

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
March 9th, 2023

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the March 9th, 2023 regular meeting to order at  
2 7:30p.m.

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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, Jan Tulley, and Vini J.  
5 Ventura. Also present: Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover.  
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7 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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9 **SWEARING-IN:** Lieutenant Vince Yakopovich was sworn in as the new Chief of Police for Macedonia.  
10 Following the swearing-in Chief Yakopovich briefly addressed those in attendance, including family,  
11 friends, and colleagues, thanking them for their support along the years.  
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13 **PROCLAMATION:** The Mayor read a proclamation declaring March 9, 2023 to be Nordonia Knights  
14 Ice Hockey Day and recognized the team's achievements for earning their third consecutive Greater  
15 Cleveland High School League Blue South Division Championship. In attendance were players Dominic  
16 Nanne, Collin Schleman, Evan Cerny, Noah Vega, Patrick McNally, Owen Tindall, Jacob Waite, Brett  
17 Rapp, Frankie Costello, Simon Kiselis, Daniel Kimpton and Kevin Waite. Also in attendance were Head  
18 Coach Rich Cinalli, and Assistant Coaches Dominic Cinalli and Nick Asbury.  
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20 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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22 Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **approve the minutes of the public hearing and regular**  
23 **meeting of February 23, 2023 as received from the Clerk of Council.** The motion carried  
24 unanimously by a voice vote.  
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26 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None  
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28 **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Clerk of Council relayed a phone conversation with resident Linda  
29 Dmitruk, who wished to express her concern with Council on what she sees as dangerous driving along  
30 the Route 82 corridor between Giant Eagle and North Bedford Road. She would like to see more of a  
31 police presence and flashing radar speed signs to establish accountability.  
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33 An e-mail from former Police Chief Jon Golden was read, congratulating Chief Yakopovich and wishing  
34 him well in his new role.  
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36 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**

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38 **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2023**

39 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR  
40 DONATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 33-00010, 33-  
41 00012 AND 33-03316 was offered by Mr. Finley for **third reading by title only.**  
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43 The Mayor explained this is the property formerly known as the Aerosol building that has been discussed  
44 for quite some time. His intention for this building is to be the next home of the Service Department,  
45 along with potentially some other things. If approved, the City will purchase the building for \$1.  
46 Through the Law Department, conversations about the EPA were addressed, and the Mayor assured the  
47 public this building is safe.  
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49 Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 12-2023 and post the same according to**  
50 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 12-2023 declared and adopted.**  
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52 The Mayor and Ms. Brandt thanked all those involved in this process, and Dir. Guidetti shared the next  
53 steps before the title for the property is transferred to the City.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 22-2023**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PLACEMENT INTO AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9066 NORTH BEDFORD ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA was offered by Ms. Tulley for **second reading by title only**.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-2023**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO RENEW THE PLACEMENT OF LAND IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT WITH REFERENCE TO THE REAL PROPERTY AT 9541 NORTH BEDFORD ROAD was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first reading by title only**.

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-2023**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS ALONG CITY HALL'S EMERGENCY DRIVEWAY was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Dir. Gigliotti explained this legislation would be the first of three this evening awarding contracts for various roadway improvements throughout the City.

Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 25-2023 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 25-2023 declared and adopted**.

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-2023**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2023 ROAD PROGRAM was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Brandt asked when work was anticipated to begin, to which Dir. Gigliotti responded mid-May.

Ms. Tulley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt ORD.NO. 26-2023 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 26-2023 declared and adopted**.

**ORDINANCE NO. 27-2023**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERRIN ASPHALT COMPANY FOR GOLDEN LINK BOULEVARD RESURFACING was offered by Mr. Ventura for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Brandt asked for clarification on what parts of the road will be resurfaced, and Dir. Gigliotti explained the precise sections of road, which does not include the private property portion. Dir. Gigliotti also shared that the work will be performed at night.

Mr. Ventura moved, second by Mr. Finley, to **adopt ORD.NO. 27-2023 and post the same according to law**. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 27-2023 declared and adopted**.

**ORDINANCE NO. 28-2023**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 79-2022 WHICH ESTABLISHED THE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF MACEDONIA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third readings by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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The Mayor stated the purpose of this legislation is to create the position of Communications Specialist, which is someone that will specialize in driving information to the public through various avenues. Currently, the tasks are being handled by a variety of employees outside of their roles. Establishing this position would give the City a dedicated employee to help push better, cleaner information out more effectively.

Ms. Brandt indicated an interest in sitting in on any interviews for this position, should this ordinance pass, to which the Mayor and Ms. Tulley expressed agreement.

Ms. Brandt moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adopt ORD.NO. 28-2023 and post the same according to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **ORD.NO. 28-2023 declared and adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF MACEDONIA SERVICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY OF MACEDONIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 121.05 AND OHIO REVISED CODE § 721.15 was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Dir. Wilson explained this legislation would allow for the sale of a 1999 enclosed trailer once used by the Fire Department for storage that is no longer of use.

Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 29-2023 and post the same according to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 29-2023 declared and adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 30-2023**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO PREPARE PLANS, BIDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, FOR THE “LONGWOOD PARK MULTIPURPOSE FIELD EXPANSION” PROJECT was offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Dir. Chadock stated this project would add two multipurpose fields to the part of Longwood Park beyond the tree wall south of the Recreation Center. Most of the activities have maxed out space-wise and this would allow for more participants. The goal is to have work begin in the Spring and have the fields for use in the Fall.

Ms. Brandt moved, second by Ms. Tulley, to **adopt RES.NO. 30-2023 and post the same according to law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 30-2023 declared and adopted.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-2023**

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO IMMEDIATELY ENACT LEGISLATION TO FURTHER PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, OHIO FROM THE DANGERS POSED BY TRAIN DERAILMENT ON RAILROAD TRACKS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MACEDONIA, STATE OF OHIO, AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third readings by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Ventura. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

The Mayor referenced recent events and the wish for the railroads to “clean up their act and get back on track”.

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160 Mr. Garvas moved, second by Mr. Ventura, to **adopt RES.NO. 31-2023 and post the same according to**  
161 **law.** Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. **RES.NO. 31-2023 declared and adopted.**

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163 Ms. Tulley moved, seconded by Ms. Brandt, to **waive the 48-hour rule and add ORD.NO. 32-2023 to**  
164 **the agenda.** The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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166 **ORDINANCE NO. 32-2023**

167 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CITY OF  
168 MACEDONIA HISTORICAL ITEMS BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OLDE NORTHFIELD  
169 was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first reading by title only.**

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171 Ms. Tulley shared that this legislation would appropriate \$500 to the Historical Society of Olde  
172 Northfield (HSON), and that surrounding communities have also been approached for their engagement.  
173 The HSON has identified uses for the appropriation and have provided that information to Council.

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175 Ms. Brandt thanked Ms. Tulley for all her work on this matter.

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177 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION:** None

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179 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

180 ~Mayor's Court revenue for February 2023 was \$36,732  
181 ~Congratulations to Chief Yakopovich! The show of support from all in attendance for the  
182 swearing-in was amazing. The Civil Service promotional process was explained.  
183 ~Attended the STEM program at the high school and watched the students exhibit their projects  
184 ~Best of luck to the Nordonia girls and boys bowling teams, mock trial team, indoor track  
185 qualifiers and wrestling team. It is a testament to the amazing students we have in the  
186 community.  
187 ~With the recent problems involving credit card skimming devices in town, the Mayor directed  
188 residents to the City website for information and tips to protect yourself.  
189 ~Happy St. Patrick's Day!  
190 ~Please don't drive distracted – put the phones down and drive the car!

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192 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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194 **Parks & Recreation Commission:** Ms. Brandt reported the Parks & Recreation Commission will meet  
195 on Wednesday, March 15 at 6pm in the upstairs room at the Recreation Center.

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197 **Charter Review Commission:** Mr. Garvas reported the Charter Review Commission met Wednesday,  
198 March 8 and invited Council to share any ideas they wish the Commission to consider. The next meeting  
199 will be March 22, and Mr. Garvas shared his appreciation for the Mayor and Council nominating a very  
200 engaged group to comprise the Commission.

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203 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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205 **Service Department:** Director Wilson – Looking into pricing for new snow trucks and leaf machines as  
206 part of the Capital Program. Three more light towers were ordered this week. A community recycling  
207 assistance grant was applied for, which helps pay for the mulching program. Trying to keep up with litter  
208 removal, which is a challenge this time of the year. Installing Bluetooth hands free radios in all Service  
209 trucks to increase safety on the road.

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211 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti – Thanks to Council for passing all three pieces of legislation for road  
212 improvements, and congratulations to Chief Yakopovich.

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**Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Congratulations Chief Yakopovich. SpringFest will be April 22 in Longwood Park. Congratulations to the Manta Rays spring team – 14 kids qualified for the USA regional finals.

**Finance Department:** Director Veres – Congratulations to Chief Yakopovich. Monday, July 17 is the deadline for the Macedonia refund program, unless RITA grants an extension.

**Fire Department:** Chief Ripley – Congratulations to Chief Yakopovich. The drone team has been called out four times and has proven to be a worthwhile resource. Daylight savings begins this Sunday, March 12 – don’t forget to move your clocks ahead and change batteries in your smoke alarms.

The Mayor expressed condolences to the Maher Family, who lost their father in a kayaking accident.

**Police Department:** Chief Yakopovich – In response to the resident concern relayed during Correspondence, between March 7, 2022 to March 7, 2023 the Macedonia Police Department made 379 traffic stops along that corridor of Route 82. The Police Department is there and has a presence along that portion of the road. As an update to the skimmer issue, there have been 22 victims locally amounting to over \$100,000 stolen. The Secret Service has identified two international suspects, and the operation ran all the way from Northeast Ohio to North Carolina. People need to inform themselves as the Mayor stated. Appreciate the well-wishes.

Ms. Brandt asked whether skimmers could target the “tap” feature that many credit cards have, to which Chief Yakopovich stated there are not as many skimmers that can steal information via that method.

**HR Department:** Director Smith – Congratulations to Chief Yakopovich. Two new maintenance workers were hired, and HR is assisting in the process of hiring the new Deputy Clerk of Courts position, as well as backfilling the Lieutenant position in the Police Department that was recently vacated by the promotion of Chief Yakopovich.

**Building Department:** Commissioner Rodic – Absent

**IT Department:** Director Collins – Provided an update on various network switchovers and firewalls, as well as further information on how credit card skimmers work and ways to protect yourself.

**Law Department:** Director Guidetti – No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Tulley asked about the new state law on distracted driving and clarification on what can cause a motorist to be pulled over. Dir. Guidetti stated that the new law broadens and clarifies what a motorist could be doing that constitutes a primary offense, whereas it previously had been a secondary offense.

Chief Ripley relayed that traffic fatalities are the leading cause of on-duty firefighter deaths.

Mr. Ventura thanked Chief Yakopovich and relayed experience as a police officer witnessing distracted driving.

Ms. Brandt congratulated Chief Yakopovich on the promotion.

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Ms. Tulley reminded everyone to be on the lookout for high school track teams running the streets this time of year.

There being no further business, Mr. Finley moved, second by Mr. Garvas, to **adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:16p.m.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Nicholas Molnar