

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Berger

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Solicitor Matheney

The Mayor called the meeting to order and the Fiscal Officer took the roll.

The Mayor explained that the Wreaths Across America wreaths were delivered a couple of days ago. His advice was to give them to Chagrin Falls or the Village could use them. The Solicitor advised that the issue was about approving the expenditure for the Wreaths Across America wreaths. She asked if they were donated, and the Mayor said no. Canton thought the Village elected not to get the wreaths from Wreaths Across the America. The Fiscal Officer clarified that at the December 9, 2024, Council meeting, it was decided that the Village would not get them, but then they arrived the following day. There was a question of who ordered them, and the Fiscal Officer and Solicitor said they did not know. The Mayor thought it was a repeat of what the Village had received last year but were not ordered by anybody. The Fiscal Officer asked if the Mayor knew how much they would cost, and the Mayor said no and asked what the Village paid last year. The Fiscal Officer explained that the first year was gratis and the Village did not pay anything. Canton concluded that since the Village had gotten the wreaths from them before and did not cancel the order, they must have been automatically sent. The Solicitor stated the Village had a one-year agreement. Cavanagh suggested putting one wreath outside of each cemetery and then donating the rest. The Fiscal Officer pointed out that Council agreed to put wreaths on the graves, so the Street Commissioner spoke to Lowe's Greenhouse which agreed to give the Village 18 wreaths at a discount. However, the Wreaths Across America wreaths showed up, and although the Village is not committed to purchasing the Lowe's Greenhouse wreaths, it would not be right to leave them hanging. Furthermore, the Village did not know what the cost of the Wreaths Across America wreaths would be.

Galicki asked why the Village could not just use the Wreaths Across America wreaths for the Village's cemeteries instead of donating them. The Mayor said they could. Galicki advised however, that he did not know what the agreement and expectations were with the Wreaths Across America program. The Solicitor asked how many wreaths were delivered, and the Fiscal Officer replied that the boxes had not been opened. The Mayor suspected there were 18 since that was what was delivered the previous year for the 17 veterans in the Village's cemeteries. The Solicitor concluded that this really was supplanting the amount that Council just approved at the December 9th meeting. **Cavanagh made a motion to hold the \$400 that was appropriated on the possibility that the Village receives a bill from Wreaths Across America and to use the Wreaths Across America wreaths on Saturday, December 14th rather than donating them to Chagrin Falls, seconded by Porter.** There was discussion about who would place the wreaths on the grave at 11:30 on December 14th. **Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**


ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Galicki provided a third reading of an ordinance amending appropriations increasing Income Tax Transfers \$108,682.41 and declaring an emergency. Galicki made a motion to adopt, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, Porter, Bell, Cavanagh, and Galicki. Canton abstained. **ORD 2024-103.**

Galicki provided a third reading of an ordinance advance returning \$160,000 from the Manor Brook fund to the Income Tax Fund and declaring an emergency. Galicki made a motion to adopt, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, Porter, Bell, Cavanagh, and Galicki. Canton abstained. **ORD 2024-104**

Galicki provided a third reading of an ordinance transferring up to \$108,682.41 from the Income Tax Fund to the Manor Brook Fund and declaring an emergency. Galicki made a motion to adopt, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, Porter, Bell, Cavanagh, and Galicki. Canton abstained. **ORD 2024-105**

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, Bell made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 a.m., seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.



William G. Koons, Mayor



Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

Prepared by Leslie Galicki