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Minutes of COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON REGULAR Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC. FORM NO. 1014B

Held Monday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. 20 14

1. Call to Order

The council meeting was called to order Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council Jon Snyder.

2. Opening Prayer: Rev. Mel Lindberg (Retired)

The opening prayer was delivered by Rev. Mel Lindberg (retired).

3. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Mr. Snyder: Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

The following members of council responded to roll call: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, and Werren

Also present were: Mayor Held, Director of Administration Grimes, Director of Law Fox, Director of Finance Alger, City Engineer Benekos, and Clerk of Council Kalpac.

5. Consideration

- Council Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2014
Mayor's Court Receipts – December, 2013
Financial Statement – November, 2013
Financial Statement – December, 2013

Mr. Snyder: May I have a motion and second to approve as presented, the council meeting minutes, January 13, 2014; the Mayor Court Receipts as presented, December 2013; the financial statements presented November 2013 and December 2013.

Mr. Foltz moved, and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to approve, as presented the council meeting minutes, mayor's court receipts, and financial statements. All members present voting:

Yes: Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta
No: 0

6. Committee Minutes

Mr. Snyder: I need a motion and a second to approve as presented, the Personnel and Safety Committee meeting minutes held on January 13, 2014.

Mr. Foltz moved and Mr. Peters seconded to approve as presented, the Personnel and Safety Committee meeting minutes. All members present voting:

Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz
No: 0

7. Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Snyder: At this time, the Council will recognize anybody wishing to speak. Please step forward to the podium, state your name and address for the record.

Chuck Osborne: 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. Accurate and complete records are vital building blocks of our history. They should not be filtered, interpreted or summarized by any individual. As an example, I would like to quote from a general affidavit submitted to the US Pension Office in support of a request for a pension for my great-grandmother, Nancy Lindenberg, a widow of a veteran of the Civil War. It is dated June 26, 1910. The statement was submitted by Sterline – or Starling Marshall, a family friend who served several times as a Kentucky legislature in the early part of the 20th Century. Mr. Marshall states, and I quote, "We were well acquainted with Christian Lindenberg, alias Christian Lindberg and Nancy Lindenberg living on adjoining farms, residences within hailing distances of each

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other, and know that claimant and the soldier lived together until his death and that they were never divorced, but lived and cohabitated as man and wife up to the date of his death, May 10, 1910. We also know that soldier left no other child or children claimed for by this or any other marriage, but Harry Lindenberg who was under 16 years of age at the time of soldier's death. On the filing of her claim, May 20, 1910, we know this from an intimate acquaintance seeing claimant or soldier almost daily for several years up to his death. We also know that claimant has not remarried since the soldier's death." What would be left with - what would we be left with today if those words on this affidavit had been summarized or paraphrased? I am certainly glad that the national archives in Washington, DC has not summarized or paraphrased records entrusted to its care. A speaker's words spoken or written, are his or her own, and not for someone to interpret. Would anyone want his or her words filtered or reinterpreted and then preserved in said manner for posterity? I think not. In actuality, the demands of summarizing or paraphrasing someone's words would require more time and effort than simply transcribing those words verbatim, not to mention the risk of inaccuracies and produced by restatement. As public officials conducting the public's business, why would you even consider letting someone summarize or paraphrase your own words on public issues? Verbatim transcripts protect you. Why would you want to open the door and let someone put words in your mouth? Like the words of Starling Marshall that I read to you, your words will be preserved for generations to read. I am sure each of you would prefer that an accurate, complete record of your words be kept. The proposal to eliminate the transcribed verbatim minutes of Council meetings, Planning Commission meetings, Zoning and Building Board of Appeal meeting, and the Appeals and Variance meetings is a mistake and will diminish citizens' oversight of the actions of public officials. Ending the tried and true practice of verbatim minutes does not bring about any cost savings for taxpayers as acknowledged by Council President Jon Snyder, in answer to a question asked by Council Member Peters. How can cutting corners and diminishing the historical account of the actions of North Canton City government benefit the citizens and taxpayers? Last Tuesday, Law Director Fox repeatedly said that audio recordings, which could be maintained in the cloud under the proposed elimination of verbatim transcripts, could be taken to a transcriptionist and transcribed at a rate of \$200 an hour. Anyone who has observed a transcriptionist transcribe meetings would observe the transcriptionist using a transcript machine, one that is preprogrammed with the names of expected speakers at the meeting. The transcription machine works in tandem with the transcriptionist's own recording of a meeting. I called Premiere Court Reporting and talked to a transcriptionist, and was told in no uncertain terms that transcribing a meeting, which she had not attended and recorded would be extremely difficult. Further, she could not certify such a transcript. In short, a citizen could not obtain an accurate transcript as stated in this scenario at any cost. It is very disheartening to hear North Canton's Law Director claim that a citizen could simply take an audio recording and have it transcribed verbatim when that is really not feasible. North Canton City Council has kept verbatim minutes of Council meetings for decades. It is a permanent, accurate record of the actions of public officials. Yesterday, I spoke to Daryl Revoldt, former Mayor, past President of City Council and long-time member of North Canton City Council, regarding the proposal to discontinue the practice of transcribing verbatim minutes of city officials at public meetings. Mr. Revoldt was unequivocally opposed to the proposal to end verbatim transcripts, and told me that I had permission to present his position against this proposal. He also gave me his cell phone number to give to many of you on this Council body so each of you could hear his position on why verbatim minutes have served North Canton citizens, North Canton and its citizens well.

(Five-Minute Timer Bell)

Mr. Osborne: I ask that Ordinance No. 13-14, 14-14, 15-14, and 16-14 to end verbatim transcription of Council meetings, Planning Commission meetings, Zoning Board Appeals be tabled or voted down.

(Gavel)

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Osborne, your five minutes is up, sir. Thank you.

Mr. Osborne: I just have one short sentence. Without summarizing or paraphrasing on my part, Mr. Revoldt's last words to me on this proposal were, "ending verbatim transcripts would be an unwise decision." Thank you, and thank you for your accommodation, Mr. Snyder.

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Mr. Snyder: Not a problem.

Mr. Osborne: If anyone would like to see what the historical records look from the Civil War, I have the record to show you.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mr. Osborne. Is there anyone else wishing to speak to the body?

Mr. Fox: Before the next person speaks, I'd like to state that I didn't mention anything about a cloud. I stated that a recording could be transcribed by a court reporter because that's what they do every day. That's their job, is to transcribe. And for a court reporter to tell you that they could not listen to a public meeting and provide a transcription, I'm just uncertain why they would say that they could fulfill that duty and why we every day hire court reporters and essentially that's what you're asking the clerks to do during these public meetings, is a court reporting. And I'm not stating that it's not worth while. All I'm stating is that it's something that the taxpayers should decide because the legislature has decided that is not required. There are a multitude of municipalities that do not incur that additional cost. I went through Canton, North Canton, Louisville, the two townships - Dover and New Philadelphia, and Canal Fulton. And the only one that - the only two that do it is Canton and North Canton. So, if you continue, the point is just understand that you are incurring a significant cost to do it if that's what you feel is the rationale that you need court transcribed minutes for your meetings when courts of law do not require that unless a person asks for the transcription, and that person who demands the transcription is required to pay the cost. What you're asking is for the taxpayers just to simply assume that cost. And if Council determines that's reasonable, that's fine. I'm just pointing it out that it's not required. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Mrs. Henley.

Faye Henley: I'm Faye Henley. I live at 833 Church Street SW, North Canton. And I'm aware of the fact that we're losing our post office to down into Canton and getting a substation. And I would like the Council or anyone else who that can have the influence to have all these empty buildings we have on Main Street for the substation and not go way north where it's out of the way for 90% of the people of North Canton. And even though this one is on North Main, it's not way out on North Main. And I don't know if Mr. Fox has, could have any influence on talking to them, or who's doing it because nobody knows who is testing what buildings to do this with.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mrs. Henley. Mayor.

Mayor Held: Yes, just to clarify that. With the post office as the Post Master had explained through the Congressman's office, that the, that branch is going to remain as it is as it pertains to the City residents. So the post office is not moving out of Canton. However, the mail carriers are going to be reporting down to Canton, and then they will be working their routes rather than reporting to the City of North Canton, this branch, and delivering their mail. They'll be starting their day down in Canton. And then for income tax purposes, the percentage of the time, which is a large percentage of the time, that they'll continue to work their routes which will be in the City, they'll be paying that appropriate amount of income tax. So if anything there would be a minimal amount of income tax that the City may lose as it pertains to the percentage of time that they're working down in Canton at the start of their day. But the majority of their work is going to be done in the City. So in summary, this post office is going to remain open. The North Canton residents, they're not going to see a change in the service at all. It will stay there, the branch will stay there. You can go and deliver packages, and get your stamps. So it won't be - it's not going to be moving north or south.

Mrs. Henley: I was told that because of the \$5,500 rent on that building and the fact that it's an absentee landlord that moved out of state, that and then the lack of maintaining that driveway, which has got so many potholes up to 6, 8 inches deep, that they were not going to stay in that building, until - well the lease is up at, you know, in the future - not now.

Mayor Held: Right. Yes. And no, that's not the case. They're not moving.

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Mrs. Henley: And they said – and so I called the main office and talked to him and he said they're looking for a substation area.

Mayor Held: And again, that's from an operational perspective, so that the...

Mrs. Henley: For the customers.

Mayor Held: No. It's for – it's how they manage their mail carriers. So the mail - mail carriers may not be starting their day and receiving their mail out of this post office, they'll be doing that at another location, which I believe is the Canton Office.

Mrs. Henley: It is.

Mayor Held: So they're doing that across the country. They're consolidating their operations to various locations, but they're not doing away with the post office itself which is the service to the residents.

Mrs. Henley: But, that location I was told is not going to be available.

Mayor Held: No, that's not – and again, this came from the Congressman's office. So that post office is going to be staying. It's not leaving.

Mrs. Henley: Then are they, is the City going to enforce the code on changing that parking lot to be decent for us to drive in and out with our vehicles?

Mayor Held: Absolutely. I mean, that's what we want, because we want the parking lot to be safe for all the residents. And what we're doing is communicating with Congressman's office so that he steps up the activity and the pressure.

Mrs. Henley: May I ask what – and which congressman would that be?

Mayor Held: Congressman Renacci.

Mrs. Henley: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Held: You're welcome.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you, Mrs. Henley. Anyone else in the audience wishing to speak?

Melanie J. Roll: 308 Portage Street. The proposal to change how council minutes are preserved is multi-faceted. One issue is what technology will be used for recording minutes and how those documents will be stored for future use. The second issue is will those minutes be a summary of what has taken place, or a more exact record of each council person's thoughts and rationale or how they vote on legislation? Just as some council members have questioned how quickly technology changes, some currently employed librarians have also questioned the wisdom of storing data only in digital form. I'm told some documents and spreadsheets recorded in the 1990's on software that is now obsolete cannot be accessed. That information is now lost. And along with the cost of storing data in the cloud, organizing and keep sufficient backups requires constant vigilance by the folks responsible. Many times requiring hiring a person to do that task. Plus I'm told retrieval of data can become cumbersome. Even paper from the 19th century is accessible by archivists and historians. And those librarians say, if you have a storage area, paper is the best option for ease of retrieving documents. The argument for not transcribing minutes verbatim, I believe, is cost. My counter to that is there are services that I believe government should provide. And those services may not be disbursed equally to all citizens. If a street is paved in the Eastwoods Allotment, I would most likely not benefit as I seldom travel in that neighborhood. However, I realize someone in the City is getting needed street repair. My household is yet to need North Canton Police or EMS, thankfully, but I realize, there are folks in the community that do need those services. Yes, currently there are a handful of citizens who request public records and it can seem problematic. My argument is government has an obligation to transcribe the exact words and actions of Council and store those documents in a manner that citizens can access at minimal cost. Again, some citizens would use the service, others would not. What hasn't been discussed in open forum is that perhaps verbatim minutes would be helpful to members of Council if you're trustworthiness is called into question. Those verbatim minutes would verify what a Council person did or did not say about issues

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before Council. Yes, it could be helpful. The Federal Government issues the congressional record, a permanent account of all Federal legislative proceedings, available in paper. The Ohio Legislative Service Commission publishes the Senate Journal and the House Journal, which is an account of state legislative proceedings, also available in paper. Surely North Canton government can provide a verbatim record of meetings of Council, Planning, Zoning, and Appeals and Variances at minimal cost to citizens. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Anyone else wishing to speak?

Glenn Saylor, Jr.: My name is Glenn Saylor, Jr. I live at 340 Reed Avenue, North Canton, Ohio. First of all, I'd like to thank everybody who came out tonight. I think it shows that you are the true patriots of North Canton, and I commend you. I cannot speak as eloquently as the previous two speakers about the issue of recording our minutes verbatim. I think the previous speaker hit it right on the head, and bravo to you. And I can't add any more to what's been said then what Chuck and this lady have said tonight. But I would ask you if you are considering changing this, that at least you do it the way a business would do it, and that is to run parallel for a couple of months. I'm in the computer industry. When we switch from one computer to another, we just don't throw the old one out and start with the new one. So if you're thinking about, hey, going to digitally recorded that people can access on the cloud or wherever it's going to be, fine, but let's keep the transcripts for a couple of months and see once what people's opinions are. That might change your opinions, too, because you can go anywhere you want to and people can say, hey, yeah, this is great. We've done away with transcripts and we don't need them. And then you come back, and you do that. And, you say, hey, wait a minute. It wasn't a very good move at all. Okay? So, let's do this in a business-like fashion like a business would do. The one issue I see with keeping things as a digital recording, even if people are able to access them on the internet or whatever, would be the fact that I can't tell any of you people apart as far as your voices go. So if I'm listening to a tape, I can't tell which councilperson is necessarily speaking, whether it's Dan Griffith or Mark Cerreta or Marcia Kiesling. Whoever is speaking, I can't tell who that person is. So I could listen to that whole council meeting, and I could guess, hey, that's Mark Cerreta speaking when it could be Daniel Peters. Okay? So I think like the previous speaker has mentioned, it's good all around, not only for citizens of North Canton to understand what's happening at the council meetings, but also yourselves. So that if there's any issue of who said what, okay, it's already in the minutes there. There's no doubt who said what. So again, I thank everyone for coming tonight and the two speakers who spoke about this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

8. Mr. Snyder: Thank you for your comments. Anyone else wishing to speak? Okay. Thank you. We'll move to Old Business. May I have a motion to read by title only, the second reading of Ordinance No.8-14?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **read by title only, the second reading** of Ordinance No. 8-14. All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith

No: 0

Ordinance No. 8-14 – 2nd Reading – Finance & Property

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to submit a Participation Agreement and request authority for the City of North Canton to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's ("ODOT") Contract for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt) for the 2014-2015 winter season.

Mr. Snyder: We talked about this. This is about \$30 a ton cheaper. However, if they don't deliver it, it doesn't really make a difference, but that's the situation right now. And we trying to get out in front of this so that we don't know exactly when the next request for the bid for the next season will be, so we wanted the Administrator has the ability to bid at that. That's what this authorizes. Are there any comments from members? If not, may I have a motion to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 8-14?

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Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 8-14. All members present voting:
Yes: Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling
No: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

- 9. Mr. Snyder: Moving to New Business. May I have a motion to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 13-14?

Ordinance No. 13-14 – 1st Reading – Ordinance, Rules & Claims

An ordinance amending CHAPTER 111 – COUNCIL, specifically 111.01 MEETINGS: TIME, PLACE, AND RECORDING PROCEDURE, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, to remove the requirement for verbatim transcription.

Mrs. Kiesling: I wasn't here last week. So are you guys ready to read it or you know I'm in favor of tabling it. But I wasn't here.

Mr. Foltz: I would – go ahead you're the Chair.

Mrs. Werren: Yeah, I didn't know if we read it first or I didn't know if procedure if we read it first and decide to table it. Okay. So and thank you to all of you who have come out as well. It was put on my committee and so I will lead the way. And it was my duty to present the facts that were presented last week. At looking at this, I mean initially you think, boy how can we streamline things? And how can we make a system that's currently done possibly more efficient if it needs to be, and possibly more cost effective? I think at this time, I've spent a good deal of time this week talking to people. I also talked to Daryl Revoldt. I've spent time talking to Gail. I've talked to various Council members. And I've talked to Tim Fox about this. I've talked to some other systems. I've looked at some other systems. I've looked at what Plain Township does. And I printed out their minutes because when we got the report that we were two of eight or ten communities that did the verbatim minutes, I wanted to see what other communities are doing. And I appreciate that we're actually just looking to see what other people are doing. I think that's important to say, are there better ways that we can do that? Gail, I think your knowledge in this could be very helpful. And I don't think at this point we know if transcribing verbatim is more cost effective versus someone having to paraphrase it. I think there's a difference paraphrasing something that's written. I think that's much easier than listening to something and then paraphrasing. So I think we need to collect that data. And you brought up a great point. I've worked in the business field and I think that's a great idea to look at it comparatively to say, how many hours have you spent on the verbatim minutes? And I think we have a round-about idea. But then how much would it take to paraphrase? It is hard to capture what we think and feel and say on a weekly basis. And with the meetings every other week, you're only here every other week, and it's difficult. And maybe there's a way that you can say, hey, this is something that I was thinking about. Is this a better way to do it? So I want to use your expertise and guidance, and then I want to look and see what other districts are doing. I - you're right Melanie, we don't know where it's going to be stored. We don't have the exact technology, so we don't have that. The cost, we don't know if it's a value yet. So I guess at this point I do want to table it. I just don't think that we have the information, and so maybe that includes all of them. And then maybe in the end, we continue a certain way with some of them and then maybe others if we aren't able to produce it in the manner that may need to be done, maybe we do summary minutes in that. The one thing that was interesting, when I looked at Plain minutes, and I read our minutes a number of times, they are difficult to read. And they're timely to read. They go from about, this week it was pages 3 to 19. So that's - let's just round up to about 20 pages. The Plain minutes – it looked like a number that was a merge field, and so you was just kind of be filling in the blanks and someone would do a merge, but then on certain topics it gave you examples of what they were talking about. And I was able to understand pretty quickly what their meeting was about. For example: their street, when they have their streets cleaned, they have people come from Navarre. So that's one benefit with North Canton, our streets are cleaned much more quickly because we actually house in North Canton. But it did make me think, well maybe they could share ours at some point. So but you know

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you've got that from a very - it took me six minutes to read over what they were thinking and saying. So maybe there are different ways, but I just don't think at this point we know enough, and I would like to keep researching and understanding what goes into this. So those are my thoughts. I don't know if anyone else has thought about it this week, but - yeah...

Mr. Foltz: I'm glad you're tabling it, because I've thought about it. I brought some points up last meeting. I thought we had excellent discussion on it. I think that's what this Council is about, Administration. And I do feel you lose something when it's not transcribed word for word, or verbatim. And I've gone through some zoning issues in the ward, and it was always nice to pull out some of those minutes of Planning Commission, or Zoning and read what was on some of those members minds versus calling them up or trying to play phone tag with them on certain ways or opinions that they voted. I think that's invaluable. I mean, I'll stand with anything I say up here, and you know sometimes we're wrong. We're all humans, but I think there is a personality involved and there's a way when we talk about issues that your point comes across a specific way that gets lost if someone is going to interpret it and just give us the highlights. I'm not saying every meeting in every government entity has to be recorded on the record verbatim, but I think it's important that we do this here. And I think that some of our residents have spoken, and I agree with them.

Mrs. Kiesling: Just the week that I had to think about it, I wasn't in the conversation. I was not inclined to do that because I do enjoy the verbatim minutes. And I have gone back and looked at certain things that have been said by certain people, not just us on council, but the public. And the fact that Gail doesn't truly transcribe our minutes right at the moment, it's somebody else who's doing that. And if we ever fathom somebody paraphrasing that, that person actually has to be in the room with us to be able to do that. So first of all we'd have to decide whoever is doing the paraphrasing, they have to be at our meeting. And for Planning Commission, she is. I'm sure she's missed a few here and there, but for the most part, it's Linda Teis whose there and she does the paraphrasing or she does the verbatim, or whatever needs to be done for that meeting. Where Gail is at our meetings, but she doesn't do most of our transcribing. So you know that's a big issue for me as well. But yeah, I'd like to see a little bit more, and I have been on Plain Township's website, but I do enjoy the verbatim minutes. I don't read them, you know, line by line every week but I do tend to glance over them because I vote on them.

Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mrs. Kiesling: I do, you know, I make sure they're at least what I say is accurately recorded or reported. Because I do say yes or no to, you know referring to the minutes. So, I'd like a little more information, I guess.

Mr. Cerreta: Side note to Glenn, I like your process of parallel change. I think we need to put that more inclined to other things that we do. And I think we should when we start looking at certain change how you can smooth into it that way. So when we do look at. It's just a side note.

Mr. Griffith: Well, we talked about that last week. But before I'd be comfortable moving forward with anything along these lines, we really need to work hard at determining what sort of digital substitute ...

Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Griffith: we have because that's a real issue. I mean I think that's a real problem. Even if we decided that's what we wanted to do, then I'd want to run parallel with that for a while just to make sure that we knew what was going on. But I guess I read something this week about the Nag Hammadi Scrolls, which Reverend Lindberg will remember as well, it's the wonderful scrolls that were found in the Egyptian landscape that describes some of the early texts of Jesus. And you know it's amazing to me that this that lasted several thousand years, or couple thousand years. And not that - and not that it is ...

Mr. Foltz: well look, one wonders, right? That is a part of it. And not that it's terrifying to think of it, some of our words will be maybe preserved for that equal amount of time. But at any rate, I think making sure that something that has longevity is very important, too.

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Mrs. Kiesling: Gail, you had a thought.

Mrs. Kalpac: I think there is a little misconception here about how we can store it es digitally. While we can store it digitally, and Law Director Fox can correct me if I'm wrong, but the minutes are a permanent record whether they're a summation or they are paraphrased or whether they are verbatim, they are a permanent record and we have to keep a hard copy of them.

Mr. Fox: We also keep it seems the intent is to keep the recordings in perpetuity. We're talking about, what about 20 years, 50 years, and you have to question how often does anyone that you know go back beyond a couple of years to listen to the recordings. And in fact the requirements for recording for an open meeting is no more than two years, but we do it well past that. And there is a concern of how far can we go with the changes in technology, but then also the concern that, indeed it's all well and good to talk about how important they are, but you have to, I think, consider, balance those in the relative cost for those when you're making decisions about where to allocate money. And if this is indeed important enough that you wish to have a court reporter like transcript for all of your meetings, it's also crucial that you make sure that all of the custodians that you have, have that training, and the time and the assets to do that because it's not fair to provide that burden to them, then expect them to be clerks and have that type of responsibility with a, you know, sometimes a very quick turnaround. And so if that's the way you wish to proceed. And again it doesn't matter to me, I'm a taxpayer like many others in here, I'm just pointing out that there's a significant cost. If you deem that the cost is worth it, then don't shy away of putting those assets to make sure that they can turn those around in a timely way because if they don't, then you have yourselves an open meeting violation.

Mr. Cerreta: Did you put together any cost statements numbers on this? Have we seen that? I mean if we're going to – maybe we need to ...

Mrs. Werren: But I don't think we have the numbers, because if we're going to paraphrase then you need to know how much time they're going to put into it. It's only going to save us money if they can paraphrase in a quicker manner.

Mr. Snyder: You cannot ...

Mrs. Werren: So that's what I want to see.

Mr. Snyder: I will tell you, you cannot paraphrase in the same amount of time. That meeting last week, she's still working on it. She's on the third day which is normally takes about three hours. It's now taking three 24-hours. So, it is a great...

Mrs. Kiesling: It's a learning curve, too.

Mr. Snyder: Well, it's impossible for her to paraphrase, she wasn't there.

Mrs. Kiesling: Right, I agree.

Mr. Snyder: She has no idea what's going through your mind.

Mrs. Werren: The audio, if you're only listening to audio, it is difficult.

Mrs. Kiesling: Inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: It's next to impossible to determine what's going on in someone's mind or what their thought was when you try to write it down unless you were sitting there watching their body language and watching what they're saying. Now to capture the minutes in a detailed way by you know, by summary, she probably could do them quicker than verbatim. But to paraphrase them, even maybe after she's done it for a little while, but right at the present time, it won't work.

Mrs. Werren: So we're okay tabling it?

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Mr. Foltz: Yes, I agree. And Jon, I think that the discussion point has to come back versus committee meetings. If it's that important, restate it on the record during a council meeting. I mean you have the ability to hold the vote out, or have a discussion before the vote. We do a lot of work in committee ...

Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Foltz: and we've had great committee meetings, but I also don't want to create a problem for our clerks to spend days on something ...

Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Foltz: where we can come back, know where we were and repeat if we have to, some of our finer points to put on the record. That's always been available to us.

Mr. Snyder: Actually, if you're going to table it, I'd like you to put a deadline there to bring it back forward, because otherwise it will just die as not being brought back. So if you'd set a deadline and put it into the latter part of February if you like, or the first of March, put a specified deadline, otherwise it won't go any further than that.

Mrs. Werren: Do you want it back closer? or I guess I was thinking that we'd either make a decision on this or not even maybe two weeks. Do you want it back further than two weeks?

Mr. Snyder: No, I mean if you want to continue to discuss it or you just want it to die, it can be done either way. We've read it, we've not voted it, it doesn't have to be tabled. It can die right now, and go no further.

Mrs. Werren: Okay.

Mr. Snyder: And later on bring it back into the Committee and re-discuss it.

Mr. Griffith: Should we not read it then? I mean, let's...

Mr. Snyder: If you don't read it, it's going to die. And, that's - and if you want to continue your research...

Mrs. Werren: So, we could read it and then we'd just continue...

Mr. Snyder: Then, you could table it.

Mrs. Werren: Then we table it.

Mr. Snyder: Right.

Mrs. Werren: Okay. So, it's really better to read it. I don't want this to die.

Mr. Snyder: Okay, then read it, and table it.

Mrs. Werren: Okay.

Mr. Snyder: And then you table it for a specified period. A month, or whatever you think. I would think that it would take you the biggest part...

Mrs. Werren: Well I think what we're going to need is to have some of the hours that it takes to paraphrase. If you're going to kind of do maybe a verbatim versus a paraphrase.

Mrs. Kalpac: I can tell you it's quicker to just sit down and type what you hear than to paraphrase. To paraphrase, especially for Bev because she's not familiar with government and government is a different.

Mrs. Werren: Right. But, I still want the hours. I still need to know how many hours. If it typically takes you ten, and now we're at fifteen, then I need to know that.

Mrs. Kalpac: Okay.

Mr. Snyder: One thing I'd may point out too, one of the problems, as the Directors told you, lies in other departments.

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Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Snyder: They have people that are administrative assistants, not clerks doing transcriptions verbatim. A couple of years back when Daryl put that pressure on both Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, they never copied verbatim minutes. They were all summarized. And now you're putting more pressure on a, on the clerks there that do not have the time rarely to complete their own work, let alone additional work.

Mrs. Werren: Well, I think that's why I said, too ...

Mr. Snyder: That there's a problem. Yeah.

Mrs. Werren: I mean I think we still need to understand, what are their thoughts? I mean I'll call them and find out, you know or whoever it needs to be.

Mr. Snyder: And Jill for the Zoning Board of Appeals, because those, that's a, you know...

Mrs. Werren: How long is it for verbatim minutes are they taking? I don't think we know that.

Mr. Fox: Typically, and for anyone that's attended any open meeting, it doesn't need to be government, it can be your public library. But any open meeting, government or you know public organizations take minutes. They have a secretary, and the secretary is at the meetings and takes notes and simply summarizes it. And that's what the legislature understanding, I believe the costs involved with having a court reporter. Imagine our public library deciding they wanted verbatim transcripts. Alright, well we need a court reporter here to take this information down. So it's a cost to the library. And in no way to limit the significance of a council meeting, I certainly understand how important it is to have those, but my point is simply there's a cost, and it's a significant cost. And if you wish to have that type of transcript and you're going to put the same burden as our President said, on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission, is to make sure that you have them trained and you have the time or provide another person to assist them so that they can timely turn them around, because once you provide that requirement of having a verbatim transcript, then that's the burden that they have to assume and they need to turn those around so they can be approved.

Mrs. Werren: I think ...

Mr. Fox: Every member of council that receives sixteen pages of last week's meeting and approving is stating that you reviewed them and that it met what you thought you said or what you heard. And that is significant.

Mrs. Werren: I think at this time, and I mean this was just presented to us last week, we didn't know the departments were behind. So I really think at this point we need to understand the burden that it is. And then understand that if we have the right people in place to do that, and their time commitment. I want - I do, I want to find out how long it takes. The Zoning meeting, some of them and the Planning Commission, some of them have been cancelled. So how often are they meeting? So is it a three-month lag? Are they taking four times? What is the time? I have no papers. I have no data. I want some data before we go forward.

Mr. Peters: Stephanie, if I may. I would prefer, and it's entirely up to you as the Chair, but I would prefer that this dies, and that at a later time once we've collected the data and information that we need if we feel it's necessary to bring it back at that point, then you know if you feel it is necessary to bring it back at that point, then bring it back. But I've thought about this all week, and in talking with Chuck, and I talked to Daryl today also, there is a value to having verbatim minutes. And I think when you look at the cost, and again we've got to look and see what the savings could be....

Mrs. Werren: Right.

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Mr. Peters: but you know at what threshold it that worth it? You know, is it five thousand a year, for me? Would it be seven thousand for Mark, whatever. It's a service to our constituents. We have certain constituents that use it more than others, but if any constituent ever wanted to come up and read and get a copy of what we have, you know I think it's incumbent upon us to deliver that to them. And that's probably going to be my position on that.

Mrs. Werren: I thought you said when it dies, I think then I was confused. I thought that meant – I don't know what I thought it meant – but I thought like we wanted to make a decision on it, so if it dies there's no decision. So I guess it would just stand as is....

Mr. Griffith: Procedurally, if we don't read this, if we don't move to read it, and we choose not to do that

Mr. Snyder: That's the end of it.

Mr. Griffith: and that's our prerogative, but we can....

Mr. Snyder: Oh, yeah, you can still gather all the information....

Mr. Griffith: Right.

Mr. Snyder: and have another committee meeting and present the new information.

Mr. Griffith: Right.

Mr. Cerreta: We don't read it, we just don't present it.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, that's all.

Mr. Griffith: Procedurally we need to read it in committee before ...

Mr. Snyder: This particular ordinance just dies for lack of being read. You can gather all your information and then bring it back through your committee once again with new information. It will be assigned new...

Mrs. Werren: Okay. So I guess that's what we'll do.

Mr. Snyder: Okay. Then we just have to read aloud these next few, and I would request that you vote in the negative to read it and that will cause it to die automatically. So but I do have to procedurally read the next two so it goes into the record. And, if you vote not to read it, it will die.

Mrs. Kiesling: It's up to you Steph.

Mr. Cerreta: What about the first one, do we need to say no to the first one?

Mrs. Kiesling: Yes.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, we'll and you just say and to the reading of it. So, I do need a motion and second to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 13-14.

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 13-14**. All members present voting:

Yes: 0

No: Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters

10. **Ordinance No. 14-14 – 1st Reading – Ordinance, Rules & Claims**

An ordinance amending Chapter 145 – Planning Commission, specifically 145.01 TRANSCRIPTION/DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, to remove the requirement of verbatim transcription.

Mr. Snyder: Okay. This one here, may I have a motion and second to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 14-14.

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Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 14-14**. All members present voting:

Yes: 0

No: Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder

11. **Ordinance No. 15-14 – 1st Reading – Ordinance, Rules & Claims**

An ordinance amending Chapter 147 – Zoning and Building Standards Board of Appeals, specifically 147.01 TRANSCRIPTION/DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, to remove the requirement of verbatim transcription.

Mr. Snyder: Now may I have a motion and second to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 15-14?

Mr. Griffith moved and Mrs. Kiesling seconded to **read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 15-14**. All members present voting:

Yes: 0

No: Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren

12. **Ordinance No. 16-14 – 1st Reading – Ordinance, Rules & Claims**

An ordinance amending Chapter 1307 – Flood Damage Reduction, specifically 1307.05 APPEALS AND VARIANCES, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, to remove the verbatim transcription of meetings requirement and update in accordance with the remainder of the codified ordinances.

Mr. Snyder: And No. 12, may I have a motion and second to read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 16-14?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Peters seconded to **read by title only, first reading of Ordinance No. 16-14**. All members present voting:

Yes: 0

No: Foltz, Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta

Mr. Snyder: I think that's the most no's ever said in this ...

Mrs. Werren: Could you put that verbatim on there, please?

(Laughter)

13. **Resolution No. 17-14 – 1st Reading – Finance & Property**

A Resolution to submit to the electors of the City of North Canton, Ohio, the question of a new tax levy for parks and recreational purposes in the City of North Canton and declaring the same to be an emergency.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you for the discussion. Prior to us reading the first reading of Resolution 17-14, the Law Director has or excuse me, the Director of Finance has prepared a power point. Do you want to see that previous to the reading or do you want....

Mr. Foltz: I'd prefer that we see it to – I think it will help make our decision....

Mr. Snyder: Okay.

Mr. Foltz: more informative.

Mr. Snyder: Okay.

Mrs. Alger: I apologize for the scratchy throat, I still have that, but what someone asked me, and I think it was Councilman Foltz, to put something together to see what the general funds resources have been for the past few years. And so with that I'll give you all handouts so you can probably see it better. But this breaks down the revenue sources that the general fund received. As you can see, in 2013 it was

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drawn from several sources. he main one is the income tax, which is \$4,570,300. That is 63% of the revenue source. And Gail's going to help me. The ...inaudible... source, \$822,591 is 11% of the property tax in Row ...inaudible... Local government makes up \$320,000, which is 4%, and then inheritance tax in 2013 actually came in at \$487,699, 7% of that revenue source. That was a surprise we didn't expect it, so that was a good thing. But what I'm going to show you see - show you as you go through the various sources has changed in our revenues. This is just the same thing basically to show you the total revenue by year. For the general fund, I did remove notes and bond postings so that you can compare, as they say apples to apples. And in 2007 you see \$9,000,000 and that was our best year in the last few 10, 12 years. In 2013....

Mayor Held: Also - I'm sorry, Karen. Just to clarify, that previous slide, that includes estate and local government funds, all funds for general fund, correct?

Mrs. Alger: Correct. And this is just showing the general revenue in a pie chart. And as you can see, the income tax is the 63% and that's where that you look and the slide will show you, if I do that - why did that not move? Why am I not moving? I am hitting the right - there it is - not hard enough. Okay. In 2007, you can see the various revenue sources, but the reliance is not as heavily on the income tax because we've had inheritance tax, local government and the property tax, but if you go back and forth through '13 - I've never done power point - if you do 2013 you could see more reliance on the income tax.

Mayor Held: I'm sorry. Karen, one quick question.

Mrs. Alger: Yes.

Mayor Held: When you look at the pie here for general fund 2012...

Mrs. Alger: Yep.

Mayor Held: if we look at the previous bar graph that you put together, the amount is \$7,745,000.

Mrs. Alger: Correct.

Mayor Held: The two charts correlate.

Mrs. Alger: Correct.

Mayor Held: Okay.

Mrs. Alger: I also showed you '14 so that you can see the projection. Again, the income tax is getting much more heavily burdened for relying on it. This chart shows you the income tax collections throughout the year for 2000, and yet you see that since 2000 we have continued to reduce. We are gradually going up. And with that I want to let you know with Senate Bill 5, we're projecting another loss because of the way - they want to make it consistent so that every tax base, it doesn't matter which municipality you are, is the same. And what we had analyzed and we interpreted that it would cost the City of North Canton another 300 to 400,000 dollar loss. So not only are we seeing the loss in the general fund from all these local governments, the estate tax and the property tax, we're also seeing a little bite in the income tax collections.

Mr. Foltz: I'm sorry, Karen. I have a question.

Mrs. Alger: Yeah.

Mr. Foltz: Your last comment, House Bill 5, what direct fund does that reflect here? You said that's income tax.

Mrs. Alger: That's a separate fund. That's where we collect our funds. And it's a separate fund we take in and it's allowed.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, so that will affect our income tax fund, is that right?

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Mrs. Alger: Because - correct, that would affect the actual income....

Mr. Foltz: Okay. So the general fund, not to confuse that, we're already - we've already lost over \$300,000 the last couple of years versus the estimate for next year or this year 2014. We're already losing money in estate tax

Mrs. Alger: Right.

Mr. Foltz: Which will be zilch, which 2012 it was 1.1 million. We're also going to lose more income tax revenue with House Bill 5.

Mrs. Alger: Right.

Mr. Foltz: The third strike to local governments.

Mrs. Alger: Absolutely.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, I just wanted to make sure that's clear to everybody.

Mrs. Alger: Actually that's almost the fourth strike, only because when we had the property tax in 2012....

Mr. Foltz: The devaluation of our property taxes too.

Mrs. Alger: So but that's the big one. You're absolutely right.

Mr. Foltz: Okay.

Mayor Held: Karen, I'm sorry. Just to try for clarification here. First off, these slides are excellent.

Mrs. Alger: Thank you.

Mayor Held: You did a very nice job on these.

Mrs. Alger: It took me all weekend.

Mayor Held: When you look, I mean, yeah these are excellent. When you look at the income tax though, for 2000, it's \$7,000,000. And now you look at 2013, we're still down by like \$315,000 over a 13 year period....

Mrs. Alger: Right.

Mayor Held: with our income tax. So we still - the good news is that when you look at 2010 that's when we bottomed out. That was our lowest point in the city income tax wise, which obviously is the largest percentage of our city's revenue. And because the City has brought new jobs back to the Hoover District and new jobs to the City without raising the income tax, we're seeing that progressive increase which is moving along very well. But it still is in no way is where we were back 13 years ago.

Mr. Foltz: Mayor, just to make another point on yours, to piggyback here a little bit, you know when you look at 13 years, just say 2% a year inflation, that's 26%. We've lost 26% of our purchase power

Mrs. Alger: Right.

Mr. Foltz: through income tax receipts from \$7,000,000 in 2000, we're not even near 2013. We're still \$450,000 short. That puts it in another perspective. So....

Mayor Held: You're right.

Mr. Foltz: As far as real dollars per year, if we took that comparison.

Mayor Held: You're absolutely right.

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Mrs. Alger: And, that's what I did here, I split them up so that you can see each of the three large fund that Councilman Foltz was saying. And the general fund local government, that's been around about 80 years. The state shared their revenue with it and now they have cut that in half. And you can see how it affects the City of North Canton. We're estimating about \$300,000 in 2014 which is about \$491,000, almost \$500,000 drop from the peak in 2008 of \$791,000. In 2008, we had general or local government. that was at 9.4% of all the revenue. Now we've dropped into 4.5. Again, just showing that it's half. The inheritance tax, which you'll see that's the green bar, as we all know that we are going to have zero. And we did receive a bit in 2013, but we averaged it out for the last eleven years, that's \$812,000 every year. It's just another hit. Again, it's about 15% of the 2007 revenue source, now we're back down to zero. And the property tax has been steadily declining, but we got a significant drop in 2013 with the 2012 reappraisal from the County Auditors. And the next slide is the same thing as those charts, but I just put it all into one graph so that you could actually see how we peak And the red being the estate tax, the local government the purple, and the green one is your property tax. This slide shows the fund carryover and the dependency more and more reliance on the carryover. And I show here, you see where the revenue and the expenditures and how the expenditures are taking over the revenue. And that's showing again the heavily dependency on the carryover. Sometimes I'm showing you just different ways. This is showing you how we have done as a City is the full time equivalence that includes all your seasonal, swimming pool, parks, your part-time employees as fire, part-time pool, well them too, part-time police, and you can see the continuous decrease, but we do need people. These are our highest resources, but....

Mayor Held: Karen, one quick question.

Mrs. Alger: Yes sir.

Mayor Held: When you're calculating the full-time equivalent, you could have a full-time equivalent of a \$12.00 an hour person....

Mrs. Alger: That's true.

Mayor Held: or a \$20.00 dollar an hour person, so there is some. If you look at the total full time equivalent expenditure, that amount could vary because obviously when we have fewer, I mean more part-timers, we're paying them at a lower rate than full-timers, correct?

Mrs. Alger: Absolutely.

Mayor Held: But what you've done is taken the hours....

Mrs. Alger: Right.

Mayor Held: of let's say a lifeguard who's working 50% of the time for the summer, and that he's included or she is included in a full-time equivalent.

Mrs. Alger: Right, right.

Mr. Griffith: Sometimes if you average your ...inaudible... hours go up, your expenses go down if you're real full-time people....

Mrs. Alger: Right.

Mr. Griffith: So that can be helpful.

Mrs. Alger: It goes back to what he's saying.

Griffith: Right.

Mrs. Alger: This slide shows you the park and recreation departments past twelve years. And on the left you'll see the different revenue sources, the Dogwood, the pool, the park, the Civic Center, the Recreation Department and your recreation program. The Recreation Department actually includes the shelters. But what I did was I took from 2003 all the way to 2014 showing the top one being your operating revenue and the various

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ways it came it. Then you did the operating cost, just the operating, for each of the years. Then I took into consideration the capital expenditures. And as you can see, we're not putting much into these parks and pools. And then towards the end of the 2013, 2014, a little bit in '12, we're starting to put more money into as we need. The last group there is the net revenue over or under expenditures. So as you can see, we are - we don't - I mean it's not - revenue is not going to exceed your expenditures because it's not self-sufficient, you know. The last thing I didn't put it in this slide, but in your handouts, I put in your Dogwood Pool just to see what expenditures and improvements have been done. It analyzes the collections of both the pool and the concessions. And then the final page which you have in the handout, is what they're projecting to use for the parks and the pool. So basically what I'm all - this all says is that without the increase of revenue, the additional expenditures cannot continue if the City is to be solvent. So we need some revenue, one way or the other. Any questions?

Mr. Foltz: Karen, the last few documents you discussed, we have those in our possession?

Mrs. Alger: They should be right behind all your - no, I will get you yours if yours doesn't have it.

Mrs. Warren: We don't have it.

Mr. Foltz: I don't have that one.

Mrs. Alger: Well you got the winner, I got one - I got one.

Mr. Griffith: Inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: If you notice on the

Mr. Foltz: I can be creative on with that, I'd rather be accurate.

Mr. Snyder: on the graph of the cost center, you'll notice that the projected, the line item for the budget for 2014 is \$840,785. And it's important to know that if we go ahead and move ahead with the levy, it generates \$532,000 in a year. It will be a year and a half from now before we collect that full value because that - we'll vote it in May. It will not take effect until the following January. It will take effect, we will not receive any funds until February of 2015.

Mr. Peters: Jon, what are the two renewals we have coming up in November.

Mr. Snyder: The two renewals are for one point on storm water and one and one-half points on street and levy. Those are five-year sunsets also.

Mrs. Kiesling: When are those coming up?

Mr. Snyder: Those are due, one is due for renewal in November - both of them. And those collect less revenue because those are at an older figure. One brings 332, the other one brings 470, something like that. Now remember the street, it's important to remember about the street levy, we've used those funds and comingled them with our Muni Road funds and all our other things to do street work. We are behind such as we are in parks, in the streets, sorely behind. And after this winter, we're going to really be hitting the jackpot. So what we'd like to do with that revenue is leverage that revenue through a bond, of a five-year bond to get that money up front and do - and bid the whole project so that we're doing several streets. And we have a five-year plan laid out that we had, and we would leverage that money, and that money would be earmarked as the law allows you to earmark that money to repay that debt. Right now that \$490,000 or whatever it is, doesn't do a lot of work. It's basically the cost of our repaving program, which is minimal at best. So we're going to have a lot of streets to address, lots of them needing rebuilt. So there's a - it's a pivotal point for us.

Mr. Peters: Will we base that on that study we had done by Hammontree?

Mr. Snyder: Yes. And those are worst first. And what ideally, and I know it would be a burden on the Engineering Department to go out and do that. But we would hopefully

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seek a contractor that would come in and bid that whole package, and then lay it out over the next five years. You will know exactly whose street is getting done when and how soon that we will complete that full cycle.

Mr. Peters: Kind of off topic, but if we, for example, say this street, we say renewal, could we adjust that? Could we adjust that up? If you're at one on - that's storm

Mr. Snyder: We tried to adjust it up once before.

Mrs. Kiesling: Remember.

Mr. Peters: But we didn't have a plan though.

Mr. Snyder: Oh, yeah.

Mr. Peters: We didn't have that study done. Now we have something concrete we can show them, worst to first. You know upping this, it's a specific targeted levy. This is the plan.

Mr. Snyder: Well it's estimated based presently, but the rates are climbing. You know at one time, the bond market was very favorable to us, the rates are climbing. That money leveraged equates to about almost \$7,000,000 over the same period of time.

Mr. Peters: Say that again.

Mr. Snyder: The money, in the street levy would in-turn give you strength to borrow about \$7,000,000 to bond about \$7,000,000.

Mr. Peters: At 1.5?

Mr. Snyder: At the last - that's within the last, let's say the last twelve months. I don't know the bond market. I haven't looked in a long time. But it is moving up. Bu, that's one of the things that we're able to do. Because I don't see how else we're going to address all our street problems. It's just a very critical point in our time. But again, if you go back a couple of slides, you'll notice when I talked to you last week, in 2015 that that carryover drops by a projection of almost a million dollars. So we'll be starting the budget process a million dollars in the whole if we don't do anything. And that's a big hole to climb out of. Historically, the lowest we ever went was this past year which is a little under \$400,000. But we've been very - there it is right there - as you can see, it drops so in late October, early November, we'll begin a budget process and asking the Administration to send us a projected budget based on a million dollars shortfall starting now. So go ahead, excuse me.

Mr. Cerreta: Are we discussing this now, or are we

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, yeah, we're discussing

Mr. Cerreta: I just wanted to make sure. I like these slides and I like the information as presented. The part I don't like is how it's presented to us a week before we have to vote, at the request of Councilman Foltz to get this thing done. Well this should have been out there a long time ago. This is not the way to do things. And I do like this information. This information is good.

Mrs. Alger: A lot of that has been out there. I'm sorry to interrupt. Maybe not as altogether like this. So....

Mr. Cerreta: Okay. I, I think along with some other people, would like to get a hold of our budget. I'd like to go through the budget to see what we can slice out a little bit of that before we can ask the voters for money. Because I mean, this brings up a 500 some thousand dollars, right, a year.

Mr. Snyder: 532....

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Mr. Cerreta: That's not a lot

Mr. Snyder: No.

Mr. Cerreta: but it is a lot for people who are on fixed incomes and so on. If we don't have the responsibility to go through the budget and try to slice some of that out before we - I mean, that's our job to do that. And I don't think that we all have a hand in it. I don't feel comfortable unless - I would like to go through the budget and line by line if we have to so we can all get a little idea of where we stand on the levy. I'd like a little discussion on that if you guys don't agree with me on that. But to go at the last minute of the week here and ask people with this information, and I don't know if it would fly. I mean, I've said this before, that the trust of our people here - sure it's \$52, but then the next time it's going to be \$100, isn't it. It's going to be - so we're nickel and dime thing here before we show people that we've gone to all the efforts here to show that we're spending the money wisely without asking for something right off the bat just because we project something short. That's just my thought.

Mr. Snyder: We gave you - I think we gave you a copy of the final budget last week. Did you not get a copy of that?

Mr. Cerreta: I did.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah.

Mr. Cerreta: And I went through that pretty good this past week. But I'd like - I have a lot of questions about it. And in talking to my constituents here, I think they have questions on it too. But I'm open for discussion on that. I don't want it to be Mark's idea, I'd like your thoughts on that.

Mr. Peters: You make a good point, Mark. I think that we've garnered enough trust where this may fly, but it's what happens after this. You know, I mean the perception after the fact. Do they think we were good stewards and then do we lose the trust after the fact? You know I think it's more prudent, like you said, you know, to do our due diligence, you know, if we have, like you say, to go line by line to do that budget again and see if there is any other savings that we come up with, and then when we've exhausted all avenues....

Mr. Cerreta: Yeah. A year from now we might saying, this is what we need. In fact we might need more. But then people will say, well they went through the budget, they did all their due diligence to the whole thing, and they really do need more to get things done. I like how you put things in place there, Karen, what we needed done. I think Administration did a nice job of projecting what we need.

Mr. Griffith: I think it's important to clarify

Mr. Snyder: One thing you got -- excuse me, one thing you better, one thing I want you to keep in mind, I mean you could put the vote off or do as you please, but somewhere between now and November you're going to have to come up with a \$1,000,000. Those are very hard facts. And I can tell you I eat and sleep those numbers every day and I can tell you, somewhere between now and November, either from the general revenue fund which is employees, or something, we'll have to come up with near a \$1,000,000. We're prohibited from going into the negative budget. We can't deficit spend. We have to balance that budget.

Mr. Griffith: Well, I think that's a challenge. That's what this presentation says to me is that there's no doubt that that's the case. But one of the solutions potentially is the park levy or other revenue sources. But that isn't the only solution. I think that's what Mark was talking about before. And I really do feel personally, and I'm sure we corporately feel this way too, before the school goes to ask for a levy, they look and say, we've done everything else that we could. And again I and I'll speak for myself, I really don't feel like I, myself have done as much as we could to go through that too. And I don't disparage anyone else in that sense. But I don't feel comfortable voting to even put it before the voters who ultimately will have the decision themselves, of course. But without having said there aren't other options to adjust that revenue number for a \$1,000,000 beyond this piece right here.

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Mr. Snyder: Well yeah, and that's generally, that's capitation, that's employees. There's just minimal capital and the rest are - a lot of it is mandated by - I mean we can go through - next week we can start through the budget the way we always did it line by line. But the only place there's any - and the word probably ...inaudible... any overage or any fat in the budget is employees and benefits. Plus you to understand in the month of May, you'll have to open a new line of negotiations with employees. And we got a pass this time, but we won't get a pass next time. So there's, you're looking at wage increases there. But we - you know, I'm willing to do that. I mean it's just - it's just - this is for all intent purposes dead this year. You're not going to be able to put it on in the fall with two other levies. I mean that would virtually be impossible I would think, to pass three levies in one election. That's asking a lot of somebody to consider. And we can't live without those other two levies. They're a very intricate part, as this will become that. But, the....

Mr. Foltz: But Jon, you can't live without parks, either. I mean

Mr. Snyder: No, that's what I'm saying.

Mrs. Kiesling: But they'll be the first to take a hit.

Mr. Foltz: Anyone is fooling themselves if they don't think that they're not part of our community, they don't drive economic development, they're not something that people look for when they purchase a house, they want to live by one of our parks. So....

Mrs. Werren: Yeah, they do.

Mrs. Kiesling: But that's....

Mr. Foltz: I think they're just as vital as streets, fire and police, in my opinion.

Mrs. Kiesling: Right. And that's why we have to make that decision tonight. Understand where Mark's coming from, but if we decide that we aren't putting a levy on, and we go through the budget and we cut one employee because that's really all we can afford, and we don't buy a truck or something, I mean that's not going to bring us to a million bucks.

Mr. Snyder: No, I'm sure...

Mrs. Kiesling: The first thing that's going to get cut next year is parks. The pool's not going to open. We're not going to put the liner in. I mean...

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, you're not going to put the liner in.

Mrs. Kiesling: So in essence

Mr. Cerreta: The liner is already in the budget.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, but it may have to come out.

Mrs. Kiesling: Oh I realize that but it might have to come out next week. I mean - so if you're looking at real numbers, parks in the end are going to get kicked first, because they were not, we're not taking away police, fire, and EMS. We already know that. We've got roads with huge potholes in them that have to be fixed this year. The only thing that's going to take a hit is the parks. So we just have to decide....

Mr. Cerreta: Okay. I'd feel more comfortable with this budget first and then decide if that's what needs a hit.

Mrs. Kiesling: Well we did look at the interim and it had all that information in it.

Mr. Cerreta: I don't know if we truly understood all that. And I don't have the grasp, do you guys have a grasp of it? I don't. I would like a better grasp of it. Yes sir.

Mayor Held: If I could just add. What we could do is as Council President Snyder had mentioned, we have had committee hearings, or held a committee hearing. And what we could do is go through - set aside a separate time and go through the budget line item by line item, and then I think it's really a very good exercise, especially for

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Mrs. Kiesling: With the department heads?

Mayor Held: With the department heads.

Mr. Cerreta: I think that'd be great.

Mayor Held: You know we could have it publically, and we could really go through it

Mr. Cerreta: And once we've exhausted that and we're satisfied, hey, we have shown that.

Mr. Griffith: Absolutely.

Mayor Held: We can go through that, I mean we can set that meeting up right away. We can hold - I'm not sure of the timeframe, Mr. President as far as approving this and having that committee meeting...

Mr. Snyder: Well you need the - the deadline - we're up against the filing deadline which will be next Tuesday, I believe - Wednesday the

Mrs. Kiesling: The fifth, right. Yeah, Wednesday.

Mr. Snyder: Fifth - yeah so if

Mayor Held: So would we be able to do that at our next meeting, hold a special committee meeting where we go through the budget and have the department heads here?

Mr. Peters: Let's do it this weekend.

Mayor Held: Well what I'm saying is that we hold, obviously hold a public meeting where we go through it line item by line item, and it may take an hour or an hour and a half, but then everybody's

Mrs. Kiesling: I'm for Saturday. Boy that certainly works much better for me. I work every day of the week until 5 or 6. So

Mr. Cerreta: Any other night this week? Later in Thursday evening?

Mrs. Kiesling: Not Thursday.

Mrs. Werren: I like Saturday morning.

Mayor Held: Now keep in mind here that the other problem is when you look at the snow and you bring the other employees in....

Mr. Snyder: Well you know, and Mayor I appreciate, we've done those before and most of that's on capital but if you take Wednesday evening....

Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Snyder: and you spend two hours going through the budget, we get through the budget in about two hours. It takes about two hours.

Mrs. Kiesling: Is the budget ready?

Mr. Snyder: It's done.

Mr. Cerreta: I would be satisfied with that. I think that's a good idea. I think we owe it to the people to do that.

Mr. Snyder: That's not a problem as long as you know we do it, and we do it. I would be not be comfortable waiting any longer than Wednesday. Because that still gives you enough time to think and make some calls to the department heads. If you're not comfortable with a particular item, and I say and I respectfully say this, I'm not trying to take all thing here on myself but through the Administration and myself and the Finance

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Director, that if questions aren't answered Wednesday night, it gives you time to call on Thursday or Friday to different department heads queering about what's in there. It's a bare bones budget, so it should only take two hours. But it's fine to do it. We always did it that way. We always did the first week of December and went through it page by page.

Mr. Cerreta: So you want to do it this Wednesday?

Mr. Snyder: This Wednesday if we could.

Mr. Foltz: You going to have the department heads here available for any questions?

Mr. Snyder: They may not be available because of the snow.

Mr. Foltz: If not, Mike's going to answer them all.

Mrs. Kiesling: Yeah, we got the snow and cold.

Mr. Foltz: And then we'll follow up Thursday and Friday. Just and I'm not going to throw a wrench in this. I am out of town on an Ohio Parks and Rec conference that's already paid for Monday.

Mr. Snyder: That's okay.

Mr. Foltz: So, but I'm saying if this vote comes up next week, I'm not going to be a part of it. So we need a full - In my opinion we need a consensus anyway to pass this levy. I want seven very strong yes advocates for this levy. I'm not - I can't vote next week, I'm not going to be here Monday and Tuesday, so you guys have to know it's going to rely on you to....

Mr. Snyder: Well you need six votes to get....

Mr. Cerreta: Here's the rule of thumb for a levy, for everyone who votes, can you go into a Power Point on why we should vote for it. If you can't, and you can't persuade people to do it, then there's no way you should be voting yes to put a levy on. So you need the right amount, if you could do a Power Point like that and go through it of why we need this money.

Mr. Griffith: I think we got 75% of the way there tonight....

Mr. Cerreta: Yes.

Mr. Griffith: I think Karen, you helped us make the case for why the revenue isn't in existence. I think what we're still missing is an understanding about the expense side of house...

Mr. Cerreta: Right, I agree.

Mr. Griffith: And if we take the time and effort to say we understand that piece, then I think we'll be able to make the full case. And really say we're ...inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: Well then, you need the Superintendent of Services here to explain that. But I can't tell you the reason of the operation.

Mrs. Kiesling: I think it would be good to have him here.

Mr. Snyder: I am not an operations guy, I'm a numbers guy.

Mr. Griffith: Well I think you're going to have questions about it.

Mr. Cerreta: Yeah, we're going to have questions we need whoever can answer those questions.

Mr. Snyder: Can you provide them here that Wednesday night?

Mr. Grimes: I'll have to check with him.

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Mr. Snyder: Yeah, see if he's

Mr. Grimes: I mean I'll - the pool liner is not a done deal. You know, there's some money in the budget, but that's not enough to cover it.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, that's what I'm saying.

Mr. Grimes: And I tell you to look at Chart K, we've already been cutting full-time equivalents. We've been doing that over the last couple years.

Mr. Snyder: That's what I'm saying, there's not a whole lot in. It's not a heavy budget.

Mr. Foltz: I think, was it reflected in here - I know the pool, which reflects as far as capital, but overall capital what does that reflect? You probably - Karen didn't have a chance to do that...

Mrs. Alger: Yeah, the capital is right there in the purple.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, but just parks, but overall capital.

Mrs. Alger: That's - that's all.

Mr. Snyder: You're dealing with general capital.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, I understand it was parks. I'm talking about general fund overall capital.

Mr. Snyder: That's in the budget.

Mr. Foltz: Okay, it's in the budget, but I think there has to show a decrease in that. Just as you mentioned....

Mr. Snyder: We haven't done anything.

Mr. Foltz: We haven't done streets.

Mr. Snyder: No.

Mr. Foltz: We used to spend \$8,000,000 a year on streets.

Mr. Snyder: All the money in capital, 95% of the capital has been done by grants or gifts of

Mr. Foltz: Right. I mean that's the change we've already made to be more efficient for our residents. And I think we have to understand that coming out of the gate. And I'd like to see figures to show what we used to spend on capital; this is what we're spending now.

Mr. Snyder: Yeah.

Mr. Foltz: And that's - and now we're back to the point that these streets, as you said, this is a bad winter we've got to spend some money on them. So the levy is going to support a bond to spend additional money that we don't have sitting around. And I like everybody questioning where we need to go on this, that's fine, but the proof is the state did this to us we did not do this to ourselves. We are not bad custodians or poor custodians of this budget.

Mr. Cerreta: And that's what you have to show people.

Mr. Foltz: We had to show people this in the sense that we're losing a million and half dollars over the last two or three years on ...inaudible... in revenue.

Mr. Snyder: And most capital projects that are either institutional projects like this building and the Civic Center, things that we put money in were - equipment were done through a bond that we purchased in, I think, '09. The salt shed, that's all been financed capital. We normally did all that in-house.

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Mr. Foltz: And that needs to be brought up Wednesday, whatever, get this out as far as the educational process to our residents...

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, because that's how that was done, it was financed out.

Mr. Foltz: as well as House Bill 5. I don't know how we talk about it without getting so upset that ...

Mr. Snyder: That's the problem.

Mr. Foltz: I mean we're left for the fall. We are left to deal with the details here and still maintain good parks, streets, fire, police, infrastructure. And it's harder and harder to do it when the money is just taken away from us. It's that simple. It's unconscionable what they're doing to us.

Mr. Cerreta: That's the kind of passion that passes levies right there.
Mr. Foltz: Exactly.

Mr. Cerreta: But you have to show that to people. You just can't say we need money, let's vote on it.

Mr. Foltz: And you look around and we're proud of our parks and finally spent some money in the past couple years Mark, as you know, you've been an advocate up here with me and Jeff and everybody really. But we didn't have a chance to do it the last eight years. The last two or three we put it in there.

Mr. Cerreta: But you've got to show it. You got to say you've done everything.

Mr. Foltz: And we'll put our parks up against anybody's parks in the state. Drive around and look at them we're making improvements to them. We're spending the money.

Mr. Cerreta: But the last thing you ever want to do is fail a levy of some kind. So you need to be on top of your game and have everything covered. Because once one levy fails, people don't care. They'll fail the next one. We need to put everything that we have into this and show that we've done everything to it.

Mr. Foltz: That's fine ...

Mr. Cerreta: That's what we do. And I think we can do that.

Mr. Foltz: If we've got to show that we've tightened our belts as much as we can and still prove - pass - go for a levy that hopefully gets passed, I'm in agreement with that.

Mrs. Alger: To piggyback off of what Mike was saying, the operating costs, you can see, in 2005 was a \$1,045,000. It has been continuously dropping. I mean they are trying to cut and there's just so much you can cut and then you're hitting the bone. And as Councilman Foltz was saying, is we're not putting money into the parks and the pool.

Mr. Foltz: Plus we're not even talking about property value across the board on that. These levies don't bring in what they used to.

Mr. Snyder: We started out at 9% and we're down around six and a quarter now on the next collection. So we're still down a little better than 6%.

Mr. Cerreta: Are you seeing what I'm saying?
Mr. Foltz: Yeah.

Mr. Cerreta: People don't want to hear how much everyone took away from you. What did you do with what you had? And then what do you need to do your - to do the job that we need done better? So that's kind of what ...

Mr. Foltz: No but that's - but that is part of the equation.

Mr. Cerreta: That is part of the equation, but you just can't sell it on that.

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Mr. Foltz: We are here because – we are here because general sharing and estate tax has been taken away from us or we wouldn't be talking about it.
Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Foltz: In my opinion.
Mrs. Werren: Right.

Mr. Foltz: We wouldn't be talking about this levy.

Mrs. Kiesling: And we certainly don't want to raise their income tax. So you know we only have so many options.

Mr. Foltz: So that's the trade-off. Do we want to do that or ...
Mrs. Werren: No.

Mr. Foltz: stay competitive with business – attracting businesses in the community. It's how we want to raise the revenue.

Mr. Peters: And you've got to remember who we're talking to also. Mark and I were talking earlier today, \$52 on a \$100,000 valuation. Not a whole lot. It's a lot of money, but it's not a whole lot for most of us in prime earning years.
Mr. Foltz: Right, right, right.

Mr. Peters: There's a large contingent of our constituents out there that are on fixed incomes that are losing their homestead exemption.

Mr. Snyder: No, they don't lose it.
Mr. Peters: Well..

Mr. Snyder: If you don't have it, you don't get it.
Mr. Peters: Right.

Mr. Snyder: But if you have it you don't lose it.

Mr. Peters: But the ...

Mr. Foltz: If you already have it you ...inaudible...

Mr. Peters: Yeah, but the new ones coming in to...

Mr. Snyder: The new ones turning 65 don't get it.

Mr. Peters: Yeah, there's a \$30,000 threshold.

Mr. Snyder: Two points – yeah.

Mr. Peters: Yeah. You know so you know the fact remains that you know the majority – well I'm not sure if it's the majority, but a large portion of the people that will vote for this, we need to convince them too. Not just the ones in their prime earning years, the ones that \$52 a year could be a month of groceries. You know this is a big decision for them.

Mr. Snyder: Well you know the most important thing to remember, also to that age group, in order for those people to market and sell their home ...
Mr. Peters: Yeah, that's....

Mr. Snyder: Most fundamental economic development in a city is its infrastructure and it's parks. Without good parks and good infrastructure, you cannot attract business and you cannot attract new home owners.
Mr. Foltz: Jon...

Mr. Peters: Yeah, I 100% agree. I mean that's the quandary we're in here.

Mr. Snyder: And the schools are right up there with it.

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Mr. Peters: Yeah.

Mr. Foltz: Health and wellness is everything in these communities now.

Mr. Snyder: It's all they want.

Mr. Foltz: If you can do it, if you can prevent anything. If you can have active life styles. If you have parks that you can walk to instead of drive to, that is critical for your community ...

Mr. Snyder: Inaudible ...

Mr. Foltz: As far as keeping your costs down and also attracting young people that want to move here.

Mr. Snyder: That's right. The most requested amenity in any new development is a walking trail.

Mr. Foltz: Exactly.

Mr. Snyder: Pools or anything – walking trails is where it's at.

Mr. Foltz: And what's there when you walk there. You better shelters or play sets or tennis courts or ...inaudible... because you're not just going to sit there and look at the trees all day. I mean that's part of it. So...

Mr. Snyder: That's right. Well let's do this, if it's convenient to everybody, we'll take a roll call vote and we will – is 6:00, 6:30 better?

Mrs. Werren: I can't do 6. I have to do 7.

Mr. Snyder: 7:00?

Mrs. Werren: I have another meeting. Yeah.

Mr. Griffith: 7's probably safer for me.

Mr. Snyder: 7:00 and it will take you figure about two hours. So calendar two hours and we'll go through that. And you all have a copy, so if you'd please bring it with you and we'll – I'll get mine out and mark it up and we'll get started. And we'll ask Mike to be here and see if he can get ...

Mrs. Werren: So maybe if before, Mark if you have gone through ...inaudible... the points.

Mr. Cerreta: No, I think everybody needs to go through it.

Mrs. Werren: I know that. That's what I'm saying you've probably done that ...inaudible...

Mr. Foltz: Just go line by line and if someone has a question to ask ...

Mrs. Werren: If people go through it, go through it ahead of time so there are questions that are obvious to you you're not thinking of them then.

Mr. Cerreta: Right, you're down to ...inaudible...

Mr. Foltz: Are you talking about what Gail – I mean what Karen gave us last week.

Mr. Snyder: No, what Karen gave you last week.

Mrs. Kiesling: I need one of those Karen.

Mr. Snyder: Like we used to do it, yeah. We used to do it and we should get back that.

Mr. Cerreta: It seems like the right thing to do.

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Mr. Snyder: No problem.

Mrs. Alger: If you have any questions that you know of that you need to get answers to before that night ...

Mrs. Werren: That's what I mean, yeah.

Mrs. Alger: Yeah, that would be great too. You know if I have to look up or Mike has to look up what professional services are or whatever. I mean we could help out.

Mr. Cerreta: Well I do notice that professional services and in some they are specific, but some are not specific. So I would assume they would come with more specifics than what we've got. Okay.

Mrs. Alger: And yeah, right department heads. But I'm just saying if that's something that you want me to look up and be heads up.

Mr. Cerreta: Right.

Mr. Snyder: I don't think that falls under the open - special meetings thing. That's a committee meeting. However, I would like if it and it may be somewhat presumptuous, but if we could take like a motion and a second to set a special meeting next Monday (February 3, 2014) at 6:45 to consider that operating? Even if we get to that point, otherwise the Clerk has to drive around and pass out the thing. So if it doesn't happen we just won't meet, but if that's favorable to everybody.

Mrs. Alger: Oh, you wanted it?

Mr. Foltz: Do you need a motion?

Mrs. Kiesling: Or do you want to vote on it Doug and do it Saturday morning?

Mr. Foltz: I'm here Saturday morning and will not be here, like I said, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

Mr. Snyder: Well you want to ...

Mr. Foltz: If everybody's on a comfort level to do that, can't we make that motion Wednesday?

Mrs. Werren: Yeah, can't we do it Wednesday?

Mr. Snyder: Yeah, you can do that Wednesday.

Mr. Cerreta: Will you be here Wednesday, then?

Mrs. Werren: Yeah.

Mr. Foltz: Yeah, absolutely.

Mr. Snyder: We're here Wednesday at 7:00. I don't know that we need a roll call for that. That's a committee meeting that can be called at any time. And the Chairman - I'll call that under my committee at 7:00 on Wednesday (January 29, 2014). Couple other things before we go around and for reports. I need a motion and a second to change the following meeting dates: Monday, February 17, 2014, which is President's Day, to Tuesday, February 18, 2014; Monday, May 26, 2014 to Tuesday, May 27, 2014, which is Memorial Day; and the month of September has five Mondays and how about if we meet the first four Mondays in September and the last four Mondays - the last four Mondays ...

Mrs. Kiesling: The last four Mondays in September.

Mr. Snyder: That doesn't make - it changes the September meeting schedule from the first four Mondays to the last four ...

Mrs. Kiesling: Correct.

Mr. Snyder: Not meet the first Monday because of Memorial (meant Labor Day) is that fine?

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Mrs. Kiesling: Yeah.
Mr. Griffith: Inaudible...

Mr. Snyder: Yeah. May I have a motion and a second for that?

Mrs. Kiesling moved and Mr. Cerreta seconded to change the 2014 meeting dates as listed above: All members present voting:

Yes: Griffith, Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz.

No: 0

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Mr. Snyder: Okay, reports – Member Foltz.

Mr. Cerreta: One more thing Jon, before that for this meeting on Wednesday if we could ask the people who've created this what we want to do to be a little specific on timelines too, rather than hey, this is what we want to do ...inaudible... the year.

Mr. Snyder: Here's when we want to do it.

Mr. Cerreta: Just give us some timelines of exactly that would help also.

Mr. Snyder: We can do that. Good point. Thank you. Mr. Foltz.

Mr. Foltz: I appreciate everyone's discussion points here. I think -- it's not easy to raise taxes in our community. And I'm glad we're going to do this, but I think it's got to be a consensus of everybody. And like I said before and I am passionate about it. I think we're all passionate about North Canton. It doesn't matter really what it is, it's just you know, we want to right by our constituents. And I respect Councilman Cerreta, because I know he's a park and rec guy and he wants to look at every avenue possible or look at the budget and streamline as best we can. So we answer to our constituents and say, we've done everything we can. This is something that I'm going to support because there's no other way to do this. You know to keep our parks viable. So I respect that, I do. I'm not -- I'm not upset about it. I'm just passionate about it as you guys know. And it's going to be good dialogue Wednesday and hopefully we come to a consensus to what the future is for our parks here in North Canton. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Peters.

Mr. Peters: No report.

Mr. Snyder: Mrs. Werren.

Mrs. Werren: Just thanks for the talk on the verbatim minutes. And helping me get through it legislatively and understanding what "to die" means in legislation and stuff. So, thank you. We'll get back to you when we have more information.

Mr. Snyder: Good. Nice job. Mr. Griffith.

Mr. Griffith: No report.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Cerreta.

Mr. Cerreta: No report, just good discussion and I appreciate it.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Mrs. Kiesling.

Mrs. Kiesling: No report.

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Mr. Snyder: I have nothing. Director of Law.

Mr. Fox: Yes sir, I want to thank Council for their overwhelming support for the verbatim minutes. And those who came in favor of those because the importance is that the discussion that we had covering from a broad spectrum of prospective of how important they are to individuals, to open government, that when issues do arise where it appears we need funding personnel, what have you, then we're able to look back at this verbatim

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transcript and see just how important it is for Council members, for public officials, and for the residents, that they're prepared timely and filed and available for review. So that's very – of course very important to have that part of overwhelming support. So thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Thank you. Director Alger.

Mrs. Alger: Our tax forms went Wednesday, income tax forms. If you didn't receive them we have extras in-house here. And a reminder that stamps did go up yesterday from 46 cents to 49 cents.

Mr. Snyder: They did?

Mrs. Alger: It takes stamps too, you know 46 to 49.

Mr. Snyder: 49 cents, that's to fill the potholes. Director Grimes.

Mr. Grimes: We're just still working on the salt. I think I sent out a message out to you that you know Morton Salt is not delivering for some reason and we're trying to work that out with them, like other people in the state. But we still have over 1,000 tons in our salt shed. Over the weekend here we used about 48 tons on our road, used about 26 hours of overtime. So these storms do have a cost to them. But we've got on hand and we're supposed deliveries, but you know it's not like it's a real shortage or we're out, but we're just being judicious with what we have.

Mr. Snyder: Appreciate that. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Held: Yes. In reference to our budget Karen, excellent excellent charts, I think they're very helpful. I also appreciate Council's desire to come in on a separate evening and go through budget line item by line item. You know we have some members that have been around for a number of years and others are new and I think in the end you know, we're all going to be in agreement with the budget and our budgetary needs. And but I'm appreciative of the fact that you all take an interest in you know fully understanding it. Thank you.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Engineer.

Mr. Benekos: Since my words are being preserved for posterity ...

(Laughter)

Mr. Peters: Choose carefully.

Mr. Snyder: You want us to take your picture too?

Mr. Foltz: Yeah really ...inaudible... your wardrobe to describe what Jim wears every meeting.

(Laughter)

Mr. Benekos: I have no report.

Mr. Snyder: Madam Clerk.

Mrs. Kalpac: Are you going to schedule a special meeting for Monday?

Mr. Snyder: We will on Wednesday.

Mrs. Kiesling: We'll decide if we're going to do Saturday or Monday.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Snyder: We took your needs into consideration. We do have a short executive session right after this. So I'll entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting and entertain a motion

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON

REGULAR

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 18148

Held Monday, January 27, 7:00 p.m. 20 14

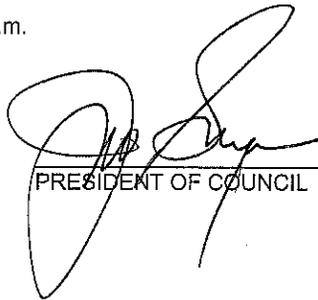
Mr. Peters moved to adjourn and Mr. Cerreta seconded to adjourn the council meeting.

All members present voting:

Yes: Kiesling, Peters, Snyder, Werren, Cerreta, Foltz, Griffith

No: 0

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL