

MINUTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NORTH CANTON  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

1. Call to Order

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, I'd like to call to order the Council Meeting Monday, November 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m. Opening prayer, Reverend Tom Cebula, Walsh University Campus Ministry? Welcome, Reverend.

2. Opening Prayer - Reverend Tom Cebula, Walsh University Campus Ministry gave the opening prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Clerk, please call the roll.

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

Thus having 7 in attendance.

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

5. Consideration

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

Council Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2017

Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2017, October 23, 2017 and October 30, 2017

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2017

Special Council Meeting Minutes: October 30, 2017

Financial Statements: October Month End Reports

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Motion to approve as presented.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** All right, thank you very much. Next up, we have a presentation by the Stark County Health Department, Paul DePasquale and Sue Seifert.

6. Presentation by Stark County Health Department

**SUE SEIFERT:** I'm Sue Seifert, I'm one of the nurses at the Stark County Health Department. I'm working on my 25<sup>th</sup> year, done pretty much all the programs there at some time or other. But, I'm currently the Immunization Program Coordinator there. And I also do the Lead Case Management, Lead Poisoning Case Management for our county.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Good evening, my name is Paul DePasquale, I'm the Director of Environmental Health for the Stark County Health Department. So, if you're not quite sure what that is, the Health Department's hierarchy is the Health Commissioner, Director of Nursing, Director of Environmental Health, which is me, and then Director of Administration. So, Sue and I come to you tonight, the Health Commissioner would like us to come out to our political subdivisions at least once a year. Let you know a little bit about what we do in your community. We had a packet of information that I'll give to Mayor Held that you can disseminate. And of course, answer any questions you may have about the Health Department working in your community. Some of the things that we do at least in environmental health, and Sue can speak for the nursing side, a lot of times we're in your community and you may not know when we're in there. But I want you to know that we're out there working, inspectors are here every day doing some type of inspection on food services, nuisances. We do have septic's and wells still in North Canton City. So we have that program that we're constantly working at. So, I have solid waste inspectors as well. So there's various things that we're working on. I know recently this year, I came to speak to all of you about a sewer line, that I was encouraging you to install off of Everhard. I worked with Councilman Fonte on that. So, those are the kinds of issues that we work on every day. And I'll just, Sue, do you... .

**SUE SEIFERT:** On the nursing side, we do a lot with communicable disease, as I said, immunizations. We actually have 26 programs, nursing programs that touch your community here, as well.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** So, I'll open it up then to, if you guys have any questions that you may have for us.

**MAYOR HELD:** Yeah, just to, if I could make a comment real quick, when you look at municipalities, often times you'll have like the City of Canton, they have their own Health Department. And then the City of Massillon, they have their own Health Department. I believe also the City of Alliance, right? And so what we elected to do here in North Canton was to, and this was years ago, I think, I think it's really since the City began. We would contract with the Stark County Health Department to provide us with the Health Department services. And so there's a number of different services the Health Department provides. And you had mentioned like nuisances that pertain to environmental or health issues you take care of those, and also the various nursing programs. But it's a great relationship for our City, because we pay, I think it's about \$110,000.00...

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** \$100,000.00.

**MAYOR HELD:** \$100,000.00 a year. So we get all the services, whenever we have an issue or a challenge, or a problem, we call the Health Department and they come out and provide those services.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Hey, Paul? (Yes) So, about I don't know, several months ago, maybe it was in the summer, we met out at Orchard Acres, which is the, Rob's our new Engineer, and we've been talking about this. Because what we're trying to do, and I know the area were we're trying to run it in, it's really deep, and we're trying to get the engineering correct. To see if we can get a grant, maybe in July, to try to get that first phase in there. But I know it's going to be expensive. And a lot of people don't realize but there's like 50 some homes in there with all septic. And I know some of them are starting to fail, and if we don't figure it out, it's going to be super costly. I was just, is there any special programs that you work with little communities, you can help us out a little bit on the money side of it? Or is there any way the Health Department has anything special coming?

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** There is a grant program for low income residents that need to repair their septic systems. But in that situation there's a unique problem. Because I cannot use what's called an aeration system, which discharges to the storm sewer, or another body of water. So, I have to use a leeching system. And I don't have a lot of area in that particular area for a leeching system. Plus it's wet in that area, and the soils are not very good. So, your next option is to go to an aeration system, which is like a mini sewage plant on somebody's property. The problem in that area is we have no storm drain system, or sewer system. So, that's one of our difficulties amusing that. Probably we would have to go to like the County Grant System, and see if we can't get some with Regional Planning, what have you.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** To me, I think, it's just sort of missed that if you just put a new septic system in, I can understand not wanting to hook up. But I know how critical it is that we need to figure something out. So hopefully we can continue down that path and figure out a way to get that started. Because I'd really like to get that, at least linked in to start it. If we can't take it all the way through. Just to have that option there. Because they don't even have storm sewer there either.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** We can do our best. I mean, I know we worked originally on the Limaville Project. And that was zero dollars, and we ended up bringing in \$1.75 million from the...

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** See I didn't know if that, could we consider that a hazard issue? Like sort of a, like kind of like a mitigation, like what we did with Zimber Ditch? I mean, I wonder if there's some money out there, because that would help if we had some extra dollars.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** We can certainly, as your Health Department, assist you in anything possible to get those monies.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Okay, that would be my interest.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** And usually what we do, is we provide the data and the research when you write those types of grants. So, we do a large portion, we'll write a large portion of that for you. About the health concerns of it.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Rob, so maybe that would be something we could look at. (Yeah) Since he knows it from the health standard. Maybe we can get help that way.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Yeah, we're willing to assist you in any way we can.

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** And then once we come up with a plan for the area, I think the area does qualify for Community Development Block Grant funds, through Lynn Carlone's program at Regional Planning.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Yeah, let us know if there's anything we can do.

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** That's one, and we'll fund it 100%, we might get \$180,000.00 or so, out of it. So, which it will help.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Yeah, thanks Paul.

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** Can I just, another, just so you know with the Health Department they kept their prices stable. I don't know how many years in a row. But it's been quite a few, and you know, Commissioner Norris and yourself, have done a good job on that. And you know, we appreciate that. We talk about money a lot up here, but this is one issue that, you know, they haven't raised the price on us for several years.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** I think it's been eight years since we've asked for an increase from our political subdivisions, across the county. And there's 17 townships, three cities, and numerous villages. So, it's been eight years.

**MAYOR HELD:** And one other item to just add, they do have the Board of Health. So the Stark County Health Commissioner Kirk Norris, he reports to the Board of Health. And there's eight members there. So we, as the City have a representative, who is the attorney Terry Seeberger. And so he served, you know, he was appointed to that position, and we have one of our Councilmembers, Marcia Kiesling also served as a board member. Yeah, yeah, and so, you know, the Health Department provides a lot of different services, but often times unless you run into a particular issue, you know, you might not have regular contact with them. But, if we do, Paul... .

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Yeah, give me a call, or of course, Commissioner Norris is always available. Yes?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Do you have, last week I heard a presentation, but it was Canton, and it was the Recycling Department, which actually they mentioned you, Dave. Because they had cut a person, right, to save cost, but they weren't really saving cost. And then all of a sudden you wouldn't think that would fall under the Health Department, but if all of a sudden there are all these tires everywhere, then you have mosquitos, and it was really bad. So now they have this new place, I can't remember the amount of tires they collected, but it was amazing. Along with other things.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Yeah, recycling is handled a little different within the City limits. Being a County Health jurisdiction, you're recycling happens within the townships. And then Mayor Held also works with that with the Solid Waste District.

**MAYOR HELD:** So there's kind of like a, it's like a multi-jurisdictional overlap. So at the Solid Waste District, we provide programs, so that municipalities, when you collect junk tires, you know, like the City of North Canton, the various townships. They can call the Solid Waste District. You can take a truckload of tires down to Liberty Tire, where they grind them up and, you know, reuse them. But that's a tire disposal facility. Now, the Health Departments, they're committed to cleaning up dump sites of a 100 tires or more. Right? (That's correct) And, well really, pretty much... .

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** There's Ohio Environmental Protection Agency money that we use to clean up sites larger than 100. We've just cleaned up a 75,000 tire site recently. And if you, we should produce the before and after pictures, I mean it wasn't in North Canton City's jurisdiction. But, it was in the County. But yeah, we just worked on one of those, and all the tires went to Liberty down in Minerva.

**MAYOR HELD:** Yeah, and they've done studies too, where if you take, if you extract so many tires in a particular area, that you can see the amount of mosquito activity decrease. So, they did that, I know in the City of Canton here recently, where they had targeted areas, then they set up the little boxes, right, the mosquito boxes, then you can measure the activity or the number of mosquitos that are growing in a particular area. Right?

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Yeah, mosquitos are interesting. I know that you guys spray here in the City. But your County Health Department does all the surveillance. We do the trapping, we do the identifying of the mosquito, we send the mosquitoes down to the Ohio Department of Health to detect for West Nile Virus, or not. And we do all that, for your jurisdiction. Even though you guys do your own spraying. We also do some larviciding in your area. So that's just one program.

**MAYOR HELD:** And the rabies, if you have... .

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Rabies, that's a whole other program that we do. But, yeah.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Paul, is there anything coming. Like you know some kind of Swine Flu, or anything that we're worried about here in Stark County?

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** God, I hope not. No, not that I'm aware of.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** How about stink bugs, can you do anything about stink bugs?

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** There's no hidden virus that I'm aware of, no.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** But, yeah I was wondering if there was anything coming that we need to be alerted on.

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** No, but your Health Department does alert you when we do have situations.

**MAYOR HELD:** One other item too, is when they had the Ebola concerns over at the high school. The Health Department assisted, you know, and guided the North Canton City Schools through that also. They provide really anything that has to do with health, or the environment, they're available, and they provide excellent service. And also, you folks were recently accredited, right, with the... .

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** That's right.

**MAYOR HELD:** That's right, they put a lot of work into it. So, you had, is it a statewide or national accredited... .

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** It's a national accreditation... We're one of a 169 Health Departments in the nation that accredited. We're the 17<sup>th</sup> in Ohio, and the first in Stark County. So what that should help us to do is get more grant money down the road. Also it secures our health district with State and Federal monies, for now and moving forward. Because Governor Kasich has said that you have to be accredited by 2020. And if you're not accredited by 2020, you possibly, possibly could lose your State and Federal money.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Well, we could use that extra help, for sure.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Alright, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Paul, I have a question for you. If we had a resident, or multiple residents within the City of North Canton, that, say for example, didn't have running water. And hasn't had running water for quite some time, and might be living in some conditions that could be a danger to themselves. What is your jurisdiction, what can you do in instances such as that?

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Falls under our Nuisance Program. And it also falls under, there's an Administrative Code for general public health nuisance, that if falls under. There's also a Landlord-Tenant Act type of information that comes in there. But primarily, if that came across as a complaint, we would first look at it as a public health nuisance. And order the homeowner or the landlord to fix it. And if that doesn't happen, we can always, we have our own prosecutor assigned to our department, where we can do different things in the courts, if we feel that it's an impact to public health and safety.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** And if the resident didn't fix it, and there's some circumstances that he might need, say an advocate, would you guys be able to... .

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** Yeah, it all depends, every case is different. But, if it's a land, if it's their own home it's a different ballgame. And then there might be children in the house, or there might be an adult. So, there's other circumstances that come to play in to a situation such as what you're talking about. If there was children in the house, then we would call Child Services at the beginning. Because they might be in danger. And then there's a whole different set of circumstances to every case. But there is something we could do. And I'd say start it as a complaint at the Health Department, and then we'll take it from there. And if we need to refer it out to different agencies, we do that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, awesome. Alright, any other questions for Paul or Sue?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Okay, thanks for your service to us, we appreciate it.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Hey, Paul, do you have an extra one of those?

**PAUL DEPASQUALE:** I do. Thank you very much.

#### 7. Recognition of Visitors:

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

**CHUCK OSBORNE:** (read from a prepared statement) 307 Fairview Street SE, North Canton, Ohio. It's kind of disappointing that I didn't hear any discussions or topics about the most impactful health crisis here in North Canton. And that's the super fund site you have right across the street. I believe its 2003, the Stark County Health Department, wish this gentleman might have been able to elaborate a little bit on, issued a no drill order because the ground water all around there underneath the Hoover property and extending all the way to Hillcrest and north of 5<sup>th</sup> Street is highly polluted. That's a major impediment to the development of the Hoover District, which I think will ultimately fail. I know everybody keeps putting all their eggs in that basket. But I would like to have seen some questions about that. A number of years ago, let's see this is '17, I think back around 2008, this body disbanded its SWAP Committee. Because they wanted to open up and discuss the toxic underground water system. I have a gentleman here, who offered to provide model legislation. He's from Mount View California, and they see these kind of issues on a daily basis. Because they're just inundated with super fund sites there in their community. As representatives of the community here, you people should be representing these communities, these properties around here, and there should be ongoing monitoring. Has this situation leveled off? Has it increased in severity? Has it diminished? Why do you think Panera Bread did not locate over there? We're not only talking about water population, we're talking about air population. I'm sure that's added a few million dollars to the development cost of those apartments, which you probably won't see available for rent for a number of years. Because we all know, Mr. Lichtner has got all of his eggs in the Hall of Fame. Another doomed adventure for this area. People who have money know how to take advantage of individuals who are in the desert dying of thirst. They'll agree to anything. And this is what you have going on across the street. This is what you have going on with the Hall of Fame. So it would have been nice to have seen some questions about and concerns about the indoor air quality of all these homes. Whether that groundwater restriction still should remain in place. But there's been a concerted effort in this City to not talk about that. And a perfect example is when you disbanded the SWAP Committee. That's all I have. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chuck. Anyone else wishing to address Council? Mel?

**MELANIE J ROLL:** (read from a prepared statement) 308 Portage Street NW. I have two questions for you this evening, and

perhaps you can answer them, or address at the report section, at the end of the meeting. Primarily the questions addressed to Mr. Grimes, Ms. Brown, Mr. Fox and Mr. Cerreta. It has to do with the Water Board. And I'm asking if the Water Board has had a meeting since the legislation. Or I'll just say recently. Has the Water Board met? And if they have met, has there been an agreement between the City and any business entity. This has, this is done in private, I'm not sure why. I'd like to know if there's been any meeting recently. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Melanie. Okay, anyone else wishing to address Council please step forward, state your name and address. Okay, moving onto old business. May I have a motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 89 – 2017?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Jeff, I need to excuse myself from this one.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Oh yes, I'm sorry, Dan.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** I guess I do too, even though we're not... .

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** We have a motion and a second, let the record reflect Members Griffith and Kiesling has stepped out.

Roll call vote of 5 yes, 2 abstain to read by title only the third reading of Ordinance No. 89 - 2017. Griffith and Kiesling abstained.

8. Old Business

9. Ordinance No. 89 - 2017 Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton, upon concurrence of Council and the Board of Control, to enter into a contract for the administering a self-insured health insurance program for City employees, for the period of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, this is the third reading, we've discussed this. Are there any questions? Finance Director Brown, anything more to add? (No, sir) Alright, I'll entertain a motion and a second to approve.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Motion to approve.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 5 yes, 2 abstain to adopt the third reading of Ordinance No. 89 – 2017. Griffith and Kiesling abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 89 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 5 YES, 2 ABSTAIN. GRIFFITH AND KIESLING ABSTAINED.

At this time, Councilman Griffith and Councilwoman Kiesling rejoined the meeting.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Motion and a second to read by title only the third reading of Resolution No. 9 – 2017?

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the third reading of Resolution No. 9 - 2017

10. Resolution No. 9 - 2017 Community and Economic Development Committee

A resolution requesting the Planning Commission consider recommending to City Council implementation of the Main Street Business District on Main Street, from Orion Street to Everhard Road, to maintain and promote the central portion of Main Street as a core area for the retail sales and service.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairperson Kiesling?

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** I think it's just as it's stated. We're going to send it over to Planning, let them discuss it. Have their public hearing, send it back to us, have a public hearing, discuss it, move forward. I motion we adopt.



**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Thanks for your work on this.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** I was glad to do it. I'm glad we got it done. I would move its approval.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 92 – 2017

ORDINANCE NO. 92 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 93 – 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. 93 – 2017.

14. Ordinance No. 93 - 2017 Ordinance, Rules and Claims Committee

An ordinance amending Chapter 1701, Minimum Housing Code, specifically subsection 1701.03(d)(1), Notice of Violation, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Canton, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

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

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Yeah, we talked about this last week. And it came about because of a house that didn't have heat, which obviously can happen a lot, when everyone turns on their heating systems. But it just allows some flexibility as far as the notice and time of how much, how quickly they can make that happen. And it refers to the heat, the water, and the core elements of the house. So, are there any other questions? Okay, I move to adopt.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** I think this is, a special thanks to Tim for this great work, and great catch.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** And you move it along very quickly. So, thank you. And the landlord tried to remedy the situation as quickly as he could too. But it just kind of made us aware of a situation that could happen if a landlord wasn't so timely.

**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Correct.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** So I move to adopt.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 93 - 2017.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. And a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 93 - 2017.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 93 - 2017.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. And a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 93 – 2017.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 93 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 93 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

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

Ordinance No. 94 – 2017?

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** I need to excuse myself for this too, I'm sorry.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Yep, sorry about that, let the record reflect Member Griffith has stepped out.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 94 – 2017. Griffith abstained.

15. Ordinance No. 94 - 2017

Finance and Property Committee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of North Canton to request quotes for insurance, including, but not limited to, general liability, personal injury liability, automobile, building and contents, equipment floater, crime, boiler and machinery, and firemen's errors and omissions insurance according to specifications on file in the office of the Director of Administration, and for the Mayor to be authorized, upon Board of Control approval, to enter into a contract(s) for the policy/policies.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** I would say that title is pretty specific. Alright, so I'll entertain a motion and second to adopt the first reading.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Motion to adopt the first reading.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Roll call vote of 6 yes, 1 abstain to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 94 – 2017. Griffith abstained.

ORDINANCE NO. 94 – 2017 WAS GIVEN FIRST READING.

At this time, Member Griffith rejoined the Council meeting.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only the first reading of Ordinance No. 95 – 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. 95 – 2017.

16. Ordinance No. 95 - 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 Equipment Account in the total amount of \$19,000.00 for the current expenses during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you, Chairman Griffith.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** This is as we discussed last week, for an emergency request for the generator over at the EMS place. Appreciate the research done there, and getting one that was both necessary and inexpensive. Any questions? I'd move its approval.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 95 - 2017.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. And a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 95 - 2017.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.



Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Ordinance No. 95 - 2017.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Finally, a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Ordinance No. 95 – 2017.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules for Ordinance No. 95 – 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 95 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. May I have a motion and second to read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 12 – 2017?

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to read by title only the first reading of Resolution No. 12 – 2017.

17. Resolution No. 12 - 2017

Personnel and Safety Committee

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), by and between the City of North Canton Police Department and the Stark County Sheriff's Office, to support the Stark County OVI Task Force, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, this is a continuation of the OVI, or the Memorandum of Understanding, between us and the Stark County Sheriff's. There has been no changes, to an otherwise successful program. If there's no questions, I'll entertain a motion to adopt the first reading.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt the first reading of Resolution No. 12 - 2017.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. And a motion and a second to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Resolution No. 12 - 2017.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to suspend the rules of Council for three readings for Resolution No. 12 - 2017.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Finally, a motion and a second to adopt under suspension of the rules Resolution No. 12 – 2017.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adopt under suspension of the rules for Resolution No. 12 – 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 – 2017 WAS PASSED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 7 YES.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. Okay, reports, Member Fonte.

18. Reports - Council

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** I'd just like to say thanks for all the voters that voted me in for another term. I'm looking forward to working with all the Councilmembers, including Mr. Revoldt. And the other thing is, looking forward to serving the residents. And the final thing is, I was wondering since the school levy didn't pass, you know by 68% against, I was hoping maybe somebody could reach out to the schools, see if we could put our heads together, come up with a more practical plan. To solve that

problem. So that's just something to think about. That's all I have, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. Member Werren?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Thanks, I echo Dominic's sentiments, and I'm thrilled to be back in, and work with everybody. I think we had great momentum, and a lot of good things moving forward and very humble to be here again. So, thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Kiesling?

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Same thing, very excited to be back for my eighth term. I know Doug's been here longer than me, but...

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Doug is older than dirt.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** It shows.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** Yeah, exactly.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** How many terms, Doug?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** It's like dog years. It would be my 12<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** 12<sup>th</sup> term.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** They should put term limits out, I tell ya.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** No report, otherwise.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Thank you. Member Griffith.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** No report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Member Cerreta.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Couple things, I've already reached out to Wendorf by the way, on our behalf, to, to, you know, as we move forward then, if they need us. Couple things, we had a Veteran's Day, I think it went really well, Dave did a nice job, along with Jeff Wendorf, and Bob Roden, who read some really nice letters from school, I don't know if they were seniors, or whatever, school personnel over there. Really well done. But it was colder than you know what over there. It was really well done, and that's the kind of thing we should continue to do every year. So, I hope that continues. And I mentioned this to, in brief here, we've got a good donation for more bulbs for the Christmas trees. Always like to recognize donations. About \$500.00 more for new bulbs, it kind of dress it up a little more. We got some consulting from the people that we bought the tree from. And those folks, I want to make sure that I mention them, it was the Taylor family, the Worthington family, the Mathy family and the Esmont family. All put in to raise enough money for that, for this time through. And we'll need more as that goes down. And people like that are always standing by to add in to those kinds of things. And that's what makes us a really strong community. Outside of that, that's it. No other report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. Member Foltz?

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Thank you. Yeah, congratulations on everybody that won. Dan, you will be missed. We'll have another meeting with you, but you've worked very hard up here, and we appreciate your efforts. And you're just a good guy, and you know, best of luck to you in the future. Who knows what that will hold, but hopefully you can come back one day here. Because you do a lot for our community, that's for sure. I appreciate it. Thanks Member Cerreta for reaching out to the school, I think it's important that collectively, we all come together and do what's in the best interest of the school and the City, and the community overall. The voters have spoken, but let's not forget that the school has real needs, obviously they've got great teachers that haven't had a raise in a very long time. They have infrastructure problems that we need to address, and it's better if we all work collectively towards those goals. So hopefully there's an open communication process. Not that there wasn't before, but hopefully we can all rally and get it right the next time. Because I think there will absolutely will need to be a next time for this community. So, if we work towards the same goals, I know that it will be supported and it will be passed. So, that's a critical thing for our, you know, for our City, obviously the schools are a great part of that. Lastly, is there a way to get on, Director Grimes or Mayor Held, a list of everybody that's retired this year? I think we should do something, either bring them up, or read their name in the record. I can't keep track of all the departments. But I know, we do a great job of recognizing those that are hired and are promoted. Dave, you do a great job with that, and it's usually before our meetings. But I also think there needs to be an acknowledgement of those that have served, you know, our City and our community for years.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Along with that, maybe some anniversary dates so we know how many...

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Absolutely, either put it in the newsletter, but I welcome them to come up here or just have an event for them. Just acknowledge them, because, you know, when you donate or devote 30 years of your life, 35 years, whatever it is,

it's something we should do annually, Dave. You know, Mayor Held. As something, I'd like to see part of, even up here. We used to have a holiday party, get them together there, at least some acknowledgement, some public acknowledgement, I'd appreciate that. Okay, thank you, those are my comments.

**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Good idea.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you. I'd also like to thank Member Cerreta for reaching out to Superintendent Wendorff, I think we've got a great opportunity to find some common ground, and work together with the schools. And we have one of our newest School Board Members in the audience tonight, Jessica Stroia. So, we look forward to working with her as well. And congratulations on your election. So, we look forward to that. And we also look forward to renewing the efforts to make things happen across the street. I know the Mayor is working on that, and we're excited what that holds for us. So, alright, Director of Law?

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**LAW DIRECTOR FOX:** Yes, I met Dan Griffith at, it's about 2002. I was still in the Air Force, I was visiting a friend, and had some interest in attending law school. He said, "Why don't you come with me and I'll walk you through our law firm, you'll meet some people. We'll go have lunch, and ask all the questions you want." And so this was about 15 years ago, and he said "Let's grab a new associate that we have and we'll bring him along, really bright young man, you'll like him," and Dan Griffith. So imagine Dan appearing 15 years younger than he does right now, actually. And ultimately, I went to law school, graduated and actually started working at that firm. And one of the first things I remember about Dan, is how many people Dan knows, and knows Dan. And there was an event, it was the Canton Chamber of Commerce. They were having their, their annual event. And I was kind of paired with Dan, and Dan was walking me around through really large banquet room, and just time and again, Dan would introduce me to this person, "Tim, this is, you know, Tom Smith, he works in the Engineering Department, in the City of Canton, he does this." "Meet Tim Fox, he's the new associate here." And each time he would walk me around, and he would introduce me, and tell me the name of the person, and what they did. And we worked just through the room, he was introducing me to, you know, one person after the other. And then he introduced me to a person, and he didn't say what this person did. So, I was somewhat new to the area, living in North Canton, but working in Canton. And he said, introduced this person and he had given me her name, but he didn't say what she did. And so, I had said "And what do you do, Janet?" And she said "Well, I'm the Mayor of the City of Canton." And of course, everyone burst out into laughter, we're attending the Chamber's annual event. And I didn't recognize the Mayor, but as a new associate there, of course, I'm overwhelmed with the workload, and all the other things that we had to do. But, it was terrific fun, and it really showed, you know, Dan's involvement in the community. You know, this was in probably 2007, something like that, that he'd done that. But, you know, absolutely, was a mentor, and a great example to follow. We actually began as Councilmembers at the same time. We ran together, and were Councilmembers, 2011. And so, it's certainly is with regret that we say goodbye to Dan. But I'm absolutely certain that he's going to continue to be involved in different ways in our community. And I look forward to working with him in those endeavors. So thanks for what you've done, certainly up to this point, and what you will do in the future.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** We echo that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Very well said. Director of Finance.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** Boy, that's a tough act to follow, sir. Well, I'll go ahead and answer Melanie's question that you asked earlier. We have not met as a Water Board recently. I would have to go back to my office and check the date, but the last time that we met was to review a resident letter that had high usage on a water bill. And that's been several, I think, several months since the Water Board has met. So, for my report tonight, I have a couple income tax related things. One, is we had our RITA subpoena day here on Friday. We had 86 individuals come in this room and get their back taxes filed. Which is great. We had one individual that came in earlier in the week and met with us, and he got filed online, and he more than paid for the program. Just one individual that had 4 years of filings and was a very high earner. So, I'll get some numbers from RITA in the coming weeks as far as the rest of those folks that filed. We had well over 100 with the ones that had been dropped off. But that's extra revenue to the City.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** Laura, I appreciate you allowing me to come in early.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BROWN:** So that was a very successful program. Also on the income tax topic, some of you may have read in the Repository yesterday, about some other City that are joining in with a lawsuit against the State, for some changes that the State made in the budget bill. North Canton is not part of that lawsuit currently. But because we are a RITA member City, RITA is considering a separate lawsuit against the State. They've hired outside counsel. I talked to them today, and they said there's two different strategies going on. And, you know, they'll keep me up-to-date on any of that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, very good, thank you. Director of Administration?

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** Yeah, Councilman Griffith, I too, want to thank him for his work and it's the non-sexy stuff that you come in on your own time, but it's usually budget and bonds and that when we see you around. And it's been a good help, that's why our budget talks when we have them, go through pretty good. We usually have you around for that council, you usually stop in whenever we need you. So we do appreciate that. And you are an expert in that field. And we appreciate it.

That's why our budget talks when we have them, go through pretty good. We always have you around for that council, you usually stop in whenever we need you. So we do appreciate that. And you are an expert in that field. And we appreciate it.

**COUNCILMAN GRIFFITH:** I've been described as "non-sexy" many times.

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** The second thing is. And that will be on the record for 100 years. The second thing, Council President, what you were eluding to, about the water in the homes. I have asked Chief Building Official, John Stigalt, and his Nuisance Officer to collect three particular reports that we're interested in. We're going to go over those by the end of next week, see if we have enough. I'm going to approach it like a criminal investigation to see if we have enough for the investigation. And then we will go talk to Paul, and see what they can do for us, from there. See what they will do or not do for us from that. And the big thing there, is that they do have a prosecutor, you know, that deals solely in that. So, that would be a big help to us. And the third thing is, I let, most of you know by now, I will be leaving the team. My last day on the books will be January 8<sup>th</sup>. And I wanted to publicly thank Mayor Held for allowing me to work for him, be on the team, that's been a pleasure. I want to thank City Council members that approved me for being the Director of Administration, at the time. And of course, I want to thank City Council here for putting up with me, and allowing me to work for you. And of course, I want to thank the department supervisors, I mean, they're top notch. And our employees. And they have the right attitude, not only are they skilled, and they have the right skill set, but they have the right attitude. And speaking of attitude, I want to thank our residents, because I am one public employee that is grateful for being employed here. So they've allowed me to be employed here, so they've allowed me to be employed here since 1978. And I am grateful for that, and I appreciate that. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** How many years total, have you put in?

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** 39+

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Well, we thank you for your service.

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** Thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Are you going anywhere warmer in January?

**DIRECTOR GRIMES:** No, well I shouldn't say that, my wife, well I'll be unemployed in case somebody wants to hire me.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Well, congrats Mike. Mr. Mayor?

**MAYOR HELD:** Yes, Mike had shared with me that he would be retiring, and he's leaving this week. So, you know, we will have him until the end of the year. We will definitely have a, you know, a recognition for Mike when he leaves. And we do that for the other employees too. But it's usually happens during the day. But I think it would be a good thing to have it publicly at a Council Meeting. You know what I found is that, what we've seen over the years when people are ready to retire, it's like, all of sudden they don't want anything, they don't want a cake. And I think it's because it's usually because you know you spend so much of your life at a particular location that it's hard to go through that. So, you know, typically Mike would when people would retire but would still facilitate, you know, a cake and an acknowledgement and a gathering for each one. I think every employee would say they don't want it. But, so I'm not going to get into everything as far as Mike, because, you know, he came along at a period of time when we really needed somebody to lead as the Administrator. He's been a great friend. He's been a great Administrator. A great Police Chief. And Mike really served as the mentor to me from a leadership perspective. So that just gives you an idea of how I feel about Mike. Because back when I was the Administrator, when I started I was 36 years old. There was just a lot of things that I did not know. There's still a lot of things I don't know. But I would always go down to Mike's office and say "What do you think about this?" "Or what do you think about how we should handle that situation?" And so that's really where Mike has provided the greatest benefit, not only to the City, but to myself. And then it continued here with as I began serving as Mayor. But I'll be able to cover more of that, when you do officially retire, which I think is at the beginning of January, right? (Right) And, Mike, of course, is always available too, to bust my chops, whether I like it or not. And he has a way of doing it where I think he's serious, and now he's got Patrick onto it too. It makes it worse when you're campaigning. Because your stress level is even higher. But that's the transitioning into that other item. Anybody that is in this room that has ran for public office, whether you've won or lost. And I have won and lost, myself. The requirement to put your name out there to the public, and to run on issues, and to serve the public, you know, you have to be a special person to be able to do that. Because it is not easy. It's not an easy thing. And you know, the pay that you get whether you're on City Council, or the Mayor's position, or a School Board member, you know, you're not doing it for the money. You're doing it because you really have a desire to serve the community. To serve other people. And so with that, Dan, you and I have developed a great friendship. And Dan is another person that always manages to have a nice sense of humor. But he uses the humor that has the tendency to catch me off guard also. Because I'm like "Are you serious about that?" And of course, it's so outlandish, that he had to be joking, right. But he manages to do that. And even on Election night, I think this is a reflection of Dan's character. He's the one that did not have the outcome in the election, the way that he wanted. But he's getting me and other people to laugh. You know, that's what I appreciate the most about you. Because we've been through a lot here with the City, with the budget. I remember actually the first time you and I went through the budget forecast with Laura, when we hired back when she was working for the State. And to give you the idea of the relationship that Dan and I had, we went through a three hour meeting, and my head was spinning. And we were talking about numbers, and budgets, and I was like oh my gosh, you know, did we really accomplish what we set out to do? And at the end of the meeting, Dan was as refreshed as can be, and he said "Wasn't that a fantastic meeting, that was great." And I was like was it? I was like wow, but he has, you just have a lot of energy, and

the work that you've done with our budget, with our bonds, and with the City, most people will not ever understand the work that you've done. But, it was incredible. But everybody is going to benefit from it. And so, with that I'm hoping, as I already mentioned to you, I'd love to get you serving on some of our boards. But I know you have a restriction as far as work. So, you still have one slot open to serve on another board, right. So, yeah, I didn't forget that. So we want to recruit you to continue serving the City. But you've been great friend, you are a class act, and you do have an excellent sense of humor. Along with that hard work. And that's all I have to say.

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

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple quick things. First, our Everhard Road Waterline Improvement, you've probably seen the work these last couple of weeks on Everhard Road. We're working the eastern portion inside the City. And it's going really well. It's going to be tough project, but it's going real well. Later this week, they're going to start out on the western portion in the township. Hopefully, that goes out well, too. I've got all our permits in a row, and we've just got to knock it out. Secondly, our Foster/Hartman Waterline Project, over around the IRG property. Just south on East Maple Street there. We open bids here on Friday morning, at 11:00 a.m. Hoping to get a real good price. We've got a lot of plan holders, we've got like eight already. So, it's a good sign. It's a nice little project. And we'll see how that bid opening goes Friday.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Rob, I noticed the roads, you've been doing some sealing and sanding the edges. Is that....?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** Yeah, what that was, was part of our paving program. What that is, they come in and basically sealing the joint. They go where the new pavement is ground into the existing pavement, and they go with like a tar basically and seal that joint. And then they put like a powdery sand on it, just so the cars don't drag it everywhere. And they finished that on Saturday.

**MAYOR HELD:** Yeah, it looks nice.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Rob, when are we going to get the new bids for the walking path, and the tennis court?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** The walking path and the tennis courts. Those are things I'll bring legislation forward, probably end of December, when the budget's approved, or getting close to approve. And to rebid both of those projects.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Are we going to take the USTA, off of the tennis courts?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** Yes, I talked with our designer on that, and we can take that off.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Okay, and that will save money?

**ENGINEER GRAHAM:** It should, because there's only one contractor to my knowledge in northeast Ohio that has that. And it's not a court for US Open, or Wimbledon. Not that would accept lesser workmanship, but it could save us some money, yeah.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Okay, good. Okay, perfect.

**COUNCILMAN FONTE:** Thank you, Rob.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Steph, weren't you possibly looking into another use for that?

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Pickle ball.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** But that's just line drawing at the end.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thanks, Rob. Director of Administrative Services?

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR DEORIO:** No report.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Madam Clerk?

**COUNCIL CLERK BAILEY:** No report tonight.

20. Final Call for New Business:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Outstanding.

21. November and December's Meeting Schedule

Monday, November 20, 2017 - no meeting  
Monday, November 27, 2017 - Council meeting  
Organizational meeting - Date to be determined  
Monday, December 4, 2017 - Committee meeting

Monday, December 11, 2017 - Council meeting

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, November, December meeting schedule. There will be no meeting this Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. That will be the week of Thanksgiving. We'll finish up November with a regular Council meeting, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Organizational meeting to be determined, we'll come back to that. Then we'll have a Committee meeting, Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. And then a regular Council meeting, Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Now, coming back to the Organizational meeting, Dave, do you have a...?

**MAYOR HELD:** Yeah, we're going to send out a notice, we'll send out a notice. I know we were getting a lot of input, as far as when we're going to be able to get, you know, when everyone's going to be available. So, we will send that out tomorrow. But we'll make sure that everyone's going to be there.

22. Upon a motion, second, a positive roll-call vote from a quorum of Council members, Council, the Mayor, and the Directors of Administration, Finance, Administrative Services and Law shall hold an executive session regarding preparing and reviewing bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation and other terms and conditions of their employment.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you very much. Now, what I need is a motion and a second to move into executive session, regarding prepare and review bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation and other terms and conditions of their employment.

**COUNCILWOMAN KIESLING:** So moved.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** Second.

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

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Alright, thank you, we are in executive session. I need a motion and a second to adjourn executive session.

**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** So moved.

**COUNCILWOMAN WERREN:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adjourn executive session.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** And let the record reflect, no action was taken.

23. Adjourn:

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Motion to adjourn.

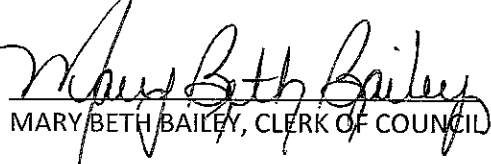
**COUNCILMAN FOLTZ:** So moved.

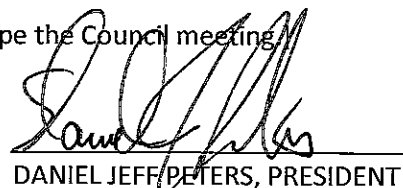
**COUNCILMAN CERRETA:** Second.

Roll call vote of 7 yes to adjourn.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETERS:** Okay, we are adjourned.

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

  
MARY BETH BAILEY, CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
DANIEL JEFF PETERS, PRESIDENT