

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NORTH CANTON
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017

1. Call to Order

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: At this time I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, May 22, 2017, 7:21pm. Open prayer the Reverend Steve Costello-Stultz, Faith United Methodist Church. Welcome, reverend.

2. Opening Prayer - Reverend Steve Costello-Stultz, Faith United Methodist Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Clerk, please call the roll?

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

Thus having 7 in attendance.

5. Consideration

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, for your consideration may I have a motion and a second to approve as presented:

Council Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2017

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2017

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2017

Mayor Court Receipts: April 2017

Financial Statements: April Month End Reports

New liquor license for South Main Commons LLC DBA Lobster Louie's 1176 South Main St., North Canton, Ohio 44720

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Motion to approve as presented.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes, to approve the above minutes, reports and liquor license.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you very much. Next up Mr. Colin Riley, president of North Canton Jaycees. Welcome.

6. Colin Riley, president of North Canton Jaycees spoke on the 4th of July sponsorships.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay next, recognition of visitors. If anyone wishes to address council, please step forward state your name and address.

7. Recognition of Visitors

CHUCK OSBORNE: 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. I'm reading from the agenda for the public hearing, it says the purpose of the hearing is for City Council to obtain public comments and concerns. Why then did nearly at least a quarter percent of the time, or maybe even as much as a third of that time allocated to the public hearing did Mr. Fox command the floor? Why does this continue? And Mr. Foltz, you've been around here for 20+ years, have you seen law directors run the City like what goes on here? Roy Batista didn't do it, Pusateri didn't do it, Hans Nilges didn't do it. And I don't know if I'm missing one in there. Why do we continually hear Mr. Fox's spin, his twists, his interpretation, his recommendations? You seven were elected to be elected representatives. To think for yourselves. To filter through it, and if you don't like their recommendation, you don't have to follow it. We hear that constantly. Mr. Fox runs this meeting every time anybody in this City meets. Whether it's the Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Charter Review. And by the way, Mr. Fox misled purposely, the Charter Review when he spoke up without being recognized and guided poor Mrs. Baughman, and she couldn't defend herself to say that "oh, you have to have majority is based on the entire group not who's present. There were no formal rules set aside for the previous five meetings. They were just doing the majority of those present. Mr. Fox, who's affiliated with the former law firm of Mrs. Werren's father or father-in-law. I don't know which. And it's no coincidence that she's sitting here, cause when you vacated that seat; it was prearranged to put her in that seat.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Does this have anything to do with anything?

CHUCK OSBORNE: At any rate, Mr. Fox was trying to guide and manipulate the vote so they could stick with the recommendation to change the requirement for Planning and Zoning. Folks, we're talking two meetings a year. And Mrs. Werren doesn't want to go to that. And hasn't been to a single Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in 4 ½ years. Not a single one. And she told me here

a few weeks ago, "I didn't know I supposed to go." Alright, so Mr. Fox, I'm sick of hearing from you. Sick, sick, sick. And I'm sorry to lose control, but this has been going on for years. Alright, in regards to the recommendations to no longer transcribe Zoning and Planning. Again, we're talking two meetings a year for Zoning. I'm sorry, I'm amusing you, Mr. Cerreta. But this is a sad scenario every time I come up. Mrs. Werren, how many of your constituents have asked you to discontinue verbatim transcription of ZBA and Planning Commission meetings? Have they been beating down your door to let's stop that?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Yes.

CHUCK OSBORNE: I don't believe it. Because they don't even show up at the meetings. Look how many people's here. And this is highly unusual. What is the record retention policy for your family? Every couple of years do you comb thru and throw away your diplomas and your photos, and all that? Cause what you're doing, or what you're asking this City to do is to start throwing away its history. These records are vital, it's vital that it be kept. I am thankful that the National Archives still has my great grandfather's Civil War records. And I can go and touch them and feel them. And read all through them. You guys are trying to eliminate accountability and the public's right to know everything that goes on. Why it went that way. There's no reason to change this. You want to make government efficient. You're never going to find efficient government. We need to maintain verbatim transcripts. You tried to do this on Council meeting minutes, to summarize Council meeting minutes would take as long or longer than actually just typing them out. Have you ever tried to summarize a meeting? Listen through it for an hour or so. And whatever's important to you that you might summarize you'd leave out.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you.

CHUCK OSBORNE: So, I'm, please do not do that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Mr. Osborne.

CHUCK OSBORNE: Please run the meeting correctly.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Time's up.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Please have a seat.

CHUCK OSBORNE: Mr. Held never speaks, Mr. Grimes never speaks. This man runs this City.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Mr. Osborne, Mr. Osborne, he's our law director. I run the meetings, that's the way it goes.

(Mr. Osborne spoke out from the gallery)

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Point of order, Mr. Chairman, we've had repeated disruptions this evening. And we have rules for our meetings. I ask that you enforce them against Mr. Osborne to stop disrupting this public meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: All I can say is wow. Okay, anybody top that? Please step forward state your name and address.

MIRIAM BAUGHMAN: 320 Weber. I have a concern for Ordinances 44 – 2017 and 45 – 2017. Changing Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission from verbatim minutes to summary minutes. And I want to tell you a story. When it was time for the Sonic to be built at Washington Square, people knew what the Sonics look like. There's one over in Fulton Rd., they look like something out of a circus with lights shining up in the sky. And they're very, very gaudy. And people were concerned about that. So they went back to the meeting minutes of the Planning Commission when Washington Square was built to see what parameters were put on the shopping center. Because there were certain things they had to abide by, like the façade in the front of it, the lighting. And I don't know what else. So they went back and there were no verbatim minutes that had any of that information. So what were they going to do to make, to keep the Sonic in line with Washington Square? Which is a very classy little shopping center. Luckily, one of the councilwomen Kathy Magel had kept notes. And so they brought forth the notes, and indeed the lighting had to be subdued. I forget just how they were going to do it. But nothing could shine up in the air. And they had to have the same brick on all the out buildings. And, so that was a time when they really needed verbatim minutes. To move forward with the out buildings. And I remember that Marcia, just a couple weeks ago talked about Applegrove. The widening with the same thing; that you wanted to go back and look at the verbatim minutes and they weren't there. So they're very important, the minutes are history and they're also good reference. And as for the Zoning Board of Appeals, the law director mandates that all who speak take an oath, in case it goes to Civil Court. Well, if it's important to take an oath as to what you say then I think that what you saying under oath should be verbatim. Not somebody summarizing it in their own words. I have heard that the reason to go to summarizing minutes is its time consuming for the person in charge. There are other ways to do this. If the person in charge of doing the meetings is too busy, maybe there's somebody else in the City that's not as busy that could transcribe. Or consider outsourcing it, there are companies that do this. They're not that expensive, they've used them before. I think they only make like minimum wage. Or new technology, like the Apple watch. There is something out, and I don't fully understand it, but as meetings are recorded they're automatically transcribed. And now the question is, that somebody would bring up. But we have multi channels, so how would you do that. But I'm sure that with all the companies that record and transcribe minutes that somebody has come up with way that you get around the multi channels. That's something that could be researched. And if you say "well then you wouldn't know who said a certain thing"; what's it matter who said it? What matters is what was said. So I ask you to please table these two ordinances and look into other ways of doing

them that's not time consuming to the person who's in charge, so that you do preserve the history and the references. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: That's the proper way to gripe, just take note. We listened the whole time, wrote down almost everything she said. That's the proper way to gripe, Mr. Osborne. To Ordinance No. 45 and 46, oh I'm sorry, 44 and 45, no emergency legislation. So we are going to go through the three readings. But to your point, as far as automatic transcription. If you can overcome the multiple channels aspect of it, I'm absolutely not opposed to look at that. At all. What we had talked about, and Steph and I have had multiple conversations about this. I mentioned earlier we want to go to live streaming Planning and Zoning. And, you know, those videos you see them talking, and they're very clear. I mean if you've watched the meetings you can hear everything that's being said. And those are archived as well. We have audio that we take of the meetings. If a meeting, one of the other things we had discussed too; was you know when hot button issues are coming up and when they're in front of you, so when things like that would happen that we would say "look, we want verbatim minutes for this meeting." If something maybe slips through the cracks becomes a hot button issue a few months later we still have the audio to transcribe verbatim, if we had to. And then we have the video, and we're going to have the video as well. And along with the summaries. So you know, I think we're going to be well covered on all of these meetings. With video, and audio, and written, and more so than North Canton ever has been. So, you know, we can discuss that as we move through the agenda though. Okay.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Osborne, I'm going to speak because there was a legal issue that was brought up by Ms. Baughman. So that's my duty, to speak to that. And what she had said was the law director decided that at certain times people were required to be placed under oath at Planning Commission meetings, and Zoning Board of Appeals. But I didn't make that decision, the Supreme Court of Ohio made the decision that for conditional use permits and for variances that there's a requirement that testimony be taken under oath. So that wasn't my decision. It was my recommendation that during those meetings that they do take their testimony under oath, and for the concern that Ms. Baughman had that those items where they would be placed under oath, indeed if there is an appeal, then the clerk will prepare the transcript. That will be required. And in fact that's placed in the ordinance. But outside of that, a summary is sufficient. Again, according to our State Legislature and our Supreme Court. That's what's required is a summary, not verbatim minutes. Even our trial courts, and our Courts of Appeal, there's not a requirement to maintain a verbatim transcript. It's if it's requested within the appeal period. Otherwise it's not prepared. We hold ourselves to a standard higher than our trial courts. That can convict you of murder. That's quite a high standard that could have a civil judgment against you that could bankrupt you, or bankrupt your business. There's not a requirement for verbatim transcript. But here in North Canton for these meetings there is a requirement, and there's a cost to it. And the person that wants to keep that going is Mr. Osborne that has this as his hobby to save what he says "and record the history." But that is not the duty of Council. It's not the duty of the Administration. Perhaps the duty of the historical society. But the duty for these minutes according to our State Legislature and our Supreme Court are summary minutes. So, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. Anyone else wishing to address council, please step forward.

MELANIE J ROLLS: 308 Portage Street NW. I'm going to piggyback on Miriam's comments. As a historian record keeper, that was my profession. I think it is important to have verbatim minutes. And I think there are instances where she and others have stated what those are. I'm not sure how you're going to archive your live streaming, or how long you keep the tapes that you're speaking of. So if you could give me some assurances on the procedure for archiving the live streaming, and archiving the tapes that can be transcribed at a later date, and who's in charge of that, and where they are kept. I might have a little more ease of mind. But I don't think it should be arbitrary that if somebody decides that this meeting is of a significance that it needs to have verbatim minutes I think, I personally prefer verbatim minutes overall. And I agree with somebody that spoke earlier that I think Planning and Zoning are actually more important than the Council meeting. Because those are the things that solve neighborhood disputes, new businesses, what happened with boundaries, or variances. And I think that those certainly come into play and could for future business owners in that plot, or future homeowners. So I endorse verbatim minutes for Zoning and Planning. Please think about it. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Melanie. I'll get back to you on that. I'll find out as far as the video, and the tapes how long we keep them archived. And how long we can.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: For those of you with concern of Planning and Zoning, it's another legal matter, your waving your arms Mr. Osborne. But it's another legal matter, I think it's relevant to what we're talking about. And that is the retention schedule for certain documents. So it seems relevant. So although you're objecting, I, as the law director I think that's my role is to advise councilmembers. So that they're aware this, and perhaps you, that Planning and Zoning the site plans and the drawings and those types of documents that are in storage at our permit department and our engineering department, they're permanent. So if you want to see a site plan for something that was done 30 years ago, you can go and they retain that. There's no destruction schedule for those things. So you can see the history of those things. But the concern that you may have missed what exactly was said during a meeting, and somehow that will be relevant for something that happened five years later. It's difficult to put your thumb on how the exact wording that was used in a meeting is going to be relevant because if you wish to appeal, if you wish to challenge what occurred at the meeting, then you have an opportunity to do that. And there's a challenge window and our Supreme Court State Legislature has set that open. And if indeed someone challenges this so it can be protected, the very words that were used a verbatim transcript is made. And that's exactly how it's done with our courts as well. As I had eluded to before. But rest assured that those documents about how land changes hands, about how drawings and plans and those types of things, those are permanent. There's no destruction on those documents in our engineering and permitting department.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Tim.

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Yes, sir.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, anyone else wishing to address council, please step forward state your name and address. Alright, seeing none, we will move onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 39 - 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 39 - 2017.

8. Old Business

9. Ordinance No. 39 - 2017

Community and Economic Development Committee

An ordinance continuing Community Reinvestment Area ("CRA") agreements between the City of North Canton and LMD Realty, LLC and Insight Realty, LLC.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Chairwoman Kiesling?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: These are the two Community Reinvestments Area that we have on the books. I motion we adopt the third and final reading.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 39 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 39 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 40 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 40 - 2017.

10. Ordinance No. 40 - 2017

Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 23 – 2016, which authorized the Director of Administration to seek bids for police and fire department dispatch services for the City of North Canton.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: We've talked about this a number of times now, and just decide to go in a different direction. And hold back on some previous thoughts, maybe we'll revisit it later. So I move to adopt.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 40 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 40 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 41 - 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 41 - 2017.

11. Ordinance No. 41 - 2017

Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting additional right-of-way on the east side of Alley 57, from Harmon Street (south) to West Maple Street (north), for the West Maple Street Widening Project, including the St. Paul Church parking lot.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Fonte.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: That's where, we've been talking about that; where they're doing the work. They're having additional right-of-way along the side there. For the expansion of the road. And I move that we approve the third reading.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 41 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 41 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 43 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 43 - 2017.

13. Ordinance No. 43 - 2017 Community and Economic Development Committee

An ordinance accepting the application for the annexation of certain territory in Plain Township, known as the Walsh/Philzer Annexation, containing a 0.8992 acres of land, more or less to the City of North Canton.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairwoman Kiesling.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Yes, this is the first reading of an annexation behind Walsh University. We had a public hearing and nobody spoke against it. I motion we adopt.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 43 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 43 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 44 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 44 - 2017.

14. Ordinance No. 44 - 2017 Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairwoman Werren.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So I have had a number of people who have actually talked to me about this. And they do feel that with the video and the audio and the summary minutes that it would be sufficient. I do think, I would also like the specification of how long, and I know we're working on that. But at any point in time, if anybody wants those transcribed minutes, or if there was a timeframe where it was an appeal time, those would be done. I know the transcription is at the cost of those that want it. But otherwise they can watch the video or listen to the audio. And isn't just about saving that one person time, it's just about being more current, and efficient. And looking at what some other communities have taken on and allowing her to do other projects. Because I know there are a lot of projects over there. Right? So if there's any questions.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Yeah, I had a comment. You know, I was sitting there listening and I'm glad Melanie and Miriam came up to public speaks and talked. We talked about it. Miriam that was me that brought up the Applegrove situation. To me that we revisit that every five years, and we have a little fun with it with our history of it, Marcia and I. Really those records are invaluable.

I think I have to hear more as far as how this is going to be stored. I think we're mixing old school and new school. New school is streaming, video assessable, right now which is great. I think that's open to the public and you can't get any more modern than that. If somebody wants to watch what's going on right now, or watch it on our website, or however they get there. But I think there is value to have these minutes, you know, on the record. And if the situation is its too much work for an individual, can't we look at a different way to do this? Can we look to schools maybe get involved and take it off the video. And they get involved with doing this. Is that a feasible option here? Versus somebody bogged down at work, and I understand that is a lot to do when you have a lot more other duties depending how your office is being run. I mean Mary Beth's been excellent at it, I think she's done it better than anybody we've ever had. And she probably likes doing it, and she's very proficient at it. But maybe that's not always the case on other departments because of necessity of other job duties going somewhere else. I'd like to revisit that if we could. I don't see why we can't have both. Because I know if there's something happening in the ward I didn't happen to make the meeting, I might watch the video. But I might want it transcribed too, because either I'm taking the notes, or I'm going to have somebody put it down the way it was said. That I can review it and bring it back to my knowledge. So I'd like to look at that a little closer, you know, see if we can help that along.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Dom?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I was just saying, you know, obviously we have three readings. So if we pass the first reading, we can still have more conversation. And like what Miriam and the others said there is technology out there. And there's good dictation there's other things like now my phone messages always transcribe themselves. There's a lot of good technology. So if there's an efficient way to do it and it's not super expensive then there's some benefit there. We should definitely look at that. If not I think Tim pretty well explained it, you know, what the summary is that we still have a very high standard. But it's not a bad idea, we still have time to talk about it, if we have to, you know, decide in a different direction.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: I think too, when we hear from the chair of one of those groups saying "this just isn't necessary any longer." And is adamant about that, and it's the chair that has been there for a long time, I think there's something to be said about that expertise of someone who is doing it. And saying "why."

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I respect the chair, but I also know what I used when I came up and seen the value of residents weighing in 10, 15 years ago about their concerns. That a lot of them were still valid at the time that we were looking at zone change. It might have been missed by me. If I could find that video 10 years ago. Maybe those people weren't available to talk now, but they were on record then. I always thought more of the neighborhood's concerns towards a zone change or just a history. It is historical. I just don't want to lose that. I think we're doing some great things here being modernized. But I just don't, and if it is some many meetings a year. Let's just think about how we can do it more efficiently. That's all. Okay, so it's good discussion here.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: You know, I've heard the word historical, a couple times. And we're looking kind of towards the future though. What's the best way to do it for the future? Not the past, for the future. I think what could be even better than having a tape of somebody reading something, if you really want a transcript you can do that on your own, any time. I think if you look at the cost difference between what we want in the future, if the cost is no big deal to transcribe it, like my phone. Same with you, I even read my voice mail messages sometimes because I don't want to hear anybody. That you look at the cost, if its more why would we make it the same for the future, when we can do it better in the future with a video. As long as it's stored and the records can be, you know, pulled up anytime we want to see that. And someone else needs to be able to pull those records up too. Just like the library, if somebody comes in here and they want a request for a tape; they better get that tape and we better be able to give that to them just like we would records. So we need a system. We need the whole system to work. Because that's the whole idea is if somebody wants to hear what happened, let's give it to them.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: I mean really what would be ideal, I mean it would be a public record it could be online as well. Right?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Well, it is online.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yeah, it's online anyways.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Well, it's online now. Isn't it? It better be.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: The history's online.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: I know that, I'm talking audio.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well, you could see it and hear it at the same time. And I'm sure they have programs you could run that audio, video right through and it probably would spit it out in word. I'm certain there's got to be that technology.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Let's see what that cost is, but to add that extra cost to something that we already have it on video, why would we want to go ahead and add an extra cost for that.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: No, no, I'm just saying, you can exercise that option, then you can take it off the table and be done with it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: That technology is there, but like Miriam said; is how do you overcome the multiple channel? So...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: And we still transcribe the Council minutes. If that's the reasoning, then why do we do that?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: If you really wanted to know who said what, you can go to the video.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Sure, yeah.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So it really doesn't matter who saying it.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: But it matters how it's stored, or is it going too held up?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Yeah, how it's archived, and that's the question that we need to address and make sure we're clear on. Yes?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: In all these years, tell me how many times you've read a Planning Commission minutes?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: That's it, you just heard it.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Jeff?

(Mr. Osborne spoke out from the gallery)

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Okay, so, of all these years, you know, we've come and gone through meetings; and, you know, we go when we know something is really important on the agenda. And there's big issues. And, you know, so the minutes are awesome, but almost...

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Not top to bottom, nobody reads from top to bottom.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: They're almost useless, other than those times when we really want to see them. Which are those times when we're going to say "give me verbatim minutes." Or we're going to say a week later, because all the residents are going to be calling us saying "oh my gosh, did you go to that." We're going to say "you know what, I need those minutes." And we're going to say "Linda, transcribe those minutes."

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Or we might outsource it.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: It's a lot of time for no real...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I understand that, but we transcribe our Council.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Hey, we can look at that.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: But this leads to some of our discussion, or decisions through the Planning and Zoning; that eventually comes to us eventually.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Yeah, and I think those meetings are unique. I will give you that, completely. But all the other ones...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: But I think if it's a job duty situation, then let's figure out how to do it, we've figured out how to be efficient in a lot areas here. Why don't we look at that one? Maybe there's a gizmo we buy that just transcribes it. Dominic knows somebody, we have better sound here. Turn the thing on and go. Dominic always has a guy.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I think Marcia to your point, to your point, how many times have you read Planning Commission minutes? I mean I think in some ways the correlator to that is how many times have you called the fire department? Right? Like the one time you do call and you really need them. So, I think the concern here is, and I think it's important to go to the ordinance language itself, which is important. So, in 145.01 it would say "the commission meetings with the exception of executive sessions shall be audio and video recorded." That's not an elective piece, that's a requirement. So that's important first. And secondly, of course, it just says that the clerk shall file an accurate records, which is good. And then subsection (c) it says here "the audio and video shall be retained until the appeal period has lapsed, a transcript has been prepared and approved whichever occurs first." And I actually think I would, and I'm prepared to offer an amendment, I think that Tim has guaranteed here that we're holding records for at least the appeal period. We also have the requirement for, you know, public records retention just broadly in the State of Ohio for several years. But I would offer, I'm willing to because we intend to hold these records forever anyway. We've already said that. So I'm willing to put in the statute here, in the ordinance that we let a transcript, or the audio and video shall be retained until the appeal period has lapsed, transcript has been prepared or some period of 10 years, or 15 years or whatever we find to be appropriate. Because again, we intend to hold these anyways, so I don't think there would be an issue there. And I think if we do that that gives us the ability in any subsequent period of time to then have them transcribed. And again, that's the process that every court does too. Courts do not transcribe every hearing,

they carefully record it only one way; and we're recording it two ways. And then in the future with those records being retained they go...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: We have digital as well, but we're not using that. We have three ways right now.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I think if we do that, it speaks to the concerns that you all have so that we do have good records. And that they are guaranteed to be maintained for a period of time. So I'm willing and maybe we don't need to do it tonight, and maybe we can have some conversations relative to what minimum period we can put in here. I think Tim appropriately says that our floor needs to be at least the appeal period. But I'm willing to extend it much further than that too. Because I think that deals with our concerns.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Fifteen years timed with the Charter.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Ten.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Or ten, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Anyway, but I'm in support generally, of what's here. We're stewards of dollars here. I think that's the important piece. And this does cost money, and you know technology is also very expensive; as we know too. So I think we need to be careful about...

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Your courts charge you \$4.50 a page. To transcribe.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So I think if we put a protection in then I'm supportive of it.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Okay.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Alright, I think we beat it, we beat it pretty good, huh?

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Imagine every page of your Planning Commission, your Zoning Board of Appeals... Chuck is waving his arms again, for those that are behind the camera, so you know for that disruption. But imagine

(Mr. Osborne spoke out from the gallery)

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Point of order Mr. Chairman, another disruption you have rules. But just for food for thought, there is a cost for this and what I'm saying is our local Stark County courts has decided, and if you request a verbatim transcript; unless its changed the recent fee for this is \$4.50 for every page. Now imagine every page for every Council meeting, every Planning Commission meeting, and every Zoning Board of Appeals being \$4.50. There's a significant cost to that, and if you go beyond that appeal period; what you have left to see that, is if you think of the value you can't change anything after that. You've left the appeal period lapse. So what you're simply looking at is the historical perspective, that's what we said back then. We're not changing anything, because we can't; but sometimes absolutely. We look back and see what happened at that meeting, and what people had said. And so if you want that to occur, what we're doing right now is pushing that cost onto our taxpayers. We're saying that \$4.50 a page, because Mr. Osborne believes it's really interesting to him to go back and look. That as the stewards for taxpayers we're saying its worth that. And indeed it may very well be, but as you said with the increases in technology, perhaps there's some other way. But that's a way just to look at there's indeed a cost, that's what used locally, \$4.50 a page.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, well to Dom's point, we beat it up pretty good. First of three readings, is there a motion and a second to adopt the first reading?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 no to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 44 – 2017. Foltz voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 44 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 45 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 45 - 2017.

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.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairwoman Werren.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: So now this is just with Zoning and Building Standard Board of Appeals. We kind of just talked this, we can talk about it again. But just to remind everyone, I mean the permits, the drawings, the maps they are all permanent documents. So you still have all of that, again, with all the audio, visual, summary minutes. So we can discuss.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: I just want to say, I will offer an amendment next week to clarify a longer period of time. So, we'll give it a time limit.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Okay, that's it; I move to adopt.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 no to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 45 – 2017. Foltz voted no.

ORDINANCE NO. 45 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 46 - 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 46 - 2017.

16. Ordinance No. 46 - 2017 Personnel and Safety Committee

An ordinance amending Section 24, **AUTHORIZED MANPOWER** of Ordinance No. 36 – 2012, Police Personnel Ordinance, as amended, to rename the classification of "Police Patrolman" to "Police Patrol Officer" for full-time officers, and "Police Patrolman, Special" to "Police Patrol Officer, Special" for part-time officers.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Basically going gender neutral in the description of our manpower in the police department. Any questions, concerns? I'll entertain a motion and a second to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 46 – 2017.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 46 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 46 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 47 - 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 47 - 2017.

17. Ordinance No. 47 - 2017 Street and Alley Committee

An ordinance approving, confirming and accepting a nonexclusive easement known as Parcel Nos. 9208010 and 9208015, and being part of Outlot No. 408, Lot Nos. 7124 and 7123, by and between the City of North Canton, an Ohio charter municipal corporation, Grantee, and The Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Trustee, Grantor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Fonte.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: We talked about last week in the meeting of the whole. But basically what this is the first reading, for the new parking lot. They have the gapping where they're putting the pilasters, and that's for the decorative fence to go along in that section. So that's what we're looking to approve for the first reading. Any questions? And they're moving along very

rapidly. We need them to work on Hoover, what do you think? Yeah, it's really good; so I move that we approve that.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 47 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 47 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 48 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 48 - 2017.

18. Ordinance No. 48 - 2017 Water, Sewer and Rubbish Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to advertise and receive bids, and authorizing the Mayor, upon Board of Control approval, to enter into a contract for the Water Tower II Exterior Painting Project, at a cost not to exceed \$600,000, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Cerreta.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Like as was discussing in committee, this is to receive advertised bids for painting our water tower #2. And it needs to be on emergency because we need to get those bids going here. So I move to adopt as read.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I have a question.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yes?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So, they're saying, they have a name Water Tower II exterior painting, so \$600k. So to paint it, has it not been painted in like how many years?

ENGINEER GRAHAM: I talked to Mr. Leichtamer, 2004, I believe was the last painting.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: What was the cost of it 13 years ago, I wonder.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: I don't know the answer to that question.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: A lot.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well, here's what I would just be saying, \$600k is a ton of money. And so is that what we're just guessing, and then once we get the bids in we'll see how accurate that is. I mean where did the \$600,000 come from? I'm just curious. I think I'm in the wrong business. I want to be a painter. I want a painting degree.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: It's special paint.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Okay, there must be lead paint under there. There must be lead there, or something. Do the bid people know that we have \$600,000 set aside for it?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: They do now, you're making a big deal of it.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well, I'm thinking we should maybe put a question mark on it. Alright, I'm just saying, it's a hard pill to swallow. I'm sorry I'm a bit out of control.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: It is, but it's a lot cheaper to paint it than replace it.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I know, I know, it's a money maker. Sorry about that.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: And it's out of the water fund, it supports itself.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Dom, can I go on with my committee here? Are you done?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: It doesn't take away from your roads, Dom. Don't worry.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: No, but I was just thinking I have indigestion. I'm just saying...

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: It's a good point you made Dom.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: I'm glad you're not painting it by the way. So I move to adopt as read.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 48 – 2017

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Motion and a second to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 48 – 2017.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of council for three readings for Ordinance No. 48 – 2017.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. And a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 48 – 2017.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 48 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 48 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 49 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 49 - 2017.

19. Ordinance No. 49 - 2017 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of North Canton to establish a Capital Projects Reserve Fund, Fund #335, to accumulate resources for future departmental fixed assets.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: We had a chance to talk about this in committee, but our finance director was not here with us. So I will allow her the floor so she can articulate her good idea.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Sure, we did talk about this months before. Basically this would be a fund to accumulate monies that are not spent in the current year budget, or not encumbered by the end of the budget year for each department. So let's say fire department did a great job of getting quotes, contacting vendors, and really keeping their prices down in the department for this year. They would be able to roll some of those dollars over into next year's budget. And be kind of set aside for them for any capital needs that they might have. And like we talked about before, this will kind of need trust on both sides. Trust from the department heads that they're not padding their budget to get toys later. But also trust on the administration and council side that no one's going to raid that fund, two, three, 10 years down the line when they're been diligently saving that money for something that they have their eye on.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Is there a dictionary term of what capital improvements are? Like a car, or toys, or is it like air conditioning, or infrastructure items?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: It's usually something that's over five years that you would keep it for over five years. And over \$5,000 in value.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: That's statutory, not dictionary.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: See I'm not a lawyer, that's why I call Tim. Tim, you gotta help me out.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: If there are no other questions, I would enthusiastically move its approval.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 49 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 49 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 50 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 50 - 2017.

20. Ordinance No. 50 - 2017 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of North Canton to establish an Unclaimed Monies Fund, Fund #874, to hold unclaimed monies in trust for a period not to exceed five years, at which time the unclaimed monies shall revert to the General Fund.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: As you know, we do collect dollars, occasionally we're not able to make distributions. And it's important for us to kind of segregate those, so we don't think that they're in the general fund. And this is just again good bookkeeping, and helps our auditors when they come and ask us where the money is set aside. So this is just establishing a special fund so that we're in compliance with the rest. Any other additional comments? Alright, I would move its approval,

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 50 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 50 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 51 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 51 - 2017.

21. Ordinance No. 51 - 2017 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the supplemental appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton, to be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of the General Trust Fund to the General Trust Police Account in the amount of \$18,800.00 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017..

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: This is a flip from some dollars associated with the police. Mike, do you want to reiterate this? I know we talked about it during committee. Or no you don't. Do you want Laura to talk about it instead? This is the \$18,800 for police.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: Yeah, it's the cameras, the body cameras that we had. We had a lot of donations for that. We also got a grant for that. And now it's time to move that money over so that we can buy those things and get our officers outfitted.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Alright, so moving the donated monies into the general fund for that purchase. Alright, any comments relative to that? Glad to make that advance. I would move its approval.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 51 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 51 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of

Ordinance No. 52 - 2017?

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: So moved.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 52 - 2017.

22. Ordinance No. 52 - 2017 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the supplemental appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton, to be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of the General Fund to the Professional Services Account in the amount of \$21,000.00 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: This is the adjustments to the technology network that we have here, some expenses that need to be included in professional services. And Pat was kind enough to illustrate that for us last week in committee. Any additional questions? Well, with the challenges that you guys have had in the last few days, I think it's definitely needed. So I would move its approval.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 52 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 52 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, thank you. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 53 - 2017?

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: So moved.

COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 53 - 2017.

23. Ordinance No. 53 - 2017 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the supplemental appropriation of funds of the City of North Canton, to be appropriated from the unappropriated resources of the Capital Improvement Fund to the Professional Services Account in the amount of \$21,000.00 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, to repair water damage to the foundation of City Hall.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Chairman Griffith.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: As we talked about last week, this will repair immediate foundation damage, and do some initial work that will allow us to prepare a larger bid and determine whether or not we want to expend dollars at that point. Any other questions or concerns there? I would move its approval.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 53 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 53 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

14. Reports - Council

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. Reports, Member Fonte.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Nothing to report tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Member Werren?

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: Yeah, there was a great event in our area the other week. The 720 Market and it was so neat, it was held at the Hoover farm on East Maple. And just so many people, so many vendors, so many small businesses with tents. I mean my gosh the amount of people, I know there were issues with traffic, I'm sure we got calls about that. But it's probably had broken down. But my goodness, where people walked from to get to that festival was amazing. So thank you to all of those who came out. It really was a nice event. And I apologize, but I have to when somebody says something false again. You know you sit up here and you take it for a long time and then finally you say "well, that just isn't true and I have to state that." So Mr.

Osborne stated that somehow my dad owned a firm, he doesn't. And that somehow Tim being a part of that firm at one point, I met Tim when he came to my door running for council. And then, there was something else, my father-in-law, it just has to stop. Oh I know, when I was appointed to this position, I was not the only candidate. Chuck, there was seven, six, I think maybe you were one of them, maybe that's why you're mad. I don't know. But I was chosen, I didn't get all the votes for that position. So it's just tying in and these lies, it has to stop. Represent us for what we are. And don't make up things about my parents, my siblings, and my family. Keep it out of it. Keep it out of it. You don't know what my family does. And he does not own a firm. So stop the lies.

(Mr. Osborne spoke out from the gallery)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Come on, how many times do I have to tell you. You know better.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: Marcia said no report. I will echo no report as well.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Member Cerreta?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Just two items here. First of all, a little Hoover District update; as I did talk to them today and of course their timelines that they had promised in the past were just a little bit late. But they did say that today, they took the fence down if you've noticed that. And they're going to grade it, and seed it by Memorial Day. So that was the newest today.

COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH: What are we going to do if it snows?

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So if it snows then that probably won't occur. But we are going to see what happens with that. So I want to let you know where that's at. Okay? And outside of that, the university district has gotten underway, we've a little hiccups on that, I think maybe Rob or Mike might talk about that. But that's getting underway, there might be some traffic issues there, but that's going to be pretty. It's going to be a neat thing down the road for us, so we're looking forward to that. And that's it for me.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, Member Foltz?

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Thank you. Update on the beautification on the square. Mark's done a great job with it. But in front of the Park Board the North Canton Garden Club is donating their expertise to plant flowers in planters that we've purchased. Jim Davis, Kathy, got involved. They're self-watering pots. I do have a picture of it. They will be installed before Memorial Day on each four corners of our square. So that will help beautify, as we know, I think it's the Pinecone, they do a nice job with flowers. But obviously, and we do a pretty nice job even though our building leaves a lot to be desired. The flowers that the crews do have been great, but they're going to add a couple self-watering pots there too. What I mean by self-watering, they're putting geraniums in, inpatients, spikes, a lot of different floral arrangements. And when you water these, the water soaks through the pot comes up and there's a membrane within the pot itself that holds the water. Then there's a hole that you can actually add more water to it. And there's a fill level so once you do that you don't have to water them daily, you can maybe water them every three or four days. Which is invaluable as far as maintenance. Because anything you do with hanging baskets or flower pots you have to water them basically daily. And I think this is going to just lead to a nice vibrant, you know, landscape area for our City. So that we're getting started with that, so a special thanks to the members of the Park Board, Jim Davis, Kathy, and the North Canton Garden Club for their expertise on how to plant these. We will be following up with hanging baskets at the intersections we discussed earlier. But that probably won't happen until early June, getting ready for the Memorial Day parade. So I wanted to thank everybody involved with that. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: And I will get answers on the automatic transcription if that's available to us. And if it can overcome the challenges of the multi-channel, and the length of retention for video, and audio. We'll get all those answers for you guys. Okay, Director of Law.

15. Reports:

LAW DIRECTOR FOX: Yes, sir. Just a quick reiteration to thank the Charter Review Commission, I know it was a challenge for you. Some of those things were unnecessary, and I apologize for that. But there was little that I could do to reverse some of those things that had occurred. But hopefully in what we'll look at perhaps place on the ballot for future members. That perhaps we can take away some of these impediments and make the process clearer, smoother, legal, those types of concerns. And I've wrote a brief summary of the Home Rule authority, and how our Charter came about for our newsletter that I believe we're going to put out a spring newsletter. So there's kind of a summary of that. And again another thank you for those of you that continue to return despite some challenging conditions that were there. But you worked your way through and resolved those things. So, thank you for giving your time away from your family, coming out. Six meetings, two hours each, and some of those were some of the things that you saw this evening that occurred there that perhaps, not perhaps, that absolutely shouldn't have occurred. But again, thank you for doing that. That's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you, Director of Finance, welcome back.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: Thank you. The only thing I'd like to report is I was off last week, and I would like to thank all my staff in the finance department for keeping things rolling. But especially a thank you to our deputy director of finance Shanna

Novelli, although she had a family emergency that took her away from the office for a few days; she still ensured that everyone got paid timely and so she really went above and beyond the call of duty. So I want to thank her for that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: You just did, because she's probably watching right now. Alright, very good. Director of Administration?

DIRECTOR GRIMES: I wanted to thank council for passing Ordinance No. 48 on emergency, although you didn't pass it enthusiastically. But I appreciate it anyhow. It is time sensitive, if you think about it, we want to get the bids in; and due to the humidity and how you have to paint that. We want that window where we can work with that. So I appreciate that. The pool opens this Saturday, we turned it over to the Y, and we've answered anything they've got. We'll get it done. But they're prepping it. The park if you noticed, we've got the pond filled there, the cement work around on top and underneath, before we fill the pond up. Got the pipe through and we hydro seeded down there, and we're getting the fish in here pretty soon too. So we're trying to put that back together, and ready to go for the fishing rodeo on June 3rd. And of course, next Monday is the Memorial Day parade here in the center of town. And that will kick off at 9:00am, they'll be starting that parade. So again, thank you for the emergency. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thanks Mike, and I'm glad you mentioned the pool, and hope I'm not stealing your thunder, mayor, Thursday is the deadline for the presale pricing for the pool passes. So anything after Thursday...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Is that on the website? Is that posted?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Is that posted? I think it is, it was on that flyer as well.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: We've been having it go thru the Y to get it, and when those are.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN: And there's a pool website, dogwoodpool.com, if you go there it has information.

DIRECTOR GRIMES: But we've been running the scroll, and running it on the side too about Dogwood pool.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: There's an email blast sent out as well. That's what I received, so... Alright, thank you. Mayor?

MAYOR HELD: Yes, again, as the Administrator had mention, we have the Memorial Day parade at 9am. Then we follow that with a memorial service for all of our veterans. So that will be immediately following the parade. That's always been a nice standing tradition in the City to gather at the square for that. It turns out very well for that. And then we've got the fishing rodeo in June 3rd, so anybody that's 2 to 12 can bring their fishing rod; and register between 8:00 & 9:00 in the morning. So that's always a big event too. Then we're hoping to have the grass in and planted up by that, and if not, you know, bring your boots. But the fishing is going to take place, and you know we were looking at moving that back, but one of the limitations is that you cannot transport these fish in warm weather. So that's why we had to get the pond filled up now, and whether the grass is going to be completely ready or not. We just had to make sure that the fish stay alive so they can bite the bait of the rods.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: So no floating fish?

MAYOR HELD: No floating fish. Live caught fish, and there are some big fish, the big catfish in that pond. Some of them I think are bigger than participants. So that will move on ahead, and that's all I have.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Thank you. Mr. Engineer.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. Yeah, I think Mayor Held and Administrator Grimes talked about Price Park it's buttoned up. 7th Street, finally light at the end of the tunnel for those residents. Last week we got our base asphalt and intermediate course asphalt. All that's left to do is rebuild about half, maybe 10 of the manholes. And then Wednesday, Thursday this week, weather dependent, we'll get that 1 1/4" of surface asphalt on there. And the nightmare for those folks will end. It's been a long project, but a few hiccups but we're about there finally. Last year, a project kind of inherited late was the Salway reconstruction and water work down there. They did, the contractor came out last week to do a lot of that restoration, that project got finished late in the fall. So the seeding and the mulching and everything took place late last week. Even with yesterday rain I drove it, it really held up quite well. Maybe a couple little spots they'll have to touch up. But it held up quite well.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Thank you, Rob.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Yeah, those people have been very patient down there. So let's make sure this gets done really nice though.

ENGINEER GRAHAM: It's another difficult one, and again, until the grass holds with the grades and whatnot that we have there. The roads were tough on a project like that. Let's see, new projects kicking off this week. We hope to get Parkview Street started. And we're supposed to start seeing equipment today, but they've got some issues on contractor on a previous job. So maybe mid-week, we hope to see them and get that going for everyone out there. And as Councilman Cerreta had mentioned we had a really good meeting with Walsh University this morning. Kind of rethinking the streetscape out at East Maple, and a

way that we can accommodate, you know, the beautification that we're looking for. But yet still meet the needs of fire and EMS. I thought that was a very good first step, and already moving ahead with that from this morning. So, unless there's any questions that completes my report, Mr. President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you very much. Director of Administrative Services?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Thank you. I just have two items. One is, I didn't get an opportunity to weigh in on the discussion concerning the technological solutions to audio transcription. I can tell you that transcribing multi-channel recordings is the holy grail of transcription. And it's something that the technology is improving. But in 2010 the technology that existed then for multi-channel resulted in approximately 80% error rate. In 2010. The resources that have been dedicated to it, because everybody wants to find the holy grail brings us to the present day where we have approximately an 8% error ratio in multi-channel. Which is compared to the error ratio in single, or I should say dual conversation. Two voices, one on one, is about 2%. So the movement is to try to stretch to get that last 6%. What do many organizations do? Courts are a little unique, having worked for one. I'm not sure that the cost assessed is necessarily the cost produced. But a number of business enterprises exist that function in this realm. One of the leaders is called Transcribe Me, and they generally assess the rate of approximately a dollar a minute of your meeting. So, if you have a three hour meeting, that's 180 minutes that's \$180.00 for everyone. Just to give you an idea. A lot of businesses that are not, you know, huge that are stretched for resources; and want to do some type of multi-channel transcription, first try using Google API through their Google dots. You can play a recorded audio over your computer, see what Google can get out of it. And you may find that it gets enough of it that a person going through it is just perhaps not having to type it all themselves, but perhaps tweaking what was said. So there are some things there. I would say though that our current state of technology would not allow us at this time to try that particular feature. Having said that I'll move onto electronic speed signs. I finished my research into that, based on Councilmember Cerreta's encouragement. I looked at pricing from three different vendors, and I was able to look at three different options. On what we do with the idea of collecting data from the signs. For instance, the number of vehicles, how fast they're going, what times of day they are. That kind of thing. Nothing personal or unique to any individual. Not different than putting the strips across the road, and calculating it. Calculating the traffic count based on the strips across the road. So, option 1, is collect no data from the signs. Just put the signs up. On the other extreme, we can collect data have it automatically uploaded to the cloud and then whenever somebody wanted retrieve the data, the police department or whatever, they would just do it on their computer, their device and be able to pull that data down. To study, to determine how to respond to traffic speeds on various streets. That would be the more expensive of the two options. The other way, not collecting it any data, would be the least. I think a great middle ground is to allow the devices to collect the data, but then leave it up the individual to retrieve the data manually from the device. So each of these signs would have a Wi-Fi component that with your smartphone and the password you could get close to the sign, it would find the Wi-Fi signal, and you would put in the username and password, and then once in that data would download to your device. You could bring it back, put it on your computer, study it and that kind of thing. If you don't want to collect the data, you can just leave it there. It records it for 365 rolling days. So as the 366th day rolls off a new one comes on. And you could record it, you could collect it as often as you want, or not at all. If we went with that middle approach, we'll find ourselves that we could get the eight signs within the budget that was allowed last year. And I think when they were initially priced out last year, they were above budget, but they were a little bigger sign. The signs are sized based on the speed limit that you're trying to control, 55 miles an hour, carries the bigger signs. Residential neighborhood, 25 to 35 miles an hour carries a display where the numbers are flashing of about 12 to 13 inches. So that's sufficient. It has a viewable range of about 750 feet, it captures the speed at about 1,000 feet. So it catches it before you realize that you've been you can know that there's a sign ahead. And you can have it do various things, you can have it say the speed you're going. You can program it so that after you reach a certain speed it doesn't display higher. There's been instances where individuals try to see how high a number they can get. So you can either cap it, or you could have it display words. You can say "to fast, to slow, slow down." Things like that. There are signs out there, although these ones that I'm quoting to you now, there are ones that even do emoji icons, happy faces, frowny faces. But rather than get into that, I think this basic construct will give us about eight signs at under \$28,000. And that gives us the data capture if we want it, so we could, I feel comfortable enough to move forward if council wants to move forward with that. The signs would be relocatable, we would mount them on a pole, typical pole would be a pole that the street sign is, a speed limit sign is already on. And you can move them to a different location, it's just not in essence being thought of as portable. Like you can just wheel it down the street, plant it there. You would actually have to attach it to another pole on another street. If you wanted to do that. Dominic, Mr. Fonte?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I was just wondering, did you say eight signs for \$23,000?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: \$28,000 for eight signs.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: So, \$3,500 a piece? So, I was just, what I was curious when you gave me the three variation of signs. I was just curious of the spread, you know, from the upload...

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: As high as, and as low as?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Yeah, I was curious, like the Wi-Fi up close with the cellphone, versus the dumb sign or the...

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: 34 on the high end, 22 on the low.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I see, so maybe there could be a combination of a couple of each. Just to test them out and see what works best.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Well, that was kind of our thought pattern maybe kind of break it up a little bit. Because as you didn't mention, you can do, we can do studies with these right? Which will save us a lot of money. So we could do a traffic study with one of these signs which would pay for several of the signs. Actually, because of the amount of work that is required, you know, for the different studies.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: No, I think that's a great idea. Because I know several streets that I'd like to test them out on immediately.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: And the fact that...

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Well, Dom, keep in mind too, we still have the stuff, stat available to us. Now that's not a sign, it attaches to a pole and it gives you the same stuff, but it doesn't have a sign saying it. So its study, yeah, it's very stealthy.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Right, right, I've seen them.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: Had an opportunity to kind of discuss all that with downstairs with the police department. And there are pros and cons to that. It just depends on how you would like to use it. For instance, say in particular you're getting complaints in an association or some streets that are getting a lot of chronic speeding. At least the people that live there feel that. And you know deploying the stealth stat, you know, not telling them that it's deployed, doesn't do a lot over a period of time to ease their concerns that you're doing something about it. Where these devices, you know, can capture, you know, you can set the distance on them. So when you want it to capture they're somewhat adjustable, but at least to give you the, letting people know that you are taking it seriously. Its warning people that "hey, this is a lower traffic zone" where the speed stat or the stealth stat doesn't tell you that you should slow down.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: I had a question. Pat, if we purchase these, is there, do we just handle it in house, we don't have to have somebody, a technical adviser work with us? Or is it something they show us?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: No, they come pre-configured, and then you would just put them up. They're solar powered, I'm sorry, I forgot to mention that as well. So they would charge up, and then once they're charged up, you would be able to go in, it's a simple drop down menu. Do you want it to do this, or do you want it to do that.

COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: Okay, that's good enough.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: One of the other beauties, is like you mentioned, you can move them. So let's say Walsh is moving in with their kids one weekend, or they're having graduation. We could take one from one, and just replace it with a regular speed limit sign. Because you'll still have a pole there, we want to make sure we don't have a pole. Just stick a regular one in there, and go out there and put it in Walsh for that weekend. So, the whole idea is to keep people's speed down so we have safety. Not to catch anybody, but to show and remind people this is North Canton slow it down there's something up there that might be, you know, serious. So I think that's a really nice way, and of course, we just changed the speed limit on Portage, and I would like see that incorporated during the same time we do that. What is the timeline, I know we talked about that as far as getting these if we went ahead?

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO: If we, you know, ordered these, a turnaround should be within about three weeks.

MAYOR HELD: If also, if all of the councilmembers and, you know, even the members of the administration, keep in mind where you might like to have the signs. Because, you know, if you're having problems with the traffic coming in one direction, you know, do you want it real close to the stop sign or towards an intersection? Because that's going to automatically sit on traffic. And then if you pick a site, and we'd like to get the support of the residents there too. So...

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Well, like right now, even putting the police officers trailer in front of houses, people that have a concern. They get the trailer in front of their house for a week.

MAYOR HELD: Right, and I mean we try to cooperate with the residents. So if you have resident that has a particular issue.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: And they appreciate it. She thanked me for you guys sticking that out there. So thanks.

COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Thanks Pat, for your work.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, Madame Clerk?

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: Just a couple things, I will probably be having a Civil Service meeting the end of this week, or the beginning of next week; as soon as I get the results back from the police chief exam. With the internet being the way it was the last couple days I haven't gotten the results back. Also, just to comment on the individual who had a problem with the way things were advertised. I sometimes wonder, I obviously can't do anything right. But the reason why I advertised it that way, was if somebody was to read the advertisement, they would know what was changed and what was added, opposed to just printing what the additions that the commission recommended. Because if an individual who didn't know what the previous Charter amendments, what the charter said they're not going to know what was printed. And the purpose that I had printed the public hearing separately, was that way someone would read that, if somebody looks at something long they may not have read that where the public hearing was held this day. So again, it's terrible, I feel like I have to justify myself constantly with a

certain individual. But again, if somebody's reading my minutes, or they're listening to this, they're thinking I don't know what I'm doing around here. And it just gets frustrating. I do want to thank Doug, for his comment about how quickly the minutes are done. In the past, I know I'm going to get blasted for this. But I'm just going to put it on the record. But in the past there was a full-time clerk and a part-time assistant. That's never mentioned, now you guys just have a full-time clerk doing it, and again, that's never mentioned from a person.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: And the assistant did all the minutes; that was her job. Was to type everything.

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: Correct.

COUNCILMAN FONTE: Thanks, Mary Beth.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: You're doing a nice job.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: You're okay in our book.

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: I just feel like, you know, you listen to it over and over.

COUNCILWOMAN WERREN: It gets old, doesn't it?

COUNCILMAN FONTE: I'm going to make you a cookie and bring it.

COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY: That's all, thank you.

16. Final Call for New Business:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, thank you. Final call to council for new business.

17. Adjourn:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Alright, seeing none I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

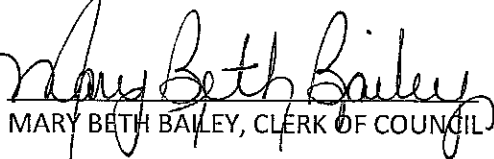
COUNCILMAN FOLTZ: So moved.

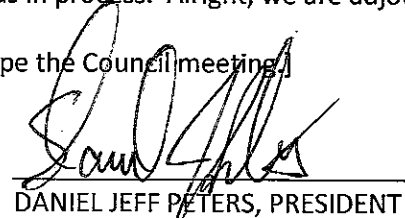
COUNCILMAN CERRETA: Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes to adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS: Okay, let the record reflect Marcia had to leave us in process. Alright, we are adjourned.

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


MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL


DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT