

Record of Proceedings  
Regular Council Meeting  
September 9th, 2021

1 Presiding Officer, Mayor Nicholas Molnar called the September 9th, 2021 regular meeting to order at  
2 7:32p.m..  
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4 **Present:** Council members Jessica Brandt, Dave Finley, Jeff Garvas, and Jan Tulley. Also present:  
5 Law Director Mark Guidetti and Clerk of Council Jon Hoover

6 **Absent:** Council member Vini J. Ventura  
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8 **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chaplain Tom O'Brien of Nordonia Hills American  
9 Legion 801  
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11 **PROCLAMATIONS:**  
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13 The Mayor read a proclamation for National Preparedness Month  
14 The Mayor also commemorated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11, 2001  
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16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
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18 Ms. Tulley moved, and Ms. Brandt seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of  
19 August 12, 2021 as received from the Clerk of Council. The motion carried unanimously upon a voice  
20 vote.  
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22 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
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26 **CORRESPONDENCE:**  
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30 **INTRODUCTION, READINGS & ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION**  
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32 **ORDINANCE NO. 39-2021**

33 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF  
34 REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS  
35 TO BE MADE WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF  
36 THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF  
37 TAXES, & ESTABLISHING A "BIG CARROT" MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX  
38 INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS  
39 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE §§ 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43 was offered by Mr. Garvas  
40 for its **third reading by title only**.  
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42 The Mayor explained that this is the TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) for the former Bedford Anodizing  
43 site and this will move the City forward to take the dollars diverted from the county to make  
44 improvements within that area.  
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46 Mr. Garvas moved, Mr. Finley seconded to modify the "Whereas" clause where there is a blank to include  
47 the date September 8. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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49 Mr. Garvas moved, Mr. Finley seconded, to **adopt ORD.NO. 39-2021 and post the same according to**  
50 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 39-2021 declared and adopted.**  
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54 **RESOLUTION NO. 46-2021**

55 A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING A CITY OF MACEDONIA POLICY AS TO BLANKET  
56 PURCHASE ORDERS was offered by Mr. Garvas for **second and third reading by title only**.  
57 Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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59 Dir. Guidetti explained this resolution recognizes the City's practice of adhering to the blanket purchase  
60 order policy set forth in the Revised Code and sets a maximum blanket purchase order limit at \$50,000.

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62 Ms. Brandt asked what the previous maximum amount was, to which Dir. Guidetti responded Council  
63 had not previously set a limit, but that the Ohio Revised Code provides it is up to the political subdivision  
64 to set the maximum. Ms. Brandt clarified by asking confirmation that the City had been following the  
65 guidelines of a \$50,000 maximum, to which Dir. Guidetti replied in the affirmative and noted the \$50,000  
66 amount is up to the competitive bidding threshold.

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68 Mr. Garvas moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, to **adopt RES.NO. 46-2021 and post the same according to**  
69 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 46-2021 declared and adopted.**

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72 **ORDINANCE NO. 47-2021**

73 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
74 TOWNSHIP OF SAGAMORE HILLS, OHIO TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FIRE AND MEDICAL  
75 SERVICES TO THE TOWNSHIP was offered by Ms. Tulley for **second and third reading by title**  
76 **only**. Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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78 The Mayor described the large amount of work that went into this between himself, Dir. Guidetti and  
79 Chief Ripley, and noted Sagamore Hills Township had approved the agreement the previous Thursday.  
80 The agreement provides 15 years of fire & EMS service and the Mayor stated he is proud to continue this  
81 partnership.

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83 Dir. Guidetti added that without Chief Ripley and the excellent services the Fire Department provides the  
84 negotiations probably would have taken a lot longer.

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86 Ms. Tulley asked to confirm the length of the contract, to which the Mayor confirmed it is 15 years.

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88 Chief Ripley stated it is a testament to the staff of the Fire Department the way they carry themselves in  
89 public and makes him feel proud of the excellent service provided both in Macedonia and Sagamore  
90 Hills.

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92 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Garvas seconded, to **adopt ORD.NO. 47-2021 and post the same according to**  
93 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 47-2021 declared and adopted.**

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96 **ORDINANCE NO. 48-2021**

97 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM FOR THE 2021-  
98 2022 WINTER SEASON was offered by Ms. Brandt for **second and third reading by title only**.  
99 Seconded by Mr. Finley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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101 The Mayor explained this is snow removal program for seniors that the City does each year. Household  
102 income threshold levels will be listed on the City website to see if residents qualify for the service.  
103 Residents may call the Service Department to enquire about it and have questions answered.

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105 Dir. Guidetti, Councilors Brandt and Tulley clarified the source of the income level determination for  
106 these services. The Mayor also stated that these income levels will be the basis of the next several pieces  
107 of legislation up for discussion at this evening's meeting (Ord.Nos. 48, 49 and 50)  
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109 Ms. Brandt moved, Mr. Finley seconded, to **adopt ORD.NO. 48-2021 and post the same according to**  
110 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 48-2021 declared and adopted.**  
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113 **ORDINANCE NO. 49-2021**

114 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH  
115 VALLEY VIEW PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LLC FOR A SENIOR GUTTER CLEANING  
116 PROGRAM FOR THE FALL 2021 SEASON was offered by Ms. Tulley for **second and third reading**  
117 **by title only.** Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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119 The Mayor stated this program allows for seniors to have their gutters cleaned for proper waterflow, and  
120 uses the same income guidelines as in Ord.No. 48-2021.  
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122 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Garvas seconded, to **adopt ORD.NO. 49-2021 and post the same according to**  
123 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 49-2021 declared and adopted.**  
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126 **ORDINANCE NO. 50-2021**

127 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING A REFUSE COLLECTION SUBSIDY  
128 FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THAT SUBSIDY was offered by  
129 Ms. Brandt for **second and third reading by title only.** Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried  
130 unanimously by a voice vote.  
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132 The Mayor explained this ordinance is the trash pickup subsidy for seniors based on the same income  
133 guidelines as the previous two ordinances.  
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135 Ms. Brandt moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, to **adopt ORD.NO. 50-2021 and post the same according to**  
136 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 50-2021 declared and adopted.**  
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139 **RESOLUTION NO. 51-2021**

140 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE SUCH STEPS NECESSARY TO APPLY  
141 FOR FUNDING FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, DISTRICT EIGHT PUBLIC  
142 WORKS COMMITTEE, PROGRAM YEAR 36, FOR THE GOLDEN LINK BOULEVARD  
143 REPAVING PROJECT was offered by Mr. Finley for **first, second and third reading by title only.**  
144 Seconded by Mr. Garvas. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.  
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146 Dir. Gigliotti explained this resolution authorizes the City to apply for outside funding to the Golden Link  
147 Boulevard repaving project. Applications are due on September 28, with application results expected in  
148 February of 2022. If application is successful, repaving would be scheduled for the second half of 2022.  
149 This is a joint project with Northfield Center Township, with 42.5% of the project falls within the City of  
150 Macedonia, and 57.5% falls within Northfield Center Township.  
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152 Mr. Finley moved, Mr. Garvas seconded, to **adopt RES.NO. 51-2021 and post the same according to**  
153 **law.** Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 51-2021 declared and adopted.**  
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158 **RESOLUTION NO. 52-2021**

159 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE SUCH STEPS NECESSARY TO APPLY  
160 FOR FUNDING FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION, DISTRICT EIGHT PUBLIC  
161 WORKS COMMITTEE, PROGRAM YEAR 36, FOR THE VALLEY VIEW ROAD RESURFACING  
162 PROJECT was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by  
163 Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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165 Dir. Gigliotti explained this resolution is similar to the previous piece (Res.No. 51-2021) and authorizes  
166 the City to apply for outside funding to the Valley View Road resurfacing project. The project on Valley  
167 View Road stretches from Twinsburg Road south to the city limits with Hudson. This is a Macedonia-  
168 only project, not a joint venture with a neighboring community.

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170 Ms. Tulley moved, Ms. Brandt seconded, to **adopt RES.NO. 52-2021 and post the same according to**  
171 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 52-2021 declared and adopted.**

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174 **ORDINANCE NO. 53-2021**

175 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A  
176 CONTRACT WITH SIGNARAMA CLEVELAND FOR THE MACEDONIA GOLDEN LINK  
177 BOULEVARD SIGNAGE PROJECT was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first, second and third reading by**  
178 **title only**. Seconded by Ms. Tulley. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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180 Dir. Gigliotti explained this ordinance awards a contract for the construction of the monument sign to be  
181 situated on the north side of the right-in, right-out Golden Link access road. This would be the entrance  
182 sign with all the names of the businesses in that shopping center. Construction would be scheduled for  
183 the Fall of 2021.

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185 Dir. Guidetti reminded Council this is the second portion of the special assessment project, which the City  
186 has not completed. Once the sign is completed and the final amounts are determined, a notice will go out  
187 to the property owners, and the City can proceed with the final assessment ordinance. That legislation  
188 will come before Council once the project is completed.

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190 The Mayor questioned if the sign is essentially paid for by the businesses in that shopping center, and not  
191 the City, to which Dir. Guidetti responded in the affirmative.

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193 Mr. Garvas moved, Ms. Tulley seconded, to **adopt ORD.NO. 53-2021 and post the same according to**  
194 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 53-2021 declared and adopted.**

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197 **RESOLUTION NO. 54-2021**

198 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN  
199 ADDENDUM TO THE CONCESSION LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BIZPRO GOLF LTD. was  
200 offered by Ms. Brandt for **first, second and third reading by title only**. Seconded by Mr. Finley. The  
201 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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203 The Mayor explained that this ordinance extends the agreement with Windmill Lake (Bizpro Gold Ltd.'s  
204 DBA). He stated they are a very successful entity and has been told by Bizpro that they are one of the top  
205 two fitters in the country for golf clubs.

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207 Ms. Brandt moved, Mr. Finley seconded, to **adopt RES.NO. 54-2021 and post the same according to**  
208 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **RES.NO. 54-2021 declared and adopted.**

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211 **ORDINANCE NO. 55-2021**

212 AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE DISPATCH SERVICES TO  
213 SAGAMORE HILLS TOWNSHIP was offered by Ms. Tulley for **first, second and third reading by**  
214 **title only**. Seconded by Ms. Brandt. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

215  
216 Ms. Tulley moved, Ms. Brandt seconded to amend Section 1 where the dates are blank to state that these  
217 dates will be consistent with what is posted in Exhibit A. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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219 The Mayor explained this ordinance adds five more years to the current dispatch agreement with  
220 Sagamore Hills Township, which equalizes the agreement that was made earlier in the evening for Fire &  
221 EMS services.

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223 Ms. Tulley moved, Ms. Brandt seconded, to **adopt ORD.NO. 55-2021 and post the same according to**  
224 **law**. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. **ORD.NO. 55-2021 declared and adopted.**

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227 **ORDINANCE NO. 56-2021**  
228 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY  
229 TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE  
230 WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE  
231 IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES,  
232 ESTABLISHING A PEAK NANO MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT  
233 EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO  
234 REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
235 was offered by Mr. Garvas for **first reading by title only**.

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238 **ORDINANCE NO. 57-2021**  
239 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY  
240 TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE  
241 WHICH DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE  
242 IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES,  
243 ESTABLISHING AN OHIO STATE WATERPROOFING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT  
244 TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS  
245 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43; AND  
246 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was offered by Mr. Finley for **first reading by title only**.

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249 **MOTIONS / OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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251 Ms. Tulley moved, Mr. Finley seconded, a motion to accept as an anonymous donation the amount of  
252 \$5,000 to be utilized by the Macedonia Police Department for certain law enforcement purposes. The  
253 motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

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255 The Mayor clarified that the Finance Department will deposit these funds into the Safety Services Fund  
256 2800004512 and create a \$5,000 purchase order to the company that the City leases it's license plate  
257 equipment from, which was the desire of the anonymous donor.

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264 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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- 266 - The City has had trouble finding dispatch workers, and according to the Police Chief takes about
  - 267 six months for someone to get up to speed. The Mayor thanked the dispatchers we have for
  - 268 working so hard and making sacrifices.
  - 269 - The Civil Service Commission met tonight to discuss lateral transfers for police officers, which
  - 270 will give the Police Department flexibility to get additional candidates as needed. Dir. Guidetti
  - 271 stated the Civil Service rule allowing for transfers has been on the books, but up until now the
  - 272 level of need hasn't been there to utilize this rule. The Mayor added that potential transfers
  - 273 would be interviewed by the Police Chief, Human Resources, and himself to remove any
  - 274 appearance of impropriety in hiring.
  - 275 - The Mural Project on the I-271 bridge over Rte. 82 by Speedway has begun as of 6:30pm this
  - 276 evening and should extend for seven days during non-peak traffic hours. Traffic will be
  - 277 maintained to ensure safety of those creating the mural.
  - 278 - State of the Community will be broadcast on Community Focus and a link to view will be on the
  - 279 City's website and social media accounts.
  - 280 - The Mayor recognized the passing away of former Macedonia police officers Ron Mix and Dale
  - 281 Kelly
  - 282 - Please keep the families affected by 9/11 in your thoughts and prayers
  - 283 - Please do not drive distracted

284 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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286 **Parks & Recreation Committee** Ms. Brandt stated the committee had their Summer meeting on August

287 18 where they were able to meet the two new full-time staff members. Very excited to have them on the

288 team with their great backgrounds. Lots of great programming coming up with trails. It was decided to

289 not go ahead with the survey at this time. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 15 at 6pm in the

290 activity room of the Recreation Center

291 **Finance Committee** Mr. Garvas stated the committee is scheduled to meet on September 30 and October

292 12, both at 6pm (second meeting was originally to be held on Oct. 7) to discuss the budget for 2022.

293 **Cemetery Board** No report

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297 **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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299 **Service Department:** Director Karas- Over the past month crews have been working to complete the re-

300 establishment of stormwater swales throughout the city. Asphalt repairs on North Bedford and Blackfoot

301 roads have been completed. New mirrors, touchless faucets, soap dispensers and hand dryers have been

302 installed at the park softball fields and pavilion.

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304 The Mayor noted the department is also preparing for leaf collection season. The first pass of leaf

305 collection will be in October.

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307 **Engineer:** Director Gigliotti- Thanked Council for passage of Resolutions 51, 52, and 53. Resurfacing of

308 the Recreation Center parking lot has been completed.

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310 **Parks and Recreation Department:** Director Chadock – Thanked Dir. Gigliotti for his help in

311 navigating the parking lot resurfacing project, as well as the Service Department for help during

312 maintenance week. Fall sports are in full swing, with soccer and football kicking off this Saturday (9/11).

313 Field usage going on every night of the week, with every single bit of open space being utilized.

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314 Congrats to the recreation staff for doing such a great job creating programs. Fallfest will take place on  
315 Saturday, September 18 in Longwood Park and feature local breweries and food trucks. AEDs have been  
316 ordered for the parks but are on a two month backorder.

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318 **Finance Department:** Director Veres was excused from this meeting.

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320 **Fire Department:** Chief Ripley- Thanked Council for passage of the contracts with Sagamore Hills, and  
321 the Mayor and Dir. Guidetti for all of their hard work on the contract. Kudos to his staff for their  
322 outstanding service which helps in forming this partnership. October 6 from 6-8pm the Fire  
323 Department's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house will take place and include food trucks, demonstrations and  
324 perhaps speakers. Santa delivery will be back this year, dates TBD.

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326 The Mayor asked whether the Fire Department will host their Halloween party, but the Chief replied that  
327 due to COVID it would not be advisable to hold the party as has been done in the past. However, he will  
328 be thinking of something else that can be safely done for the kids. The Mayor reminded everyone that  
329 trick-or-treat will take place on Halloween (October 31) from 6-8pm.

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331 **Police Department:** Chief Golden- Appreciate the passage of the dispatch contract with Sagamore Hills  
332 Township, and thanks to the family with the anonymous donation that will give the department two more  
333 cameras to use (bringing the total to eight). The Chief noted this past week the cameras alerted them of a  
334 vehicle with a warrant for robbery. The vehicle was found and an arrest was made, so the cameras are  
335 working.

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337 Ms. Brandt mentioned an article in the News Leader that discusses these cameras.

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339 **HR Department:** Director Smith – Finalizing videos for drug-free workplace and safety training. Thanks  
340 to Dir. Collins for assisting in the creation of said videos. BWC claims experience rating has improved  
341 by 10% over last year, which directly affects the City's premiums.

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343 **IT Department:** Director Collins- The IT Department has added some hybrid displays for Council  
344 meetings, and audio adjustments have been made to make people heard clearer. Completed putting in  
345 firewalls at the two Fire Department building, and selected a vendor to move forward with the City  
346 website.

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348 **Law Department:** No report

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352 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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356 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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358 Ms. Tulley mentioned Community Focus will be hosting a taping for City Council candidates in the  
359 November election, which will be broadcast and available for later streaming. She also informed those  
360 present, with Councilor Ventura's authorization, that he had heart surgery two weeks ago. He has been  
361 healing and is feeling better, but thought it best not to rush back. He cares for the City and is reading all  
362 the information and asking the appropriate questions. He hopes to make it back to the next meeting on  
363 September 23, and please keep him in your prayers.

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365 Ms. Brandt mentioned there will be a 9/11 vigil at the Northfield VFW post Saturday, September 11 at  
366 7:40

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368 Chief Ripley pointed out that Community Focus now has an app as well.  
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370 The Mayor noted that the Akron Beacon-Journal reported that the City of Macedonia had the greatest  
371 growth over the past decade of any city in Summit County at 8.8%. Go Knights (Nardonia football)!

372  
373 Ms. Tulley reminded everyone the speed limit on Route 82 is not 45-50mph and red lights mean stop.  
374 The speed limit is 35mph and then 25mph at Crow Drive.

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376 The Mayor's Court total revenue for the period of August 1-31 was \$12,978

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378 There being no further business, Ms. Tulley moved, second by Ms. Brandt, to **adjourn the meeting**. The  
379 motion passed **unanimously** pursuant to a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at approximately  
380 8:17p.m.

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383 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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386 **Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
387 Jon Hoover, Clerk of Council  
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390 **Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
391 Nicholas Molnar  
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