

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bell, Berger, Canton, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Police Chief Rizzo, Street Commissioner Alder, Engineer Haibach, Solicitor Matheney

VISITORS: Nancy Burnham, Ted Hill, Nathan Hill, Hunting Trail, Chagrin Falls

The Mayor called the Regular Council meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer read the roll. **Cavanagh made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023, Special Council meeting, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried. Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 27, 2023, seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

VISITORS: Nathan Hill explained he is a senior at Chagrin Falls High School and has been a Boy Scout for the last eight years. He is working towards his Eagle Scout award. Hill provided a slide presentation and explained that his project would be building and installing trail markers in South Russell Park. The markers would encourage citizens to use the trails by tracking their distance and would make the park more accessible by allowing users to know where they are on the trails. This will also be useful for identifying locations for emergency services. There will be 16 markers in total. He obtained estimates for the costs of post materials, a power auger, and signs for seven trails. To complete the project, he would have the assistance of his fellow scouts in Troop 150 of Chagrin Falls as well as friends and family. Assembling and placing the posts will occur within the next few weeks and the project should be completed between April and early May.

The Mayor stated that Hill's plan follows the Park Master Plan, and that Hill will follow the direction of the Street Commissioner who will tell him where to put the signs. The Park Committee will also provide input. The Mayor advised that this would be the 23rd Scout project.

Bell stated he was excited about the project and noted how useful such signs are in other area parks.

Porter asked if the Parks Committee was on board with this project, and Cavanagh said very much so.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor asked if there was any question about his report. Canton asked about the reference to a Manor Brook sign, and the Mayor explained the requirement to have signage with a state funded project. Canton verified that it was a permanent sign, and the Mayor concurred.

The Mayor met with Jeff Greenleif, the owner of the property just south of the Central Retention Basin. He is not happy and wants the Village to put in a ditch separating his back yard from his neighbor's to drain their water. The Mayor told him no, but told him that their water could be put into the Central Retention Basin. Greenleif also complained about people coming up his driveway thinking it is a cut through to Kensington Green. The Mayor suggested he put up a "private driveway" sign. As far as vegetation and trees, he told Greenleif to wait until the middle of summer to see if anything needed to be done. The Mayor stressed to Greenleif that if he wanted to do anything on his property, he could plant trees. The Mayor said he would call Greenleif the following day and tell him basically this is what we are going to do.

FISCAL OFFICER: The Fiscal Officer distributed her report. She explained that the Finance Committee would be addressing the amendments to the appropriations and certificate of resources discussed at the Special Council meeting.

The Fiscal Officer advised that the Mayor and Council Members Cavanagh and Galicki expressed interest in joining the Geauga County Township Association and asked if any other members were interested in joining. Porter indicated he also wished to join.

The Mayor stated that Council had discussed for many years the necessity to redo the budget over and over and wished there were a way to make life easier for the Fiscal Officer. He thought they had made life worse for her this past year. The Fiscal Officer concurred, adding that in 17 years she had not experienced this level of amendments. She explained that these amendments were only for what had to be made because of contracts or grants in progress, and did not include the park restroom or other items on the list. By only addressing the required expenses, the Village should end the year with a balance of \$1.6 to \$1.7 million. This included increasing the Income Tax revenue, as well as the additional investment interest income.

She is working on the five-year plan and will review it with the Finance Committee. After this, Council might consider another budget work session to discuss what else to include in the budget this year. The Mayor commented on the increased Income Tax, stating that he did not know if it would continue. The Fiscal Officer explained the dynamics of Income Tax collection, to include the past experience of having to refund a taxpayer \$125,000.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Berger said the next Finance Committee meeting will be April 14th at 9:00 a.m.

Berger made a motion to acknowledge receipt and review of the Credit Card Report dated April 10, 2023, seconded by Galicki. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Berger made a motion to amend the Certificate of Estimated Resources for the Village of South Russell as follows: decrease the Headwater Fund \$115,411.31; decrease the Natureworks Playground Fund \$4,031.10; decrease the Lake Louise Fund \$2,591.62; increase the Income Tax Fund \$122,034.03; increase the Permissive Tax Fund \$121,000; increase the State Highway Fund \$134,575; increase the Culvert Fund \$96,700; increase the Income Tax Revenue \$450,000; increase the General Fund (interest) \$33,500; increase the Safety Fund (interest) \$13,500; increase the Operating Fund (interest) \$3,700; and increase the Road and Bridge Fund (interest) \$2,800; seconded by Galicki. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Bell asked if there should be concerns about FDIC insurance with the Village's account with regional banks. Berger said he received a question from a resident about the risk of the Village having a significant portion of its funds associated with one bank. The Fiscal Officer contacted Huntington Bank and was informed that because the Village is a public entity, it has special insurance that protects above the normal limits of \$250,00. The Fiscal Officer further explained that the first \$250,000 is FDIC insured. Banks that want to do government banking in Ohio must be collateralized so for every dollar the Village has deposited, the bank has to have a dollar put aside for the Village if something were to happen. Berger concluded that essentially, the Village is 100% backed. The Fiscal Officer advised that the Village is collateralized up to \$3 million.

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting. She also recommended that the Parks or Properties Committee make a motion to approve Nathan Hill's Eagle Scout Project proposal.

ENGINEER: The Engineer was in receipt of final close-out quantities from Specialized Construction for the 2022 Road Program. The Village is \$22,791.95 under the awarded contract amount, which just covered the purchase order for the Reclamite.

The 2023 Road Program will be advertised this week. Council's recommendation was to have a base bid of miscellaneous roadway repairs in the amount of \$50,000. He added mobilization, insurance, and bonds to this which brought it to a \$58,000 base bid estimate. Alternate (1) is Woodside Rd. at \$225,000 and Alternate (2) is Maple Springs Dr. at \$305,000.

Galicki asked for the status of the Traffic Light project. The Engineer reported that materials had been ordered. A 5' x 5' easement was obtained from DRY Insurance to avoid a gas line, but there is concern that it might interfere with their business sign. A stake was placed where the signal pole base will go to help alleviate their concerns. It was the Engineer's opinion that it should not obstruct or interfere with the DRY Insurance sign. The Solicitor reminded Council that the wording was changed regarding the pole adversely impacting the sign, and asked the Mayor if that version was signed and sent to Mr. Yert. The Mayor said that now that the stake was in the ground, he would take it to Mr. Yert tomorrow. She verified that this would be the corrected version. The easement had been signed, notarized, and recorded, but the acknowledgment was just a signature to correct it to address the circumstance whereby it would be necessary to physically move the sign and not about obstruction.

The Mayor asked about the status of the Culvert Project, and the Engineer said he contacted Gradeline, Inc. about scheduling a preconstruction meeting. Thursday, April 13th was proposed to the contractor.

STREET COMMISSIONER: The Street Commissioner reported that crack sealing had been completed as well as the delivery of 1,000 tons of salt from the state. Roughly 600 tons of salt was used. The building is full, and he looked forward to the new one being built. Van Curen was doing some tree work and with that the flagpole would be repaired within the next two weeks.

STREET COMMITTEE: Bell reported that the committee met Friday, April 7th and the minutes would be forthcoming. Communication was received through the Mayor from Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA) stating that through the NOACA funded portion of the State Fiscal Year 2024 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program, the Village was approved funding for Bell Rd., from Chillicothe Road to the South Russell east county line for \$1,019,769. Additionally, \$800,000 was approved for the Bell Road bicycle and pedestrian facilities as part of Bell Rd. east. Cavanagh asked for clarification, and Bell explained that this pertains to having a bike lane similar to Bell Road west. He added that it might not be physically possible for the entire length to have the bike lane due to the topography. The Engineer concurred and said that if Bell Road east were to be widened in similar fashion as Bell Road west, there is some challenging topography on Bell Rd. east that might require easements and/or would be difficult to maintain a suitable grade. The matter would be explored. The Engineer was caught by surprise that they had slated the Village for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Committee (BPAC), which puts together campaigns to improve pedestrian and bicycle accessibility along the routes where NOACA sees interest. He did not know how much of the \$800,000 the Village would be able to capitalize on, but he was looking into it.

Porter said that the notification from NOACA came out of the blue. He praised the Mayor for attending the meetings and putting the Village's case forward. Bell Road east will be an enormous

expense in 2024 or 2025. \$1.3 million was spent on Bell Rd. west and it would be about the same for Bell Rd. east. This would provide an incredible savings to the Village which will allow for other priorities to be addressed. He thought the Village should take full advantage of it, adding that they would not have to do the bike path because it was not an all or nothing offer. Porter added that the Village could decline the \$800,000 grant if it were determined the bike path was not possible, but still would get the \$1 million plus for Bell Rd. east.

Bell said the next committee meeting will be Friday, May 5, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. in the Street Commissioner's office.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: The Mayor addressed the forfeiture case provided to Council. The Solicitor stated that in reading the correspondence, it was suggested that they want the final inspection. Like the other appeals, it would be made contingent upon the final inspection.

Bell reported that the Building Committee met on Thursday, April 6th and the minutes would be forthcoming. The committee will continue to discuss the potential of expanding alternates for the Planning Commission to up to three with two serving in one meeting at a time. This week, the Mayor will be discussing the matter with the current Planning Commission to get their thoughts.

Regarding the forfeiture, Bell verified that the contractor missed the deadline and wanted to complete the inspection for the chance to receive the deposit back. The Solicitor speculated about which deadline was missed but said that it was the Village's goal to get the final inspections done. With this case, it appeared both the homeowner and contractor wanted the final inspection. **Bell made a motion for Renewal by Anderson to receive the construction deposit refund for 322 Whitetail Dr. for their window installation dependent upon the inspection being completed by May 10, 2023, seconded by Canton. Porter verified this was the final inspection. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

POLICE CHIEF: The Chief distributed his monthly report and explained that it included vacation watch statistics. Between February and March, there was a 100% increase in vacation watches. 1,445 vacation checks were conducted. 1,500 were done last year.

A Flock camera was damaged over the weekend when it was run over by a motorist. This occurred on East Washington Street in front of the park and the driver went off the side of the road and took the camera out. Reimbursement is being sought from the insurance company in the amount of \$1,300. It will be necessary to pay for the replacement up front and hopefully the Village will be reimbursed by the insurance company.

The Scams Targeting Seniors presentation will take place at 10:00 a.m. in Village Hall on April 17th.

After conducting an interview with a part-time candidate, the Chief intends to ask the Mayor, Safety Committee, and HR Committee to consider making an appointment at the April 24th meeting.

The Mayor relayed that a resident complimented Officer Harding for his handling of a situation with geese in the Manor Brook neighborhood.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Canton stated that the Safety Committee met on April 6th and minutes were distributed. The next meeting will be May 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Police Department.

HR COMMITTEE: Cavanagh said that the HR Committee met April 6, 2023, and the minutes were distributed. Jim Budzik with Mansour Gavin, attended the meeting. There was a question about to

whom an employee would go where there was a difference of opinion or any kind of unhappiness. Budzik said that the employee would first go to the Mayor. So, if an employee was having problems with a supervisor or any other person who works for the Village, that employee would go to the Mayor.

The committee will meet on May 4th at 1:00 p.m.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: Cavanagh made a motion that Council approve Nathan Hill's Eagle Scout project, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Cavanagh reported that Greg Gamm will be on the Park Committee. The Fall Festival date is pending the release of the Brown's schedule.

Cavanagh spoke to Robin Schwind, Chagrin Hardware, who suggested recreating headstones from the Rarick Cemetery which would allow historical presentations in the pavilion instead of having to deal with access issues with the Rarick Cemetery itself. Schwind is willing to help with this. Cavanagh said that the Street Commissioner is preparing the Rarick Cemetery for those individuals who wanted to view it. The Street Commissioner said they were building a form around the existing stones that were broken in pieces. To save some of the old stones, they are making a headstone out of cement in a form and laying the broken stones into the cement, which will be thicker than the original headstone and reinforced with rebar.

Cavanagh made a motion that the Village go ahead with the pavilion reservation of 6-20-23 for the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce concert in the park, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Cavanagh made a motion to approve the folks coming in for a private party on May 7th with their gaming truck, seconded by Canton. Cavanagh asked about the number of people attending, and the Mayor did not know nor did the Fiscal Officer. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Canton asked about the date for the next Park Committee meeting, and Cavanagh questioned having a meeting without the Brown's schedule since planning the Fall Festival is dependent on it.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Porter noted that a change order for the Manor Brook project was distributed to Council. The change was a negative \$29,104, which meant that the project cost less than thought. The Engineer explained that a change order is not an instrument for payment. It adjusts the contract price either up or down. He is still waiting to get the final signed pay estimate from the contractor, which is what the Village would pay. **Porter made a motion that the Village accept Change Order 1 Final that reduces the contract price by \$29,104, seconded by Bell. Roll call – ayes, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter, and Bell. Berger and Canton abstained.**

Berger advised that a draft easement with Fox Run was distributed to Council along with pictures of where the proposed retention basin would be. Porter indicated that the Engineer provided the diagram given to Council, and it looked different than what he imagined would be a circular pond. Porter explained that the idea behind creating the draft easement was to present a proposal to the Fox Run Homeowners' Association (HOA) to see what they would do with it. Hopefully there will be an agreement and they will want to move forward. Cavanagh observed that its shape appeared to be designed to save some significant trees. The Engineer said it was shaped to work around the mature landscape and to accommodate a sanitary sewer easement that runs along the boundary. If Fox Run

wants it shaped differently, the Village would gladly accept their feedback. Cavanagh noted the proximity to Gurney School property, and the Engineer verified it was all on Fox Run property. Bell asked if it would be a dry pond, and the Engineer concurred and said it would be a five-foot deep dry pond similar in character to the Central Retention basin. Bell asked about its proximity to Bell Road, and the Engineer said it did not quite touch the Bell Road right-of-way line. He did not envision the northeast end being a part of the pond per se, but an area where a pair of inlet basins on Fox Trail can be piped into the pond. This is the shape of the easement and not necessarily the shape of the pond or grassy retention surface.

Cavanagh asked what the sequence of events would be. Porter explained that Chris Smith is the HOA President with whom he had spoken. Smith said that the HOA wanted a proposal from the Village, and this is the proposal. With Council's approval, Porter would forward the draft easement to Smith for the HOA to consider. Galicki asked if the Village had articulated the benefit to the HOA, and Porter said yes. He let them know that it would be of no benefit to Fox Run but it would to others downstream. They are more interested in seeing Manor Brook Phase II go forward, which the Engineer added, would help Fox Run. Berger advised that this was discussed at the Public Utilities Committee meeting and reflected in the minutes. This may be part of the future conversation with Fox Run. Galicki saw the lack of benefit to Fox Run as a potential glitch. Porter said that this was the case with the Manor Brook project as well but discussed the benefits to other areas of the Village.

Porter made a motion that Council authorize the Public Utilities Committee Chairman or his designee to forward the proposal to Fox Run HOA President Chris Smith for the purposes of potentially making a detention pond on Fox Run property via an easement, seconded by Berger. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

The Solicitor asked if it would be called a dry pond, and the Engineer suggested stormwater retention area. The Solicitor explained that she drafted the easement and said she could add the picture although she did not have a legal description. Porter and the Engineer concurred. The Solicitor would make the revisions and send it to Porter, who said he would give it to Chris Smith.

Porter verified that the plan would not eliminate the Fox Run gazebo, and the Engineer agreed. The Mayor said that looking back, at one point they came to the Village about taking that corner of their property so that they would not have to landscape it anymore. Theoretically, there is a little financial gain for them. The Village in turn loses because it has to mow and maintain it. He saw it as a win-win situation. They had a pedestrian bridge that went from Fox Run to Gurney and it has all been washed away over the years by the creek. They are very interested in finding something the Village can do with them. Porter concluded Public Utilities would keep Mayor and Council apprised.

Berger relayed that Canton asked whether this would be Fox Run's cost or that of the Village for the retention basin. Berger stated that it is clearly the Village's cost to do the work and maintain it, which is the purpose of the easement. Porter agreed.

Berger reported that Public Utilities met April 7th and he distributed the minutes.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Berger provided a third reading of a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation. Porter added that it is by emergency. Berger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **RES 2023-19**

Bell introduced a resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-24) for Road Salt and declaring an emergency. Bell made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Bell made a motion to adopt, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **RES 2023-20**

Berger introduced a resolution approving the participation forms for New National Opioid settlements reached with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, and Walgreens, authorizing the Mayor to execute each participation form on behalf of the Village, and declaring an emergency. Berger made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Galicki. Cavanagh asked how this was different from the legislation passed in the fall. The Solicitor explained that there are different participation forms with different companies and the different settlements. Porter further explained that some of the companies settled earlier, and these companies settled later. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Berger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **RES 2023-21**

Berger introduced an ordinance transferring funds from the Income Tax Fund in the sum of \$940,000 to the following funds: Culvert Fund \$28,000; Special Land and Building Fund \$1,087,000; Safety Fund decreasing \$100,000; and the Operating Fund decreasing \$75,000 and declaring an emergency. Berger made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Berger made a motion to adopt, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2023-22**

Cavanagh introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Village of South Russell with Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. for assistance in developing a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to the Village of South Russell for the restrooms at the Village Park and declaring an emergency. Cavanagh made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Canton. Roll call -ayes, all. Motion carried. Cavanagh made a motion to adopt, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2023-23**. The Mayor explained that this would be an attempt to get \$16,000 since Geauga Parks and Chardon are not applying and they typically get most of the money.

Galicki introduced an ordinance amending the Annual Appropriations as follows: decrease Street Maintenance expenses \$54,000; increase State Highway expenses \$190,000; increase Permissive Tax expenses \$121,000; decrease Road and Bridge fund expenses \$28,291; increase Special Land and Building expenses \$1,092,000; increase Manor Brook Fund expenses \$19,000; increase Culvert Project expenses \$126,054; and increase Income Tax Transfer expenses \$940,000. Berger made a motion to withdraw the amendment to the Annual Appropriations ordinance, seconded by Galicki. Roll call – ayes, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter, and Bell. Berger and Canton abstained.

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Galicki introduced an ordinance amending the Annual Appropriations increasing Manor Brook Fund expenses \$19,000.

Cavanagh introduced a resolution declaring the Village of South Russell's support for the activities commemorating and celebrating the Centennial of the Village of South Russell and declaring an emergency. Cavanagh made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Canton. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Cavanagh made a motion to adopt, seconded by Canton. Galicki noted that in the Mayor's report there were updated estimates of activities which amounted to about \$9,000. He asked if there were any written estimates. Obtaining some hard and fast figures for the costs of the activities was discussed at the last couple of Council meetings. This was the consensus of the Finance Committee, and Galicki recalled the Mayor agreed to have those figures at the next Council meeting. Had the Fiscal Officer or anyone seen anything in writing as to the costs? The Mayor said no. The estimated costs to be in the parade will be about \$1,000 for signs and possibly having to pay fees for some people to bring special cars. Galicki said the fees as he understood were \$750 per vehicle. If this were to be pushed through, he did not want to put Council or the Village in the position of approving activities which will then exceed the budget amount allocated for the Centennial event. Given this, he would feel more comfortable if there were estimates, which typically vendors will provide. Currently there are estimates with nothing backing them up. Galicki recommended adding language to the legislation to say that these activities do not to exceed the \$10,000 budgeted for the Centennial celebration. If it is discovered that it is more expensive, then the committee will have to prioritize and determine what to cut. Berger echoed Galicki's concern and agreed that a not to exceed number should be included. Cavanagh stated that \$10,000 was budgeted. Berger said that if this were part of the amended ordinance, he would be fine with that. Porter offered that Section 2 at the end should include that Council has to approve the expenses and will not approve anything that it does not see in writing. Specifically, he suggested a comma after "activities," and adding "where such costs will not exceed \$10,000."

Regarding the proposed pamphlet, Cavanagh explained that eventually the finished product will be put on the website and possibly printed so that there is a paper copy. It will be a booklet. There were booklets done for the 75th anniversary and most of those who responded are now deceased but were the grandsons of the pioneers. Excerpts from these will be included. Berger suggested another amendment to Section 1 to add "booklet" and "questionnaires" as a second bullet point.

The Fiscal Officer asked if the proposed Appreciation Luncheon for the park was included in the 100th Anniversary. The Mayor said no and to keep it separate. The Fiscal Officer further advised that this requires special permission.

The Mayor suggested that they just amend it so that it would be a booklet on the first 100 years of South Russell. Berger said he had no objection to this.

Bell said that at one time there was concern about businesses having signage on Village vehicles and asked how Council has moved past this. The Mayor asked his Mayor's group and they said that it is economic development. The Solicitor thought the point was that there were Village businesses that are donating their cars which they will drive and on which they will allow people to place advertisements, which are not Village cars. The Mayor said this was correct. The Fiscal Officer asked if the Village would be paying these fees. The Solicitor did not think so. The Mayor said no, that the Village does not have to pay because we are Grand Marshals. The Village will have to pay for its special signs and candy. Any other fees, like bringing in a 1920's car, will probably have a charge of \$50 to \$100 because it must be brought in on a trailer. The Fiscal Officer clarified that the Village will not have to pay for trucks with signs. The Mayor reiterated there was no charge. Galicki asked if the Jaycees had bought off on this. He could understand that the Grand Marshal would have one vehicle, but it is being opened to five to ten vehicles with signs. Galicki was skeptical that the Jaycees agreed to waive all the fees. He wondered if the Village had this in writing. The Mayor said the Village does not have to pay

anything. He was told you guys are in. The Mayor gave this person a diagram of what the Mayor planned to do at eight different spots and was told it was fine. The Mayor was told the Village would be going right after the Police and Fire. The Chief will be in the lead. The Solicitor asked how many trucks the Mayor had from businesses donating their cars. The Mayor said two. The Mayor showed a business sign that was 24"x24" that would be applied with double sided tape. The Mayor reiterated that he met with the Jaycees and told them what he wanted to do, and they were fine with it. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2023-25**

BILLS LIST: Galicki made a motion to ratify the bills list of March 15, 2023, in the amount of \$95,533.21 and the bills list of March 30, 2023, in the amount of \$178,390.18, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter, and Bell. Berger and Canton abstained.

NEW/OTHER: Galicki, Porter, and Canton had no new business.

Cavanagh thanked the Fiscal Officer and staff for their work with the 100th Anniversary. She could not emphasize how important the questionnaires are from the 75th Anniversary that were saved by Nancy Gallagher.


Bell said he was contacted by a resident who had taken his grandchild to the park playground. Between the parking lot and playground, there was a large amount of dog feces. Bell verified this and asked the Park Committee to think about helping to encourage people to clean up their dog waste. Canton verified that there were bags provided, and the Street Commissioner concurred.


Berger made a motion to approve a donation of \$100 to WomenSafe of Geauga County in honor of Robert and Mary Clare Porter, seconded by Galicki. Voice vote – ayes, Cavanagh, Galicki, Bell, Berger, and Canton. Porter abstained. Motion carried. On behalf of his parents, Porter thanked Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Canton made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for the purposes of discussing the possible purchase of property and conferring with the Solicitor regarding pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Sections 121.22(G)(2) and (3) of the Ohio Revised Code and to invite the Mayor, Fiscal Officer, Solicitor, and Police Chief, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, **Berger made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. seconded by Porter. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**


William G. Koons, Mayor


Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer