, he would not go past my house because "he's a crooker, a crooker, a crooker." That's all he would say, but he wouldn't want to walk past my house. And then a guys across, he left his garage door open, he had all kinds of woodworking equipment in there, sometime during the night, when he left his garage door open somebody went in and cleaned him out. The neighbor next door said "Sam did that." So, I'm getting a name and I'm not doing it. Now, I worked 43 years for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and I've got letters from two different, president of the railroad "that's an honest, dedicated employee for 43 years." If I would have stolen a bolt or a nut, anything, they were just waiting around to give you a chance to fire you. That's drinking, gambling, fighting, and stealing. Any one of those, they didn't have to have a trial, you were done. But anyhow, I don't know I have a name, he just moved in there in June. So I don't know if he's running around telling people I stole his package or what. We never seen it. So, anyhow. You kids take it easy. You take care of those vines now, because that's dangerous, a copperhead rattle snake might be in those bushes. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Anyone else wishing to address Council?

**MELANIE J ROLL:** (read from a prepared statement) 308 Portage St. I'll try to be brief. I first want to address the legislation for tonight, 48 - 2018 and Resolution 10 - 2018. I have to commend you all. You did this in somewhat of a fair and transparent fashion. You did the three readings, among several weeks. You allowed the press to discuss what was going to be. You allowed us to come here, and speak. So, good deal. Second, signage. I didn't get to go to the Planning Commission meeting of July 11<sup>th</sup>, but Mr. DeOrio had a lengthy discussion on signage. I think it's important. I'm in dismay when I drive up and down Main Street, and look at the signage in this community. It's atrocious. There's some points that you're wanting to do as far as getting people more in compliance. Which is good. If I could have my way, which I never get to have my way, but I would not have electric signs, or flag signs. I find them garish. It's just looks like Las Vegas. And do we want to look like Las Vegas? I don't think so. Okay, the third is the exterior housing code. Which I've spoken about numerous times. In the spring and summer months,

it comes apparent that people keep trash where they should not. They don't mow their lawn. They don't weed whip. It's discouraging. I would like, I think Mr. DeOrio is also working on the exterior housing code, and some other things. I don't know if there's a working group among the legislative branch. It would be nice if the legislative branch would team with the administrative branch and do something about this exterior housing code. I think that the City is at a tipping point on many levels. But I think this one is critical. If we don't do something soon, it's going to be detrimental. Thank you.

**JESSICA STROIA:** 638 Portage Street. Land acquisition. Unknown placement. Unknown price. You may think that we're talking about last November's issue 44. We're actually talking about this income tax increase. When you go to the voters, you're going to them with trust. You're going to them with hope. And you're asking. Now, I've had to ask voters for a levy, it's difficult. I know that you're not doing this as a rash decision. However, voters trust is very imperative right now. The voters within North Canton are very tired, they're very overworked. And they've had to read a lot of things, and ask a lot of questions. And right now, I am worried for our City. And for our safety services. When it comes to achieving this new building that they so direly need. Because the land acquisition for this is unknown. The location is unknown. And the price is unknown. I will commend you, you've worked very hard in to putting something that makes it put in place, accountable. I appreciate that, as a voter, and as a member of this City. Because I want to know that you're going to take these funds seriously. Because I know that its money out of my pocket. However, if you want this to succeed, which I think you do, come to the voters with a clear, concise plan. Something they can picture. Something that is tangible. Show us what a 10 year investment and a .5% increase is going to do for us. Because this City needs to grow economically, and it needs to grow with a younger population. And I think we can achieve that. But when we go to our voters time after time, we need to think of that very carefully. And I want that for you. I want that for our safety services, and I very much want that for our school as well. So please, show us the tangible proof of what we are achieving with this 10 year goal. Because if you do that for us, we can get there. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Jess. And I'll comment real quick on that. Dominic and I have had multiple conversations with Jessica. And aside from that, we've spoken with Pat as well. You know, we have 2.5 months after we pass this tonight, you know, we really need to, I agree with her, we need to work on that. We need to let the voters, you know, see illustration of what our dream is. So, give them something to look at, something tangible. So, I appreciate those comments. Okay, anyone else wishing to address Council? Last chance for about a month. Okay, all right. At this time, we will move into old business. Let me do this before we start reading this. Let me, may I have a motion and a second to amend Ordinance No. 48 – 2018 and Resolution No. 10 – 2018 to include the emergency clause. Oh, I have to do it separately. Check that. Let me ask for a motion and a second for Ordinance No. 48 – 2018.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Should have a motion to read the first one, and then amend it.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** You want to amend it after we read it?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Yeah. Have just a motion to read, and then a motion to amend.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, let's have a motion to read, motion and a second to read Ordinance No. 48 - 2018?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to ready by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 48 - 2018.

7. Old Business

8. Ordinance No. 48 - 2018 Finance and Property Committee

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, proving additional training opportunities for safety forces, and to create a resource for future maintenance of the safety building.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, do you want to motion...?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Go ahead, Daryl, did you want to say something?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Please, I'd like to have a motion to amend Ordinance No. 48 – 2018 to include an emergency clause.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to include the emergency clause in Ordinance No. 48 – 2018.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, Chairwoman Werren?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Okay, so we have talked about it for a few months now. And we did kind of space it out to give people time to react. We put it on social media. Laura answered a lot of people's questions about this income tax raise. For the purpose of funding, construct, furnish and equip and maintain a new safety building. I think we've demonstrated a need. So now we're ready to move forward with it. Laura, or anybody else, have you had another questions or issues or concerns that have come up in the last couple of weeks, that you want to discuss right now?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** I think for me the only questions that have come up was what Mr. Tripp spoke about. He and I have gone back and forth several times over the phone about that. In regards to getting more specifics and more detailed plans. That's come up a few times from councilmembers, as well as the public. One thing to keep in mind is, everything up until this point, has been about getting this tax on the ballot before voters. Now we're moving into the next phase, where we need to explain to the voters what they're voting on. So, if it is approved tonight, and it goes on the ballot, there'll be additional information. Police and Fire Chief, I don't know if they want to speak to this. But they've come up with a list of architectural firms that would help us to update the conceptual drawings and the things we have from the past. But we have a concept, but it needs to be modernized.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Well, I think that's very typical. I mean when I look at how the Canton levy passed. There were sections that they said certain dollars would be allocated. There weren't streets that were so named that were going to be paved. They're still working on the center square. There were drawings, but it wasn't as specific. So now they're saying "well, let's go with Phase 2." And really putting more plans into action. So, I think this is typical with what happens with a lot of different levies.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** And everybody has to make their choice when they're going to put a levy forward. You know, you can do a lot of work leading up to it, at a lot of expense to get consultants and architects and people to come in and do that. Or you could wait until the later stages once something is passed to actually spend those dollars.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Just a couple things. I had several people call me and wanted to meet with me, because they were in the dark, big time. Just exactly what we're talking, exactly what they had mentioned there too. And I agree with them. We've got a lot of work to do if we want this to pass. Things that they were asking me, are things that they should know. We should know that. Like how much land are we going to need? You know, what's the space? Are we going to get an architect? Sounds like that's going to happen. Are we going to get a consultant to tell us what we need? Are we just going to shoot from our own hip? So we need all those kinds of things. But these are a lot of questions that they put out that should have come up before. And should have that answer. Now, we are going to pass this, I assume. But we've got a lot of work to do, if we want this passed. And whether we're meeting with people, and explain to them and getting the word the out. If you don't get the word out, you've two months to do that. Basically. Maybe a little bit more than that. But there are a lot of people that are upset with it right now. Because they don't know what it's for. So, we have some time now to cure that, and move forward. I personally think it's very needed for our future. But how we've done it, I agree with them. And I'm in the dark on a lot of it too. So, I think there's a lot of work to be done about where we're going with this and what is actually needed. And I would expect it to be a top notch thing when we get it done. And I think this is very well needed. That's all I've got to say.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Laura, you have a comment?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** I was just going to say, in response to the consultant question. You had asked me that, and we have been working on that. As I said, the Chiefs have put together a list of several architectural firms that have done other safety facilities either police, fire, or combined centers. And in speaking with all of those firms, as they've done their research, those firms have in house consultants. So we would be going through an interview process of selecting the right firm to work with. Seeing what they have to offer, and then working with someone that's experienced in the field. And, of course, our chiefs who know our day-to-day operations better than anybody else. Do you guys have other comments on that?

**POLICE CHIEF MINOCK:** The only thing I can add is an explanation. I don't think anybody's been intentionally left in the dark. You know, 20 years ago they did that conceptual drawing based on the information that was given to a consulting and engineering firm at that time. That's what they came up. The square footage is on there. That's what they felt we needed at that time. We may need to look at that again. To have someone come in and do that, and come up with a specific drawing, costs a lot of money. So, it isn't something to just do in addition to what we had before we knew if everyone was willing to back this project. As it moves forward, obviously there's going to be more people involved. And as Laura mentioned, we did start looking at firms and say "you know, what can you offer us? How can you bring this project in at what kind of budget? What kind of product can you give us that the community's going to be proud to see out there on Main Street somewhere?" And that's our goal as well. It's about the community itself. It's not about these departments or, you know, the pieces of government. That's something that the whole community has to support and be happy to see. And there's a certain order that things have to be done in. And if you get ahead of yourself, before you have any funding, or you try to pick someone based on the price, or, you know, we like their drawing without really knowing how they're going to fulfill that promise. I think we could end up, you know, with more trouble than benefit. So, that's why as careful as you all have been, that's how we want to be too. We want to make sure we get the best end product for all of this, for everyone.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Chief, I was, so now that like let's say if tonight it passes, it's up to the voters to decide. So, I think what Jessica Stroia was talking about, is a lot of people are visual, so they have to envision something. They don't have a great vision without seeing something. So, it just has to be results to see something. So, whoever in what order it needs to happen, it probably has to happen aggressively and timely, so that there's time for us to kind of get the message out to all the constituents.

As well as the board or whatever, like what Patrick did when we did the park vision. Something like that, I guess. That's what I'm thinking.

**POLICE CHIEF MINOCK:** Certainly, and that, you know, what we have already is a beginning step to that. I would say having lived in this community my entire life, I also have a strong desire to have something, you know, we can all be proud of. And it should last at least the 40, 50 years that this building has. So, you know, it's in all of our interest to make that happen. And I'm sure whatever we come up is going to be a very traditional attractive building without, you know, going over the top on a bunch of extravagant features. But it should be in keeping with the appearance of Main Street and the community itself.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Thanks, John.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chief. Any other questions? Daryl?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** You know, we can, well I'm struggling for a coherent sentence. You know, I think first of all, we can kind of over complicate the structure. We already have a pretty good idea what we need. Patrick and I, for example, were out in Plain Township. It's a \$3 million building. It's the new facility on Schneider Road. Our structure would have many, if not all of the features that building has. We might add some additional elements to it. To meet our unique requirements. But that facility only cost \$3 million. Our Finance Director has said that she estimates that this levy will generate 2 annually. If we take the police department and give it a \$3 million facility, we're now at a \$7 million, let's assume ours is \$4 for fire, and \$3 for police, that gives us \$7 million. You can work the math on that. We should have this taken care of and resolved under 10 years. I think the other thing is this, as we move, as we try to get this thing on the ballot, we know we've got a lot of work to do to get ready for the voters. In terms of flushing out the details. As many as we can. I think one of the things that we know from our previous acquisitions, is that the more we telegraph and I can cite one example in particular in the past. The more we telegraph our willingness to buy a particular property, the higher the cost will be. So, we're trying to balance this notion of timing and confidentiality with good business sense. I think we can get there. Here's the other thing I would point out, and it hasn't been discussed. Is that if we come back sometime after November, even if the voters have said "yes" and this levy doesn't cover it. We don't have to go forward. We can just cancel the tax. And there's nothing wrong with saying "you know, we're not comfortable proceeding, and we're going to go back to the drawing board." And that is always the no action option remains for this Council. At the end of day. If those designers come back with a \$20 million building, we should reject it. And not collect the tax.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** I don't think they will. Because we'll give them perimeters. There's options.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** I don't think they will. But the point of this is, there's options available to us. And this is not, we're not going over the Niagara Falls on this. We have the ability to stop it. If need be. And I think we can get Patrick and his team can get to a point where we've got some pretty information. We know what fire stations cost right now. New Philly's got one, Canton's got one, and Plain's got one. I just trying to think of others. I think Green may have built one recently. We're going to have a pretty good idea of what the square footage is. And again, if anybody's interested I can arrange a tour of Plain. We can go out and look. Scott would happy to show us. And I volunteer to take any citizens out who are interested. We can look, this is not rocket science. It's not rocket science.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Well, and plus we have that language if it does pass, that we can reevaluate every single year till the sunset.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Absolutely. Okay, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Anything else?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** I think you need a motion to adopt as amended.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** I do. Well first of all, I need a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for Ordinance No. 48 - 2018

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** As amended. So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for amended Ordinance No. 48 – 2018.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, may I have a motion and a second to adopt as amended Ordinance No. 48 – 2018?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules of amended Ordinance No. 48 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 48 – 2018 WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF 7.

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

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third 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, 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:** Is there any more discussion? All right, then I move to adopt.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** May I have a motion and a second to amend Resolution No. 10 – 2018 to include the emergency language.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved to amend.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to amend Resolution No. 10 – 2018 to include the emergency language.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you. Motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for amended Resolution No. 10 – 2018?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules for three readings for amended Resolution No. 10 – 2018.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you. And finally a motion and a second to adopt as amended Resolution No. 10 – 2018?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules of amended Resolution No. 10 – 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 – 2018 WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF 7.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you. Before we get into reports, may I have a motion and a second to amend the agenda to include an appointment to the CIC? Mr. Jon Zepp.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Motion to amend.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Unanimous voice vote of 7 to amend the agenda.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you. We have an opening on the CIC, it’s a Council appointment. Mr. Zepp has shown interest. He also served on our Charter Review Commission, very admirably. I think he did very well. He’s a very thoughtful individual. He’s a good guy, he’s a business owner. He’s a long time, or a lifetime North Canton resident. So at this time I would like a roll call vote to affirm the appointment of Jon Zepp to the CIC Board.

Roll call vote of 7 yes for the appointment of Jon Zepp to the North Canton City CIC Board.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you very much. And we will swear him in at a later date. Okay, reports, Member Fonte?

10. Reports – Council

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** No reports today.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, Member Werren?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Just the tennis courts are coming along well. And then Pat, do you want me to talk a little bit about the new tennis court? Of what we're going to do maybe with it? So I have a few tennis courts in my ward, and Pat and I was going around a few weeks ago kind of looking at some different options. And in Eastwood's we're rebuilding those tennis courts. And they had needed it for a while. And we had initially talked about putting some Pickle Ball lines in there. Because Pickle Ball is becoming a very popular sport for many people in our community. So Pat, looking at some of the other tennis courts the ones that are over by Walgreen's thought that they might be a better fit for Pickle Ball courts. So, do you want to talk about that? Or is it just that.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Certainly. Yes, we were looking at a couple options. And one of the things that I was considering that we do have an abundance of tennis courts. And I was trying to think of one that would bring what I believe would be some economic benefit to the City itself. So, the tennis courts at upper Glenwood, I thought if we converted one of those to a true Pickle Ball court, that those that would come play it might be sticking around on Main Street. Maybe go down to Pavs, maybe go up to Main Street, depending on the time of play. More so than if it was down at Eastwood. So, if we were going to try it. I talked with the engineer about this, and we did have some preliminary talk just striping over top of striping. It's certainly cheap to do it that way, but it's not really what Pickle Ball court individuals would prefer. So if we were convert one of those courts at upper Glenwood, each one could convert to two Pickle Ball courts. We've talked with the group in Stark County that pretty much organizes all the leagues throughout the county. They said that if we were to do something like that they would definitely put us in their rotation of getting groups up here. So right now I'm working with Rob on, we looked at a proposal. Thought it was a fair proposal for what we want to do. It's a little more involved than just striping its really making it into a true Pickle Ball court.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Would those involve the nets, the special nets that they have at the different levels? And that's what they want. I mean, I think if we're going to do it, because I do think they would come. And then when you think of that location I mean you have the 1329, you have Variety's, you have Pavs. There's a lot there that truly, they come and they participate. So I think it's great.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** And Administratively our position would be if the court gets as much use as it would seem to indicate, then we could convert the second one. So we are moving along in the process.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Okay, well thank you. Many of you might have been on Easthill or maybe avoided Easthill for a little bit longer than the three days initially planned. Rob was working with them for a while. And then of course issues came up. Electrical issues. But that was all taken care of. I think last week it was all paved and repaved. There was some traffic issues again last week. But it seems to be moving along. So, we're good.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Kiesling?

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** No report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Revoldt?

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Yeah, I just, not so much as report, but I want to comment on...first of all, I want to thank Chuck for reminding us to be cautious in our approach to economic development. I think we all know by virtue much of the information that Laura has prepared for us, that for basic projects certainly \$5 million or less CRAs and Occupancy Grants provide really only truly very nominal amount of support. And for smaller projects a million or less, they really don't matter much in the cosmic scheme of things. I only say from my experience, limited experience in economic development, that every project is unique. The project in Massillon that Chuck has sited was only a \$1.3 million project. Ours is \$10, or \$12. It's probably tripled in size. I think it's only about 14,000 square feet. It's going into an existing building. I don't know what the occupancy would be in the wages, but my guess is that even with Massillon's, if Massillon was to put something together. Again, I'm not sure that it really would have impacted the project. One way or another. It would have been more of a show. Like one of the challenges that we've got here in North Canton, and I'm constantly reminded of it. And Patrick and I were reminded of a day in a meeting that we had. We are surrounded by townships that have no income tax. And while I was not around, Chuck, when this particular project evolved. I would only say that it could have gone across the street. But I think we always need to be reminded of that. That we face many instances competitive situations, we're going to lose an employer across the street sometime soon. Maybe in the next 18 months. It is moving to a non-income tax area. We're going to lose that income tax. So again, Chuck, I think you're right from the standpoint that we have to be very, very cautious with what we do. We need to analyze them, we need to look at these projects on a case by case basis. We know there are general guidelines that we should follow. But when it's potentially competitive we should not be pennywise and pound foolish.



(Mr. Osborne spoke out from the gallery)

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Chuck, you're out of order.

**COUNCILMAN REVOLDT:** Chuck, I understand. I think, you know, I think the bottom line is we're trying to do a good job. And trying to be conscious, and you've done a good job pointing out of the matters that could have might have been considered otherwise. But the bottom line is this, I would still argue that Akron Children's project was a good project for this community. The financial point of entry in the ROI on this was very, very, very good. And, you know, additional school money. And that's the other thing. I mean, there was no tax, no property tax money involved in this thing. So, but again, Chuck, I appreciate the fact that we're having this discussion. Because again it reminds us to stay focus on how these deals get put together and what the precise circumstances are with each one. And I believe that in the days ahead and I can just look at this, we're going to have to in some occasions be relatively creative. In what we do. We're dealing with an old community, that's built on what I call the 1834 plat. And we're going to have to do some things if we want to assemble and make things happen. And this is the conversation that we had with Wooster, Wayne County, on its CIC, on Liberty Avenue its Main Street. They had to get in and do some things that community had never done to re-envision and re-imagine. And again, Chuck, I appreciate you reminding us to be careful. That's my report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Very well said, Daryl. Member Cerreta?

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Couple things. First of all, I thought the 720 was terrific. The event there if any of you went to that. I thought how it moved over into this side of the square. And I think everybody was impressed by, you know, how it kind of spread out throughout this side. It looked really cool. So well done for those who put their time and effort into that. You had mentioned Pickle Ball, I've got a lot of old athletic friends who still want to be competitive. And they've been asking for Bocci Boards. That's the next stage, when we get into the certain level, you know, of you can only do so much. So, we will probably need to talk about that too. Because I think that could be something very special. And actually have competition outside the City back and forth. It could be some really cool things with that. The other thing I want us to when we come back from break, there's a couple things I'd like us to put some time and effort into. First of all is our water strategy. Okay. Because I sit on the Water Board, but I represent you folks, and I need some, we need a strategy. We can't just shoot from hip every time. We need to talk about what we're going to do as far as annexation, JEDDs. And we can't have division, we need to know where we stand on this stuff. Because the future is its very important for our future, and where we're headed for this kind of thing. So, what is the outside rate strategy? What is our strategy? We need to have good sessions about that. So, what's the best, you know, kind of procedures for us. So let's think about that so when we come back we want to put more a lot of effort into that. Because I think that's where we're going. We need to look at that. The other thing I want us to look at, and we had talked about, and we've texted a few of us is about the sidewalk situation. And on certain roads, we need to get serious and quit talking about it. We've talking about it. Like Lindy Lane. Some of our main roads need sidewalks, at least one side. When you look at communities, what do they want? They want the ability to walk places, parks, that's kind of stuff. And I know the first question is "how are we going to pay for it?" Well, we need to come up with that. And I know Dominic said we should talk about it. But every time I see and I sent everybody a picture of some folks walking in the gutter. Because we don't have sidewalks. That's pathetic. We should be able to do something about this, especially on a main road. So let's please put some time into that as we come back. And have a good break, everyone. That's all I've got.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Mark. And I could just add something to that. Regarding the sidewalk. I think we all have in all of our wards, specific roads that are high traffic, and there's a lot of pedestrian traffic on there. We had an incident on 7<sup>th</sup> Street hill, where somebody got bumped by a car. It could have been a lot worse. Because they had to walk in the street. There's no sidewalks. So, and I'll even go one step further, when school starts and in the wintertime when we're plowing these streets, if they don't have sidewalks, kids have to walk in the street. Especially on these highly traveled areas. It's only a matter of time before something happens. So, I would agree with you 100%, and I think we should really have a serious conversation and a plan put in place for that. So I would agree. Okay, Member Foltz.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Yeah, that'll be interesting. But yeah, we can talk sidewalks, but cohesively it will be a good discussion. Pickle Ball is great. The one at Stadium Park is used all the time. They can't get enough time on it. So, my recommendation would be, do them right. You know, don't repaint lines. There's certain fencing you do. There's windbreak that you have to have. You can't just put it up. Because that ball is like a Wiffle ball, and it floats around. And you need to protect it from the elements, if you're going to have it, you know, spend the money on it, we're going to do it right. So I appreciate looking at it in certain areas of town. Bocci too. We've got the premier Bocci courts in Stark County down at Wise Park. We have a guy that runs them and it's manicured. I mean because you've got people that care and want to take care of it. And you want to make sure it's top of the line, when people do use it. So, that's nothing different than our philosophy through the years here in North Canton, also. As far as Akron Children's, I thought it was win, because the schools didn't lose any money. At all. We negotiated income tax, I applauded Pat DeOrio and the Administration and Council on that deal. That's our healthcare development area of the City. And I'm very proud of that when we drive in. And Daryl, you're right, that could have been on the other side of Whipple. But it's here. We're fortunate to have that wing on the western side of our City, and I'm very proud of that. And I think it's a win all the way around. And it is a \$12 million project. And it's going to bring jobs. And it's going to bring, you know, development opportunities for our other areas for when people see that we're willing to sit down and negotiate for something. That's what the townships are doing. Let's face it. They're getting involved with grant opportunities, so they can even come in less than our income tax that we require. So, we have to be creative. And I think I applaud that deal. I think it was, you showed

Stark County and northeast Ohio area, this is a, North Canton is willing to come to the table and work with you. And not hurt the schools in the process. So, I applaud that. I applaud that project. And look forward to more of those. I think that was it. Oh, piggyback on some comments earlier. Sam brought up that wall. I know, Pat, we talked about it, I don't know if anything happened yet. But Everhard north side the limbs that come down between Salway and I forget the other road. But it's on the north side of Everhard. Where they grow over that big concrete wall. And, you know, the split rail fence has been looking good there on Easthill. So, I don't think that's a problem. But that's the one concern, every year we should send somebody out. Who's ever responsible, we need to get it cut back and charge somebody. If that's our path. But just take care of it. You can't walk down that street. If you're traveling down there, you're going to get hit and fall off your bike. It's a wrong place for that kind of growth, vegetation, but you know, just cut it back. Its every year we discuss this. But to piggyback on some other comments. Melanie, yeah, I'm for exterior housing code. I'm very pleased just in certain pockets on Portage that look better. A guy bought a house and painted it grey, painted the shutters and replaced the garage doors. It's a win. It's turning around. But we've got to be more forceful with what we're doing. Still see trash out early. We've got to get a handle on that. People shouldn't have their houses in disrepair for long periods of time. We have to have a way to enforce that. Or at least make the property owners do it. So, I'm very favorable of looking at that, and serving on a committee. Did years ago with some residents that come to these meetings Monday night. I look forward to pursuing those goals also. As far as the income tax, I think we're going to get where we need to. We're very proud of our safety forces here, police and fire. I don't think we take that lightly, when we ask for Monday. But they have been very efficient with our existing buildings. I think we deserve the next 40, or 50 years with EMS, with police and fire, to attract more families into the city. Be more efficient and effective with our tax dollars. And I'm going to bet that whoever's around then, we're going to get this done within 10 years. I think it will be great to say "you know, we're done with it. We're going to turn it back in and ask for something else." Or withstand the income tax that we have, you know, right now and make things happen. Who knows the future, but we owe it to the taxpayers to give them a workable plan, where it's going to be. And I think this is the group to do it. We've been very transparent. I made sure of that when, you know, when I was at a few meetings. Three readings, we've had a lot of discussion at this point. Sometimes you don't hear very much until it's on the ballot. At least we got the conversation started, we're very proactive answering questions. So, I thank everybody for that. That's my comments.

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

#### 11. Reports

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** No report.

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

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** Thank you. Miriam came up and asked a question before the meeting. She wanted me to let everyone how much money we had received back in a rebate from Bureau of Workers Compensation from the state. We got back about \$102,000.00, and that money is put back into the funds from which it was paid. BWC is sitting little too much of a surplus. So, they're rebating back to governments and business employers, as well. In your June financial reports that you approved earlier this evening, I just wanted to highlight one thing. We have the donations list in there every month. This month we had a pretty sizable donation from Dr. Novelli. That was for a special fund for ongoing maintenance of the Gold Star Memorial. So we put that in its own bucket. And if we have any needs to arise with that in the future, we'll have some money there. An email went out today to about 2,700 of our water customers, that have used either our ebilling service, or our credit card service, to pay online. We are changing the processor that we use for both of those services. So, I wanted to let those folks know that when you get your August 1<sup>st</sup> water bill, it might come from a different email address. If you signed up for ebilling, than it did in the past. And if you go to pay online with a credit card or an echeck, after this Friday, the webpage will just simply look different. User name and password will still work, you can still get in there and pay your bill timely. But it will look slightly different, and I wanted to let folks know, so that they didn't think it was, you know, hacked or a scam, or anything like that. So that went out today. And it will also be on our website and on our Facebook page on Friday. That's the day that we switch over. And then finally, I looked at revenue for the first six months of the year, since we're half way through the year, our income tax, our property tax are coming in right according to schedule, right where I thought they would be. The only place where we're a little behind is in our water and sewer revenue. Kind of goes to what Mark said a few moments ago about a water strategy. Our water usage, and this is true nationwide, not just North Canton, has pretty much stagnated. You know, we have kind of a typical number of customers, everybody's got their low flow shower heads and toilets, and different fixtures. So, usage is not on the rise, so we have to find other ways to either increase revenue, or keep expenses the same.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** So, would you say, out of 100% capacity, where are we at? What, 40%, 50% of our capacity with water? Whoever knows the answer?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** We're 35.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** We're so low.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** So, so, that's the strategy I would say, is like if we were to sell outside water to somebody. You know, what would be a safe bet, so if we get a drought or something, we're not to push the limit. Would it be like 55% and then reserve it from there? So that's something we should probably think about over vacation.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Dom, I believe we use 4 million, we have the capacity to use 12.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** So is that like 50%, 100%. What does that mean?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Means we have a lot more we can do.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Okay, so we'll think about it over the next four weeks. And I'll take shorter showers.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** At least take a shower, okay.

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

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Thank you. I have a lot to go over. I have a lot to go over. I'll try to put them in some sort of priority, so that if I lose a few of you, you get the important stuff first. So, I thought about this. So the first, and most important announcement is the reorganization in the administrative offices. And I am pleased to publicly announce, although what you have received in email communication already, that we have promoted Cathie Farina to the position of Deputy Director of Administration and Development. This was effective on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Cathie, if you wouldn't mind just standing up so the people in the audience know who you are. Thank you. This position, you might be thought as formerly the position that I had. Before becoming the Director of Administration. We worked on with the Mayor, crafting this position to suit my lack of skills in some areas. And to enhance in other. So, we've been trying this out, actually since I took over as Administrator. Cathie has done a fantastic job in this position. There were, you know, half of dozen or so applicants. We did publish and put the notice out on our website, social media, and advertising twice in the Repository. And I think that, you know, what she brings to the City was strong background in HR, you know, with hiring the administrative process with that. In the development projects that I've had her work on, she has done a very good job. So, we're in the process of making the rest of our administrative team, as we add to it, considered a fleet of project managers. That's what we need. It's not so much an emphasis on clerical end of it, pretty much everybody handles their own clerical, you know, now anyway. We don't send out a bunch of communications and write letters like they used to back in the day. Now it's emails, texting, you know, to get the project things moving. But what we need, you know, in my estimation from my talks with the Mayor and with Council, are people that can move things and get them done. So things like that you're bringing up that we want to be able to pursue, we need to have people that can make it happen. So, that's our emphasis from an administrative side. So, all of you, you know, when you please feel free to contact Cathie, she reports to me. Others report to her. And it's similar to the arrangement that was here when I reported to Mike. CRA. Its three wards done. Yes, waiting on, waiting on the lone wolf, and I do believe he's schedule with me to that one. But I spent several time with Councilman Peters, and it doesn't just revolve around looking at it from a CRA standpoint. I mean I think it's the first time, I don't know I can't speak for David when he was the administrator. But I think it's kind of the first time that maybe an administrator and Council representatives went around for a couple hours and talked about their ward. Not just looking at CRA streets. But talking about the unique things that need to be addressed in their ward. So I look forward to doing that. I intend to have it on Council's agenda when you return from your break. We are in the process of receiving the numbers on the City's natural gas aggregation program. We get, I get a quote list every month. And I just want to take a timeout from that, of just saying "Gee, what's the number, and this price, and all that price?" And we really need to have a conversation about the value of this. Now, I can remember serving on this body back in 2006, when the natural gas prices that people were getting, and they thought were a good number was, you know, 14 something per MCF. And there was a lot value in the idea of aggregating and trying to pool for better pricing. But, when we look at the economics from that time to the present with the boom and the fracking, which is bringing all the natural gas out as a byproduct. The natural gas pricing has dropped, you know, under three for that. What value are we really providing for this, and some may argue and I can see this, where we actually may be doing more harm than good. I suppose, you know, for those that truly don't spend any time with this, and don't want to do anything with this, and just assume go along their merry way in life and never have to think about it. I suppose the City option isn't a bad option. I'm not sure how many people there are like that. But what we tend to do is end up striking a price that continues to fall, and then we lock people in for a period of time. Now we were able to negotiate with this process under foot, that we wanted any penalty clause for leaving the program removed. So that if somebody wanted to join the program, let me rephrase that, they're required to join the program, they have to opt-out to get out of the program. But we didn't want that there'd be any penalty for leaving. Not that isn't to say that if you're with another entity and you want to come into our program, that company may have a penalty for you to leave their program. That is, you know, kind of the balancing act. But I really would like that we have a conversation again about this that is this really what we want to be in? And I know politically it's probably popular that every community has one of these, but, you know, I'm willing to think outside the box and talk about, you know, is there a value here? And same, you know, with the electric. So, I'm just pointing that out to you, because sometime between now and the fall some time, we have to, you know, determine what that price is. And we'll continue it for a 12 month period. But I really don't want to go beyond that.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Pat, does it cost the City money for them to manage the program?

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** No, it doesn't, well let me rephrase that, everything has a cost, Member Fonte. And it's just a matter of who pays it. And I suspect that the individuals that are driving an economic benefit from that, build that cost into the price that the residents pay. So, I mean the residents pay it, is it a direct cost to the City of North Canton that we issue a check? No. But the residents pay.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** So if we could exchange that for leaf pickup, wouldn't that be great?

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** On that note, I will move on. The community energy savings program, we are about half way through our time period. This project runs through the end of September. We are more than half way through our goal. So, we're getting

close to that. We should be getting some updated numbers here again this week. There's been some technical issues with the AEP's website. As it relates to that. But we do have a banner outside that we're coloring in as we go, to kind of measure our progress. So, a good news you can get free low flow shower heads. As part of that if you complete the energy savings profile on the City's website. Or it will take you there as a link.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Hey, Pat... .

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Hey Pat, just real quick on that, I did receive my lightbulbs by the way this past week. Can we put that on Facebook and all our things? A link that actually, I mean you've got to make it easy for people or they're not going to do it.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** It wasn't that easy.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** So, something that can get them there as soon as possible and stay there and answer it. It's only like four questions. So once they're there, it's pretty simple. So maybe on our Facebook page, someone can do more than a banner, in our own website. Very few people go to our website. But I think they do do the Facebook thing, and maybe even the other website about North Canton. I can't remember what it's called.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** We will put it back out with the link. We had done that initially, but it's been a while. So we'll republish it and make sure that it's easy.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Well, being in sales, you've got to tell people at least five times for them to even stick in their brain. So, you can't just do it once and say "we did it." So, every week or so, hammer them if you really want to reach your goal.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Pat, also I received my box as well. There were, what six LED lightbulbs, a nightlight, a LED lightbulb, a shower head. And you also got an attachment for your facet to control the flow. But you know, Pat, maybe take a picture of the box and what comes in it and put it on the Facebook page. Let people see.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Okay, I'd like to read a letter that was sent by Chief Minock to two of his patrol officers, Scott Carrol, Patrick Lewis. Pertaining to the house fire that was on Pershing Avenue NE on July 8<sup>th</sup>, where they entered a burning structure to evacuate persons that were told were still inside. "I'm writing to commend you for remaining as calm as can be expected in a situation such as this. And for your unhesitating action upon your arrival there. I watched your body camera video and was truly moved by your selfless actions in getting the residents out. Even as they were resistant due to their pet being inside. Secondly, you did an excellent job of keeping dispatch informed as to what was going on. Later conveying your sympathy to the pet owner and even asking Officer Carrol about his condition. Thank you for your heroic actions that day, your willingness to put yourself at risk, to help those people is possibly the clearest demonstration of the law enforcement ethic that I have seen in my career. As a token of my regard I am presenting you with our department heroism ribbon that you may display on your uniform." So I want to thank the chief for sharing that with us is truly remarkable individuals that you have under your command. Sidewalks. Boy, do I get that question a lot. So, I hear you loud and clear. I've taken some steps to address this. One, I've asked that all projects going forward that involve curb and gutter, otherwise, catch basin, or where any other cement work is going on, on the street that we improve, that an analysis be done of the condition of the sidewalks on that street. And that while we are going to have a contractor there, it would make sense to put this in the bid specs to find out what the pricing would be to do that. I think the cost per yard of concrete would be by far cheaper that way. So, that should be something that we do on an ongoing basis that addresses a lot of this. I think had we done that in the past, you know, we could have avoided a lot of these situations. Second, I'm incorporating some funds into the budget for next year to deal with sidewalks that are not in association with what we had just said. And we should say though, that too that, you know, this Council and the Administration, a number of years ago looked at addressing a street where there were no sidewalks. Where a lot of people were walking and trying to put it together. But ultimately, it requires the property owner to grant the City an easement to put the sidewalk in. And should they not agree, you know, then that's that. And that's what happened a number of years ago with one on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. So, I'm willing to, you know, look at wherever it is. But we just need to keep in mind that if, you know, a couple people along the way say no, they don't want it. Well it doesn't make sense to put it in for three, skip two, put it in for one, skip one, in a situation like that. So, we'll do our best to convince people of the merits of this. You know, better emphasis on, you know, the sales process. Because sometimes that's what it takes to get them to understand what they're getting into. But, you're point is well taken. And the Administration is acting on that.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** But won't that also require an ordinance change? Doug and I have been very much a part of this conversation for many, many years. Isn't there an ordinance on the books that specific says how and where and why we put sidewalks in? So my question is, I don't want you to, my thought is, you're going to go to all this work when in the end its going to be up to, we have to change that ordinance.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** But we can change it can't we?

**MAYOR HELD:** Yeah, it's just under the existing policy. There's certain limitations. But it doesn't mean that it cannot be changed. You know, clearly like we run with Stark Parks, you know, when we run trails through particular areas. So, you know, we could do something along those lines where you pick a particular area and say this is a heavily traffic area. You know, for pedestrian traffic, and then look and adjust the ordinance to fit that.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** You'll be having a big slate when you come back of things that were... .

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** I just don't want Dominic to get his hopes up. Because it is huge point of contentions.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** My hopes are up. I guess it might come out of my road budget, a little bit of money. Just saying.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Okay.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Well, you know, like anything else, if it's important enough to you to get it done. Is it important to us? We just have to spend some time to find ways to get it done.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** It is important to us.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** I know it is. And so, since I've been on Council I know you guys talk about the past, we haven't spent anything on it. We talk about it. But we don't do anything about it. So, can we put aside a fund to put so much aside to go do it? Over a period of time. Or do we do, you know, property taxes, put it on their bills? I mean there's so many things. What do other people do?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** We wouldn't get by in on that one.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Yeah.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** A lot of discussion. Plus existing sidewalks that need repaired that we already have. Let's face it.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Well, we've got a lot to think about over break. So, let's come back and hit it when we're fresh.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** I know you're aware of it.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** No, we've spent hundreds of hours debating this.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** So, thank you.

**DIRECTOR DEORIO:** Okay, working with getting a meeting together with Stark Parks to talk about the program, you know, the homes that were purchased and taken down, along with the Zimber thing. There's some ongoing questions about how those vacant parcels are being maintained. And so, we're setting up a meeting with Sarah Buell to talk about making sure that our strategy is clear and consistent in its application. So, I wanted to just let you know that. If you have comments you can call me with those before that meeting takes place. That concludes my report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you, Pat. Good stuff. Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR HELD:** Yes, and I do appreciate all the work that Patrick's doing. But I want you to know that it is not making me emotional. It is ragweed season. And so I keep rubbing my eyes, and I'm sure Marcia being a nurse practitioner is thinking "do not rub your eyes." But I can't seem to control it. So, it's a little irritating. With the water strategy, you know, when we take about a month ago about where we want to be in 20 years. And that's really where administratively and as a city, where we're moving. You know, we're not looking at where we need to be next year, or you know, two years from now. It's where we need to be 20 years from now? And once we set our vision on the next 15 to 20 years, it really allows us to bring to focus the activities. And one of those is clearly a water strategy. Because we only have what, 30% of our usage? And water is critical. Every community has to have water. When you look at the Ohio EPA, their strategy is, is that they want water customers. Residents and businesses to connect to an existing water system. Because when you think about it, if there were ever some sort of contaminant, if there was a spill, if there was a tanker that spilled along the roadway. All of the businesses and the property owners that are connected to a municipal water system, that keeps the groundwater safe. Because it's easier to protect, how many water wells do we have now? You know, let's say we have seven to 10, its easier to protect those water wells than it is 1,000 homes with a private water well. So, the water strategy I think is an excellent idea. And we can work with the councilmembers and our administrative staff to develop that. Chief, our police department, I mean we can't be more proud of our police officers. Especially Officer Carrol and Officer Lewis. You know, when you have individuals that are willing to put their lives on the line, for the sake of others, that's when they start their job. They don't know what they're going to entail. But then you actually see individuals that are willing to go to such steps under life threatening conditions, it's incredibly humbling. And we're just proud of our department. So very nice job. And then also, I appreciate and I know the Council does too, because I was talking with our councilmembers about this individually. I was talking with our staff members, when we have our residents come up and ask questions or point out their issues or concerns. And then you have Laura, Patrick, other staff members that are willing to go out to Larry's house or anybody's home and listen to them, as far as, or their criticisms. We embrace that. Because it helps to refine our plan and our position. And, you know, our policy here at administratively, is that if somebody has some questions, we are willing to answer any question, at any time. You know, if we have our blogger Marty Olson, he likes to spontaneously show up with a camera. And if he has 35 minutes of questions, we'll answer the questions. May not be able to answer every question. But I think that's our obligation and our duty as public servants. So, we're glad that people are willing to offer their input. And just as importantly, I'm glad that our staff members are willing to sit down and talk with them, and listen to them. Because that makes our plan, whatever it is we're doing stronger. And so thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Engineer?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Well, we've been awful busy, as you've seen we have orange barrels all over town. Our next one, I guess I'll share with you. We've talked about it before, is our collaboration with Plain Township from Pittsburg all the way to North Main Street. That work is scheduled to start Wednesday, weather permitting. Probably Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. So it will be an impact to the folks up in that area. But I think they'll like the end product. But I know Plain Township at their end is going to have a Stark County Sheriff deputy helping with traffic control. Chief Minock has offered one of his officers to help with traffic control. So that should really help out. We've also got it on our Facebook. As far as other projects, we've got five or six projects including paving program Everhard is the big one, the tennis courts are just about wrapped up. Edgewood and Briar should be done, hopefully by the end of the month. So, I'm happy with that. Then we'll have the second wave. The most inconvenient one will be South Main. Our grants will cover all that. That's my report.

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

**COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY:** No report.

12. Final Call for New Business:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay. Final call to Council for new business, Council?

13. July and August Meeting Schedule:

- \*\*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, we'll see you all Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for our next Council Meeting. I'll entertain a motion and a second to adjourn.

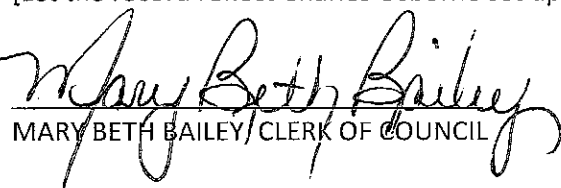
**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Motion to adjourn.

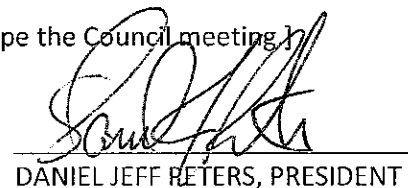
**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

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

  
DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT