

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Porter

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Police Chief Rizzo, Street Commissioner Young, Solicitor Matheney

VISITORS: Jeff Greenlief, Chillicothe Rd.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer read the roll. Porter was absent. **Bell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025, Regular Council meeting, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

VISITORS: Jeff Greenlief, 5249 Chillicothe Rd. stated he has attended meetings and spoken to Council members over the past three years regarding the easement and giant ditch next to his property. In February 2022, there was a meeting with a large group of people. There was contentious discussion about the work dealing with storm water there as well as in neighboring subdivisions. At that time, Greenlief's position was that they would figure it out because he had discussed alternatives with the Mayor and Engineer about how to stay within budget but also meet the environmental and regulatory standards that the Village needed in order to get the project accomplished. Greenlief said he sat in the meeting and endorsed the project. The meeting minutes reflect that Council offered to put screening up upon completion of the project, which did not happen immediately. He continued to say that the Mayor let him know that the Engineer said they should wait for two years for the ground to become stable. It has been three years, and he understood that some of Council may be balking at the commitment that they all previously discussed. He wanted to find out what Council's feelings were and if something had changed. Several weeks ago, he provided a proposal of putting in some low-cost Norwegian Spruces that will take a few years to grow. He will not recover in his lifetime what was taken away, but three years later he wanted a win-win with this.

Bell asked how much the Norwegian Spruces cost. Greenlief explained that he sent information about fast growing trees to the Mayor's Gmail. He thought the total cost was between \$3,000 and \$4,000 for six trees. He also offered that he and his neighbor, who is also affected, will put stakes where they want them planted and Village employees can evaluate and/or change the location. He saw it as a collaborative effort. Greenlief further explained that the Mayor suggested he draw up plans. Greenlief did not have access to this sort of software but was looking to get something in the ground this coming fall. He acknowledged that the Village would have the upfront costs for the trees and planting. Bell shared that he had been vocal previously about adding more trees to that area for both Kensington Green residents and Greenlief's property. The Village has cut down so many trees in South Russell for storm water projects, and he has a concern that they are not being replaced.

Galicki said he would have to review the Council meeting minutes of three years ago. However, he offered that Porter, who was not present at the current meeting, had informed Council at the previous meeting that he reviewed the minutes and found no tacit agreement for planting the trees. Perhaps there was some informal discussion about adding some screening in the future, but there appeared to

be no agreement made by the Village that it was definitely going to do this. Secondly, he noticed in the preliminary drawings Greenlief provided to the Village, that all the proposed trees are on his private property and are not screening on public property. Galicki took exception with expending public funds on private property. If there was to be screening, he would want to see it on public property. Third, although it was said that the Village did not replace any of the trees it removed, he advised that most of the vegetation removed for this project was scrub growth. He acknowledged that it changed what Greenlief was looking at from his residence, but Greenlief, not being the owner of the adjacent property, could have been subjected to a Dollar General store being built there. Then he would have no decision whatsoever. Fourthly, Galicki reminded Greenlief that at his request, the Village already expended in excess of \$40,000 to change the design of the Central Retention Basin to accommodate his personal desires. In addition to entertaining this request for trees, Galicki noted that Greenlief also requested that the lighting on the Cemetery be modified, etc. and asked Greenlief when would it end? It is public property and not Greenlief's property. Furthermore, part of Greenlief's garden is on Village property, but the Village had not raised this issue with him. He summarized that currently, Greenlief is using Village property for a garden and is asking that the Village put trees on his private property, and Galicki wanted to know how much of the taxpayers' money would Council agree to expend to satisfy one resident? He did not think Greenlief's view was onerous. It consists of an open rolling field and a view of Village Hall, which he did not think was a bad view. Fundamentally, all residents have the opportunity to install screening of their own purchase. He was trying to figure out where Greenlief was coming from on this request.

Greenlief addressed the statement that there was no tacit agreement and said that meeting minutes reflected what was discussed. The Village never asked him to sign anything and described it as a gentleman's agreement. Regarding public versus private, he said he did not ask for the Village to put its trees on his private property and did not know where Galicki got this information. Galicki said he got it from Greenlief's submission to one of the committees. Greenlief said this was a misunderstanding. He wanted the Village to buy screen trees at a reasonable cost and put it on Village property, which would benefit the overall Village. Regarding "reasonable cost," Galicki asked Greenlief what this would be per tree. Before answering this, Greenlief questioned Galicki's claim that changes to the Central Retention Basin cost the Village \$40,000. The Engineer gave Greenlief an estimate of \$20,000. Galicki said this was incorrect. Greenlief said the total cost could have been over \$40,000, but the changes he requested were \$20,000. Galicki reiterated that to modify the design of the retention basin to suit Greenlief's needs or requests cost the Village \$40,000. Greenlief said this was the first time he had heard this. Cavanagh clarified that the Village changed where the retention basin would go. The Mayor added that an adjustment was made to the original design. Greenlief said that it pushed further into the hillside than what was planned to create a little bit more easement from his property line to where they have no coverage. Greenlief offered that his wife's garden would be removed if the Village wanted, and they did not know it was on Village property when they installed it. He explained that he did not want friction with the Village and just wanted Council to do as it said. Galicki said he is not asking that Greenlief do anything immediately, but thought Greenlief's contention that he did not know it was Village property until tonight was not necessarily true. The issue with the garden was raised years ago. Galicki summarized that Greenlief is using Village property, and the Village modified a design resulting in \$40,000 additional charges to the taxpayers to accommodate Greenlief's requests. Yet the requests continue.

Greenlief raised the issue of how long he had lived in the Village, and Galicki said this was not his concern. His concern was the proper expenditure of government taxpayer funds. Greenlief said this was the last issue and said he never asked for anything, although he did ask for a ditch that would pass between Kensington Green and his property. He was told by the Mayor and committee that the Village

did not expend money on private property, which he respected. Greenlief referenced the minutes and said that this was the last piece that was discussed at that meeting and he would like to get the screening trees at the cost he proposed. He did not know what else Galicki thought he might ask for. Galicki returned to his question of what cost Greenlief thought was reasonable for the trees. Greenlief answered \$3,000 to \$4,000 plus the cost to put them in the ground and reiterated that he was making the request because of what was discussed three years ago when the Village removed 95% of the coverage. He added that the coverage was the reason he bought his house and said that the removal of the coverage effected the number of buyers who might want to purchase his house in the future. There is now a clear view of the shopping plaza and the traffic on the road. Furthermore, when the vegetation was initially removed, people were coming up his driveway thinking it was a cut through to Kensington Green. He put up cameras because a couple of men came by who disturbed his wife. The view and traffic patterns did not change for Kensington Green as it did for his neighbor and for him during the winter. There is no issue in the summertime. Galicki shared that this is similar to the people in Kensington Green who were faced with the building of the Lantern property. The residents had a pastoral setting and now have light intrusion, buildings, and generator noises, but there was no expectation that the Lantern would do anything to improve these residents' views. When this project was addressed by Council, Galicki was told by a former Council member that when Galicki bought his house, he should have known that the Lantern property was zoned potentially for old age homes and should have purchased a home elsewhere. He offered this example to illustrate that sometimes there is no expectation and if he wanted screening, he would have to plant trees himself.

Bell asked for the date of the Council minutes to which Greenlief referred, and the Mayor said it was March 1, 2022. Cavanagh said her property is on Paw Paw Lake Rd. and Bell Rd. and she gets to see the road at all times. She has spent \$1,000 trying to put trees in but has not been successful and understands that it is annoying. Cavanagh advised that nobody wants clear cut, and everyone loves trees. She cautioned that Greenlief may be putting up his own trees. Greenlief said they all talked about it that night. He has spent his own money to put up five or six maple trees last year and had planted evergreens as well. Greenlief was counting on Council doing what had been discussed. Greenlief asked the Mayor if he had the attachment, and the Mayor said he had it at home.

The Mayor recalled that at the meeting in question, there were two different issues discussed. One was the corner of Manor Brook Dr. and Chillicothe Rd., and the other one was the Central Retention Basin. He thought the basin would be lined with arborvitaes, but the decision was that landscaping was not recommended. However, the Village took out a hill on Manor Brook and planted 14 arborvitaes. The Mayor said Greenlief would get an invitation to the next Public Utilities Committee meeting in March to discuss the issue and then Council would discuss it on March 24th. Spring is coming and it is time to get the issue resolved. Canton did not have a date for the next meeting, but offered it would happen on a Friday at 3:15 p.m.

Greenlief was offered the opportunity to leave the meeting by the Mayor, but Greenlief advised he would stay and observe the remainder of the meeting to hear the perspectives of his Village government. Galicki hoped that Greenlief did not take away negativity from the questions asked. It appeared that Greenlief had some idea that there had been recent discussion by Council about this issue. In full transparency, those were the issues that were discussed, so he knows where Council is coming from on its deliberations with respect to any expenditure of funds to screen Greenlief's property. It would be easy for Galicki to keep his mouth shut, but he wanted Greenlief to know where Council was coming from. Greenlief appreciated the direct dialogue and offered that they do not always see things the same way and in this case, Galicki made a few points which he viewed differently. He suggested referring back to the minutes. Galicki agreed and said one of the issues was

the amount of money it cost to modify the design, but it was twice what Greenlief thought it was. Greenlief verified that the \$40,000 did not also incorporate Manor Brook and the removal of the hill. Galicki said it was solely from the redesign of the Central Retention Basin. Greenlief admitted this was a new number for him.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor explained that First Due software is used by Fire Prevention Officers and suggested Council go online and see how it is done. It costs \$3,000 for a subscription and Chagrin Valley Fire Department (CVFD) has offered it to the Village for free. He did not know if there was an agreement yet or something the Village would need to sign. The Mayor relayed that the software would help firefighters on situations and since CVFD is giving it to the Village for free, it is a very good thing. He will have the Fire Prevention Officer explain it further to Council.

The Mayor addressed the burn in the park and said that there was a proposed agreement with the Geauga County Park system. It is a simple waiver agreement that he gave to the Properties Committee and asked if they had any issue with it. Berger was not aware that the committee had received it. The Mayor said the issue is whether the Village wants to sign the waiver on the burn, and he would recommend that it should not until the Village had a legal opinion. The Solicitor cannot give Council a legal opinion because she represents the Geauga Parks District. Cavanagh thought there was a waiver the Village can sign, and the Solicitor advised that both the Village and Park District would have to sign it. Berger asked the Mayor if the Park Committee had a voice in the burn, and Cavanagh and the Mayor said yes. Before signing an agreement to do the burn, Berger thought there should be a Park Committee meeting during which details of the burn should be discussed and their recommendation forwarded to Council. The Mayor explained that there was a meeting a year ago where this was done. Berger advised that the waiver of conflict was needed, and the Solicitor said she would see what she could do. Berger asked about a proposed date, and the Mayor said that the Village would get two or three days' notice. Berger clarified that it would happen in spring, and the Mayor agreed. Cavanagh reiterated that the burn was wind dependent, and the Village would receive very little notice. Galicki asked if there was discussion needed with CVFD. The Mayor said the Park District takes care of this. The Mayor said that the Village has to expand the trails, and the Street Commissioner said he already received this request and would do it as soon as possible. Cavanagh asked for clarification, and the Street Commissioner explained that the Park District has asked the Village to double the width of the loop around the perimeter, and to cut back the trees with low hanging branches as prevention. He described the burn as being a smoldering flicker across the ground. Cavanagh verified the Mayor had attended a burn, and he said he attended the one in the Burton wetlands. He added that Matt Valencic, Greg Gamm, and Greg Studen attended it as well and were supportive. Bell asked about communication with nearby residents about the burn, and the Mayor said the Park District has flyers that they will distribute. The Fiscal Officer offered that the Village could also send a text message to residents. Bell wanted to get ahead of the burn in case there were questions. The Fiscal Officer had received calls from residents about the burn. They wanted to know when and more information before it happened, so they were home when it occurred. Bell suggested putting a video of a burn on the website. The Street Commissioner relayed his experience of observing burns and said it was uneventful and not apparent there was a burn being conducted. Bell wanted residents to have the opportunity to have a visual to look at to make them feel more comfortable. Cavanagh added that the burn occurs in spring before the bluebirds come. The Mayor explained that the reason the East Washington St. side of the park was selected was because there is only one house nearby. The Mayor added that the smoke can be significant. Berger reiterated that the more notice the Village can provide to the residents the better. The Chief added that he would like to be able to have a full staff of officers on duty that day as well.

The Mayor met with an Eagle Scout candidate from West Geauga who is considering building an observation platform at the top of the hill in the park. The Mayor told him that he would have to provide something in writing and he would have to go before the Park Committee. The Mayor said it would not be tall and more like a raised platform. Galicki asked if a structure like this is required to be ADA compliant since it will be in a public park. The Solicitor said she was not sure and noted that the playground is also in a public park. The Fiscal Officer explained that the playground is on Village property and the proposed structure is on the conservation easement property. The Solicitor would investigate the matter.

The Mayor reported attending another meeting for the America-250 celebration. He also advised that he would be out of the country from February 26th through March 8th but can be texted. The Mayor acknowledged the part-time and full-time administrative assistants in covering the Building Department and board meetings. Furthermore, he noted the Police Chief had assisted with snow plowing and noted the tremendous amount of work done by members of the Service Department. The Mayor appreciated the people who stepped up and helped out showing team spirit.

FISCAL OFFICER: The Fiscal Officer distributed her report. She finished the annual financial reports and submitted them to the state today.

The Mayor observed there was another record tax collection this month. The Fiscal Officer was cautiously optimistic but advised more and more people are going back to work.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Canton made a motion to acknowledge receipt and review of the February 24, 2025, Credit Card Report, seconded by Berger. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Canton reported that the Finance Committee met on February 21st and the minutes were distributed. Berger referenced previous discussion about a request from State Representative Demetriou 's office for the Village to submit a list of projects for available state funds. The Property Committee discussed asking for money to upgrade or expand the parking lot at the park. The first step would be to address drainage options under the parking lot to prevent flooding. Canton asked if the Mayor was told how much money was available, and the Mayor said no. Berger wondered if this was an appropriate project to add to the list. The Mayor said the Western Reserve Land Conservancy would not allow expanding the parking lot. Galicki thought the issue the committee was discussing was the installation of French drains to help drainage on the existing lot. The Mayor thought this was a great idea. Berger did not know how much this would cost, but thought they could add it to the list. Galicki asked if Demetriou clarified whether the funding was restricted to certain types of projects. Cavanagh thought it was wide open. The Mayor added that it was Demetriou 's people asking if there was something the Village would need that it would like to see Demetriou include in the budget because he had a certain amount of funds that he can dole out. Berger suggested putting \$25,000 down for drainage.

Canton asked how the proposed drainage would affect the restroom area. Berger said the committee discussed this and the Street Commissioner did not think this would be an issue. Instead of having the water running east towards the restroom, it could be diverted which would be a benefit to the restroom project. The Mayor said he would add this to the list.

The next meeting will be Friday, March 21st at 3:15 p.m. in Village Hall.

Canton noted that it was Council 's job to represent its constituents who want services. He asked if it was fiscally feasible to collect leaves in the fall. The Street Commissioner said it is possible, but it

becomes a layered problem. It is necessary to outfit equipment, which is expensive. Manpower becomes an issue as does the dumpsite. It would be very expensive in a community like this. Galicki offered that instead of modifying the Village's equipment, perhaps the Village could consider companies that provide the vacuum services. The Street Commissioner said the Village could contact landscaping companies but had concerns about their reliability, which could result in leaves still being on the ground when snow started to fall. He reiterated that it is touchy with manpower for a department the size of the Village's. It could require a temporary large workforce for portions of the year. Once snowplowing has ended for the season, Berger asked that a subcontractor be contacted for a rough estimate. The quote may help decide the Village's interest level in pursuing it.

The Street Commissioner advised that with the leaf pickup system he knew, the city was running three guys per crew with four crews and started in August. Galicki noted that the Street Commissioner was talking about the city doing it, and Council was discussing a contractor. The Street Commissioner continued that the city was not as densely forested an area and were averaging 100 yards a day per crew.

The Mayor explained that he pays \$250 to have the service come by twice. At 1,400 homes, that would be \$350,000. Some people do not have leaves and might object to the Village paying to pick up leaves for other people. The Village plows and sweeps the roads and provides police. Canton understood this, but countered the question by asking why couples with no children should pay school tax? Berger said that at \$300,000, it is a non-starter. If Council had a number, it could potentially dispose of this issue fairly quickly. Canton asked the Street Commissioner to find a number for Council. The Street Commissioner asked if his inquiry should just be for leaf services or other services too. Council expressed just wanting numbers for leaf pickup.

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor had nothing to report.

STREET COMMITTEE: Cavanagh stated that the Street Committee met that day. The Village will not be paving Bell Rd. East in 2025. Galicki added that it seemed that Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) pushed the project for another year. Cavanagh said there were other streets the Village would consider paving because of other money. The Street Commissioner said that according to the Engineer's five-year plan list, there is the Bellwood area and a few other streets. Cavanagh added that the committee discussed Trash Day and who provides help to the Village. Storm sewer outlet inspections were also discussed.

The Street Commissioner stated that from February 14th to February 24th, there were 41 hours of overtime with the storms on top of the normal workday schedules with minimal staff. He thought they needed to bring in more staff because they have an employee who is out hurt and could potentially be out for three months. As these guys are getting towards the ends of their careers, they are looking at ten years, roughly, of life left here. He thought the department needed to build a knowledge base that they have into somebody else moving them up and having them grow into the positions. Everyone is getting more and more vacation time and time off, so it is becoming more of a problem area. One employee has five weeks, another has three weeks, and another two weeks and also comp time built up. It is all compiling so that on Trash Day they are down to two employees, which consists of him and one other employee. He will have to reach out to the other communities that normally help to ask for more help. The Street Commissioner thought that this is where the Village needs to start looking because this is going to become more of a common occurrence. Cavanagh explained that the committee spent a lot of time talking about whether they wanted a part-time person, half-time person, or an hourly person who could be called in at the last minute, which the Street Commissioner was

doubtful the Village could find. The Street Commissioner said that to find someone who is on call depending on the weather is unrealistic in this climate of work. The Village would have to make it very lucrative to attract someone. The Street Commissioner proposed bringing someone in part-time and then rolling them into the full-time position and building a department for the future. Cavanagh added that the committee wanted to talk to HR Committee as well. Galicki said that the Mayor proposed the committee introduce the subject today, give HR the opportunity to meet and discuss what form the position will take, job descriptions, financial feasibility, etc., and potentially address it at the next Council meeting. Bell said it would be added to the next HR Committee agenda.

Regarding the postponement of the Bell Rd. east paving, Bell asked if official notification had been received from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Galicki said that the committee just heard second hand, and it was hard to clarify without having the Engineer present. He did not know whether the Street Commissioner, the Mayor, or the Engineer received official notification because it came up as a surprise to the committee. Given the postponement, Bell proposed that the Village consider filling the culvert pipe on Bell because it is driving people crazy. Galicki advised that there were a lot of issues that needed to be discussed with this situation, and he could reach out to the Engineer. Bell also wondered how this would affect the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA) funding. The Mayor stated that last week, there was a meeting with the Engineer, NOACA, and the Mayor and they said they wanted to let the Village know that ODOT was not going forward this year, which is when he found out. Bell asked if this was related to Department of Transportation funding, and the Mayor said he talked to the Engineer again today who relayed that the person he is talking to made the decision and he does not know why. He stated further that the Village already has Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding going to this, so the Engineer will have to push it back a year, although he does not think it will be a problem. However, in planning ahead, the Engineer also wants to get OPWC funding for Hazelwood. As to why the project got bumped, the Mayor did not know and said it had never happened before. The Village thought they had all their ducks in line. Galicki clarified that the NOACA representative did not provide any justification. The Mayor said he was told that ODOT had not put the Village's project down for 2025. The representative was also concerned about the impact of the funding delay.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Cavanagh advised that she will be setting up a committee meeting.

POLICE CHIEF: The Chief reported that he is nearing completion with the Reserve Study as it relates to the Police Department building and equipment and will have the update by next week.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Bell reported that the minutes from the February 13th meeting were submitted. Galicki has offered to speak to the CVFD to see if the Village can get negotiations started earlier for the contract that expires at the end of this year. Galicki advised that 2026 is the contract renewal and the committee is trying to provide a little impetus for CVFD to provide the Village a proposal. The rumor is that prices are going to go up, which is not surprising. If the Village can get a number earlier rather than at the last minute, it will help with planning. Bell stated that the next meeting is scheduled on March 13th at 8:00 a.m. in the Police Department.

HR COMMITTEE: Bell advised that the March 11th HR Committee meeting will be rescheduled. The committee is exploring avenues for employee HR training and have concluded that it would initially be in-person training that would transition to prerecorded or online staff training with a new topic presented every six months.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: Berger stated that the committee met in February. He asked the Street Commissioner if there was a date for the delivery of the restroom. The Street Commissioner

said it would be March 26th for completion of build. CXT contacted him and wanted to look at placement. He sent the representative the aerial picture of the park with a rough drawing of the approximate location, which will be at the end of the parking lot. The representative was thinking about April 6th as a delivery date. Galicki asked whether there was a site plan, and if the Street Commissioner obtained this information from the Engineer. The Street Commissioner responded that the question would be what Galicki's definition of a site plan was. Galicki said a site plan would be a drawing with elevations, and information about whether there is a need to improve the location in terms of elevation. His concern is that the location is established and prepared before April 6th. There is a lot of preliminary work that will have to go into it preparing the cavity for the building. The Street Commissioner said he talked to the Engineer about this, and nothing was designed up until the point that he called the Engineer and asked this question. He supplied the Street Commissioner with a topographical map of the park, and he has done some math to come up with the elevations that will be needed to properly shed the water. Galicki asked the Street Commissioner if this is something he has taken on himself, or would the Engineer be involved. The Street Commissioner said that the Engineer sent over the map and told him to do what he wants. Cavanagh clarified that this would have been part of when they went before the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and the Building Committee. The Fiscal Officer and Solicitor thought it should have been. The Mayor advised that the decision was to put it where the porta potties are and it has all been approved by ARB. The Street Commissioner acknowledged that the location had been approved, but the topography or elevations were outstanding because no one knew the elevations truly or the necessary sizes. CXT provided the elevations for the depth of the hole that needs to be set at ground level and how far below the ground level. He took that a step further and looked at the topography of the park and how it fell across the park from an aerial view supplied by the Engineer. There are roughly between 18-feet and 20-feet of fall from the far end of the park to where the restroom is holding that up. Seeing the watershed that is down there currently, and the way the water runs across the parking lot led him to the conclusion they need to hold it up out of the ground, and the representative concurred with whatever the Street Commissioner needed to do. Cavanagh asked if it would be ADA compliant if there were going to be steps. The Street Commissioner said there will be no steps because they will hold it up out of the ground with the spoils taken from the hole and any extra material on hand to grade back around the parking lot, which will be raised up and graded to make sure that all the water flows correctly. He continued that this committee discussion led to the conversation about available money for the French drain and storm system to control the water not only at the restroom area but further up where it floods. All of this will be handled at the same time. The Mayor asked that the Street Commissioner have four sticks in the ground with yellow caution tape by March 10th. He asked how long the concrete frame was that would need to be installed. The Street Commissioner said that the Village only has to make a hole, which will be roughly 16 by 20 with 8-inches of compacted stone. CXT then bolts it together and theoretically when they leave, someone could go use the restroom. Cavanagh said she is going to claim the first use. The Mayor said that Canton has to do it first.

The Mayor asked for clarification about installing ventilation. The Street Commissioner spoke to Moreland Hills, which had an odor issue with its facility. Additional fans were added, but he believed these were included in the model selected by the Village. Canton asked if the Service Department will be available in case there is an issue with the hole, and the Street Commissioner assured that the Service Department will be there throughout the process. Canton concluded that tentatively the ribbon cutting and champagne christening will be on April 6th.

Berger asked to revisit the original question. He verified that there was not a drawing that places the facility in an exact location so that when the Street Commissioner places the four stakes and the yellow tape, it is incumbent upon all the Council members to take a drive by to confirm this is where it should

go. Otherwise, it will go there and not be moved after it is in place. He reiterated his question about the existence of an exact drawing. The Street Commissioner said his understanding was that past information was used to determine the location. Berger wanted to make sure Council did not have an issue with the location after it is complete. Galicki offered that prior to the Properties Committee meeting, all they knew was that it will be right by the parking lot. The Mayor said it will be south of two arborvitae trees.

PARKS COMMITTEE: Cavanagh reported that she is trying to set up a meeting. Galicki advised that there was discussion during the Properties Committee meeting that two Council members in addition to the Council representative wanted to remain on the Parks Committee and asked if there is an issue with this. The Solicitor said that they cannot remain on the committee. Berger clarified that they could attend the meeting. The Solicitor clarified that they are not members of the Committee. Berger verified that with three Council members, it would not be a Council meeting. Galicki offered that no other Council members would be able to attend without it being a Council meeting.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Canton had nothing to report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Canton introduced an ordinance approving the cost-share agreement between Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. and the Village of South Russell regarding the HYFI Water Level Sensor Cost-share Network for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, ratifying the Mayor’s execution of the agreement on January 22, 2025, and declaring an emergency. Canton made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Canton made a motion to adopt, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2025-19**

BILLS LIST: Canton made a motion to ratify the bills lists of February 14, 2025, in the amount of \$124,531.71, seconded by Berger. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

NEW/OTHER: Cavanagh, Galicki, Bell, and Berger had no new business.

Canton advised that the Treasury Investment Board (TIB) scheduled for February 10th was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Canton made a motion to excuse Council member Berger from the March 10th Council meeting, seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, Canton made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.



William G. Koons, Mayor



Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

Prepared by Leslie Galicki