

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON May 19, 2014.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Jim Carbone, Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Kenneth M. Dooner, J. Scott Maloney, Matt Schonhut, and Duke Southworth. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Anthony J. Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resources Director Steve Kilo, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Fire Chief Jeff Branic and Police Chief James D. Kobak.

Also present were Assistant Service Director Mike Gallagher and Design Engineer Lori Daley.

Council President Daymut called the caucus to order at 7:33 p.m.

The following Council Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Finance Committee: Chairman Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2014-099, making appropriations for annual expenses. Resolution 2014-100, adopting alternative tax budget information for the City of Strongsville for fiscal year 2015, was placed on first reading.

Planning, Zoning and Engineering: Chairman Maloney reported that Ordinance 2014-101 is a contract for sale and purchase of various real property interests located at 10901-10929 Prospect Road. This is in connection with the Albion and Prospect Roads Intersection Improvements Project. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt. Resolution 2014-102, confirming Planning Commission approval of the final site plan for the addition and concrete slab in connection with an existing telecommunications tower on city property located at 18778 Royalton Road, was placed on first reading because as of yet we have not received all the required documentation.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance Nos. 2014-103 through 2014-107. Ordinance Nos. 2014-103 through 2014-105 are for purchases of vehicles to be used by the police department. Ordinance 2014-106 is the purchase of specialty items and accessories necessary to properly outfit the new vehicles. This ordinance requires all seven votes for approval. Ordinance 2014-107 is for the purchase of fifty-nine sets of turnout gear to be used by the fire department. Fire Chief Branic stated it has been seven years since we last purchased these.

Communication and Technology Committee: Chairman Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2014-109, contract for the lease of one copier including accessories to be used by the public safety dispatch center. The cost is \$96/month, not to exceed \$1,152 annually.

Building and Utilities: Chairman Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2014-109, an independent contract agreement with John B. Kornick for professional architectural services in connection with the building code. Mr. Biondillo stated he brought this person on to help with the high school and the middle school projects. The contract is not to exceed \$120/hour.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance 2014-110, an ordinance authorizing the sale by internet auction of obsolete property no longer needed for any municipal purposes. Resolution 2014-111 authorizes the Mayor to request proposals for consulting services in regards to the operation, maintenance, and

management of the city's wastewater facilities. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt. Mayor Perciak stated this is a major undertaking by Engineering and Service. He stated we have been dealing with the same company for approximately fifteen years. This pertains to the part of the city where we control the sewer plants and we have to make certain we have the right people in there to do the job. The Mayor cited last Monday's rain storm and stated that the plant facilities did not fail. Resolutions 2014-112 through 2014-114 pertain to the transfer of certain certificates for burial rights. The recommendation was suspension and adoption. Mr. Carbone also noted the three motions in his committee tonight to designate owner's wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery.

Economic Development Committee: Chairman Daymut stated had no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda. The committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27th.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Daymut went briefly over the agenda and noted the recognition ceremony of the safety forces. He stated the council appreciates everything they do.

Mr. Kraus commented in regards to the 1.5 mil renewal levy that was on the May ballot. In respect to the Board of Elections, the levy will be certified on May 22nd. If the margin is less than ½ of 1 percent, it will be an automatic recount. Mr. Kraus also noted that in regards to the sewer district case, the district has filed their briefs and we will be working with co-council to file our briefs.

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CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Daymut called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Matt Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Michael J. Daymut, Kenneth M. Dooner, J. Scott Maloney, and Jim Carbone. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joseph M. Walker, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Anthony J. Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan V. Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Fire Chief Jeff Branich and Police Chief James D. Kobak.

Also present from the Administration were Assistant Service Director Mike Gallagher and Design Engineer Lori Daley.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 5, 2014 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Presentation of the Strongsville Fire Department recognition awards:

Chief Branich presented the following Fire Department awards:

- Excellence in EMS Trauma Care Award by MetroHealth Medical Center:
 - Lt. David Haffner
 - FF. Jack Petrick
 - FF. Joe Agresta
 - FF. Steve Siudowski

- Mission of Lifeline Award, Silver Certificate, from the American Heart Association nominated by Southwest General Hospital:
 - Entire Strongsville Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Presentation of the 2013 Strongsville Police and Fire Department recognition awards:

Police Chief Jim Kobak and Deputy Chief Anthony Zacharyasz presented the following Police Department Awards, the recipients of which were chosen by a committee of their peers. A Presidential Award was given to our VIP (Volunteer in Police) Officer. Two citizen awards were given in recognition of their handling of a situation pertaining to a small child in need:

- Rand Lennox – Presidential Volunteer Award
- Deputy Chief Mark Fender – Quality Service Award
- Sgt. Lee Colegrove – Quality Service Award
- Corrections Officer Ramon Perez Jr. – Quality Service Award
- Ptl. Ryan Damore – Professionalism Award
- Ptl. Douglas Stroud – Compassion Award
- Ptl. Shamus Kelley – Blue Collar Award
- Ptl. Curtiss Fields – Blue Collar Award
- Sgt. Ronald Nettles – Prosecutor Award
- Srinivasan Seshardri – Citizen Award
- Archana Narasimhan – Citizen Award

Presentation by the Strongsville St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus:

At this time, the Strongsville St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus presented the following awards:

- 2014 Strongsville Firefighter of the Year: John Douglas
- 2014 Strongsville Police Officer of the Year: Two Patrol Officers

Representatives from the Knights of Columbus also recognized Marie McManus for her outstanding work with the DARE program and the Safety Town program.

*****Council President Mike Daymut read a statement on behalf of Council pertaining to the rainstorm and those affected by flooding. A copy of the statement is attached to the back of these minutes*****

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone. First of all, I am so grateful that last Monday night I was here in our dispatch center with our police officers and speaking to our command, our chiefs, because we were fearful of this tornado that was coming down Route 82 (Royalton Rd.); which we were referring to last Monday night at this time as Tornado Alley. Thank God that there was not a tornado and it was just water. However, that “just water” has created a lot of issues. At 8:30p.m. last Monday evening, as the tornado alarm was lifted, I was already on the phone with our Service Director trying to get as many of our Service Department employees in to assist us with road closings because of the flooding, and already to assist us with the number of calls of resident’s coming into our Service Center. I’m pleased to announce that our men and our women of our Service Department responded. By 10:30p.m. some of our men, and a few of them are here tonight, did respond and were in people’s homes trying to help them. The problem we had was a flood. The problem we had was almost four inches of water in forty minutes. There isn’t in my many, many years of working with developers and builders and the development of residential subdivisions, commercial subdivisions-there isn’t an engineering program known to man that could have managed the amount of water that came down in this city in a forty minute period. I just want everyone to understand that four inches of water in forty minutes...we could have had the best engineers here from any department of the United States Government and they could not have written an engineering program better than what we have here tonight. I just also would like to add on what the Council President said; we have spent in the last ten years eighty-four million dollars on infrastructure improvements, whether they be roads or whether they be storm sewers or sanitary sewers. Of the eighty-four million dollars, of course most of you know, forty-five million dollars came from grants. Before we can move forward with any future work here in the city, as the Council President alluded to, there has to be a storm water improvement master plan. To the councilmen that are up here that have served with me for many, many years, this plan has been discussed many, many times before. What this plan basically is, is a storm water utility plan. What the plan will eventually come down and tell us is to yes, where we need to improve our storm sewers; but it will also give us some guidelines for a grid as to how each home, each business, each church, each school in this town will have to bear a burden of that cost. Now, in the past when we’ve discussed this, all of us here, at that time it was just Councilman DeMio and Councilman Daymut, myself, and of course the Law Director. We determined at that time that we would take the grant route and do all we could with grant dollars and do as much as we could with the income tax dollars that we were able to raise through all of our economic development growth here in this community. But last Monday, it casted a completely different shadow on things as to what we could do with grant dollars and what we could do with income tax dollars. I want to assure you that our staff in the Service Department did everything humanly possible to help and assist any resident that was in need. I signed an emergency order on Friday morning at 11:10a.m. along with our Service Director and our Law Director so that we could make the necessary applications for any grant dollars offered by FEMA or any other governmental agency. At 3:00p.m. last Friday afternoon I was on a conference call with the Governor’s Office and several of his staff members looking for assistance for our community. As most of you know when you deal with government at different levels, you’re not going to get the quick response as you would from your local government. This is going to be a lengthy process but what I want you to know is that we have and we are reacting. In the meantime, I made certain that City Hall was open on Saturday for anybody who wanted to call in. I also made certain that all our employees stepped up to the plate, and they worked evenings, they worked all day Saturday, they worked all day Sunday. Now, when you were watching all the news clips throughout Channel 3, 5, 8, 19, and you saw the devastation in other communities on the curbs; our community we had our fair share, but our men from our Service Department made sure that they went out there and picked this up so that our community could stand tall. We know the issues we had, but we didn’t allow that to deter where we were going with this community.

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) - The entire...my entire executive team, we went out into the field. We made certain that whether I was riding on the vector truck or with the Engineer or the Assistant Engineer, and all of our sewer people with some of our council people-we were out there trying to immediately assess the needs of that individual resident or that individual incident in a certain area. We have this documented. We are going to take this documentation and submit it to the proper authorities. I cannot, because I am not the deciding authority, tell you as to what FEMA will do or what the State of Ohio will do; but I can assure you that we did not miss a beat this weekend, and I can assure you that everything we did was in the best interests for the City of Strongsville because again, as I said, this was a flood-this was an act of God. There wasn't much that I could have done or you could have done, any engineering firm could have done, or anybody on this earth when so much water comes down in a short period of time. I ask you to please be patient. We are not running from you. We are not hiding from you. We have tried to assist you. We have tried to answer your questions. At the end of the end of the day I want everybody to understand something, we here whether it be my administration, my executive team, or the members of this city council, are all bound by the law. We have to live within the guidelines of the Ohio Revised Code. That's what we have to do. Sometimes I don't like that, but I have to tell you that's where we're going with this; but we're going to do all we can to get grant dollars and we're going to do all we can to continue to assist you and anyone in this community who has contacted us. I thank you for your time, I thank you for your attention, and I continue to ask for your patience as we get our way through this mess, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut, since there are so many people that are here and have signed in, I am going to hold off on giving my report on Southwest General until next meeting. Similarly with Recreation and Community Services, I'm going to give you the same with that, and that is all that I have.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Southworth any questions for Mr. Southworth this evening?

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Thank you Mr. Daymut. At the last school board meeting, they recognized teachers for their outstanding careers. There were eleven certified teachers that retired and nineteen non-certified. There was also recognition for teachers who went above and beyond for this past school year. Also the treasurer had a five year forecast that was approved by the board. It is showing that the district is in the black till 2017. That's not taking into account some cost savings that they are working on with the consolidation of the schools, and with some other things that they are looking at. Also, commencement this year is June 1st at 1:00p.m. at the Wolstein Center.

I also would like to add my two-cents here with what everybody is going through. My first experience with this was last year. I can tell you that we've been committed since last year to rectify the situation. I know it is not an easy one and it is not going to happen overnight. But I don't think there is anybody that I've come in contact with up here that wants anybody to lay their head down at night when it is raining to worry about this. Our goal at the end is to rectify the situation and put peace into your homes. When that end result is I don't know, but we will continuously work hard and look into every leaf of opportunity to move forward with outside engineering firms, to look at the different areas-we've already started that. It was disappointing because probably four hours before the storm I had just left a resident a message about some of the things that we were doing moving forward. We've been meeting with groups, with areas in the ward that have been hit and we're still continuing; and when there was a gleam of light at the end, this storm had happened. Nobody is running away from this problem.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd): We will not run away from this problem and we will make sure at the end of the day that we do everything that we can possible to rectify the situation and again put peace into your homes. I want to thank the people...and I'm still working on it-we plan on going out there another once or twice this week and Saturday hitting another area in the ward. Seeing some of their possessions and seeing what they were going through, I just want to thank you for respecting me that evening and still being courteous to me. There was a lot of composure there dealing with what they had to deal with so I also wanted to thank you. That ends my report, if you have any questions I would be happy to answer them.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening?

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Daymut, before I move into those committees I would like to just say a few words about what happened here too, this previous week. I concur with much of what the Mayor and Mr. Daymut had to say. We are going to be working at this; it's not something that we are going to sit on our hands and say "It is what it is". Again, what they said, it is going to be a long term process, but we're figuring out what we need to do and from there figuring out where we're going to get the money for how we're going to do this. I can promise you that we will be working at this. We will do our best to rectify these situations as best as we possibly can and as fast as we can. It's been a long week. In my ward I've called or met with or talked to in one way or another over a hundred different homes. It was sad, people crying on my shoulders...it was hard to see. It happened to my own house, I got it too-it's tough. It was a rough week. It has consumed my life and it was a very tough week to see all that devastation. With that I would be silly not to thank the administration and his team-the Mayor and his administration for everything that they have done this past week, and especially our Service Department workers giving up their time with their families to make sure that everybody in our city is as safe as they can be for right now until we move onto what will be a very long term process. With that said, for Building and Utilities tonight we have Ordinance 2014-109. This is entering into an independent contractor agreement for professional architectural services in connection with our building code. We are going to ask that we suspend and adopt that tonight. Communication and Technology, Ordinance 2014-108 is for a new lease of a copier for our new safety dispatch center, not to exceed \$1,152.00 annually. We are also going to suspend and adopt that. With that I will take any questions on either committee.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, any questions for Mr. Schonhut?

(None)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:

***See Building and Utilities report; both committee reports were given at that time. ***

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00p.m. here in the council chambers.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE - Mr. Dooner: Thank you, Mr. Daymut. We have Ordinance 2014-099, this is making appropriations for annual expenses and other expenditures for the city. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. We have Resolution 2014-100, this is adopting alternative tax budget information for the City of Strongsville for fiscal year 2015 with the county. We are going to place this on first reading.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Dooner, any questions for Mr. Dooner this evening?

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney: Thank you, Mr. Daymut. I would be reticent if I didn't say a few words as well about my ward and Strongsville. I inherited some hot spots in my ward back when I got on council a few years ago. The residents I've worked with over the last few years on those issues-they know we've tried very hard and we've done things, we've made changes. Engineering has worked hard to figure out sources of problems and we've made investments in money and time. You feel good that when last spring of 2013 we had a real heavy rain similar to what we just had and in a few of those areas-I've always got my short list and when it starts raining, I pick up the phone and call them and say "Hey, have you seen any water?"; and to hear some of those areas say "No, you know what? We didn't get any for the first time and we've had repeated problems". Then you feel like we're making progress. Then fast forward to last week and some of those very same areas got water again. It's crushing to get that kind of news. I was out till 2:00a.m. that Monday night going around just looking for garage doors open, seeing people hauling stuff out and going up and talking to them, getting their information, making sure we got that into the city. In the days following that, on trash pick-up day, on Thursday, driving around my ward and virtually every street, somewhere or another that had stuff out at the curb...very disheartening. The same thing, people to the point of tears that are telling you their story and what their impact is going to be-it's tough to deal with, but we're not going to give up. We're going to keep working at it. As everybody has said, we're going to keep looking for sources of funding. We'll get that city-wide engineering report that will give us more definitive information on what to do going forward, and then we'll figure out how we'll fund it. We've got resolve and we'll keep working at it and keep making changes until we get to where...we get one of these heavy rains and we don't want to have near the impact, if any impact, as we had this past Monday. We're putting a lot of time in and working very hard and really appreciate the heartache and the pain that people are telling us about.

For Planning, Zoning and Engineering I have a couple of items this evening. Ordinance 2014-101 is to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract for sale and purchase of property interests on Prospect Road tied to the Albion and Prospect Intersection Improvement Project for \$17,115.00. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on that item. Resolution 2014-102, to confirm Planning Commission approval of the final site plan for the addition and installation of a diesel emergency backup generator tied to a telecommunication's tower, will be placed on first reading because we have not yet received all the required documents. We will address that at the next council meeting. That's all I have on the agenda for Planning, Zoning, and Engineering this evening.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Maloney, any questions for Mr. Maloney this evening?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you Mr. Daymut. I have the most ordinances on the committee, but I'm not going to bother the residents that are here tonight with that. We are suspending and adopting everything that's on the agenda for this committee. It always amazes me how nice people have been and are during this tragedy. I was shocked; and we're kind of like Joe the Bartender up here. We have to listen and try to help, and I really commend everybody that is here. You're taking your time, it is now 8:50p.m.; I'm looking forward to hearing people that come up. I do want to thank also Aimee and her Assistant Clerk Tiffany. They compiled a nice list. Most of your are on this list, if not everybody Mayor, is that correct?

Mayor Perciak – I believe so.

Mr. DeMio – And that is so very important for the administration to have because as he said earlier he is directing the things to FEMA and other sources. I want to tell you something, I talked to nearly everybody out in this...up here tonight, and we really do care. I want everybody to know that. It is very difficult because I had a little bit of water. A very good friend of mine, John, is in the corner; he had water. The very next day he complimented the Service Department about how great they were; you guys were outstanding. Don't ever think if you vent with us and you give us a shot-there's nothing wrong with that because you are human and you went through an awful lot. I'm going to close my committee, I'm looking forward to hearing everybody tonight; Mike, I'm just going to close it.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Joe, I appreciate it. Any questions for Joe this evening?

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: I have one ordinance this evening and four resolutions. Ordinance 2014-110, authorizing the sale by internet auction certain obsolete property no longer needed by our municipality. My recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. Resolution 2014-111 is authorizing the Mayor to advertise requests for proposals for qualified consulting services for the operation, maintenance, and management of our city's wastewater facilities. The recommendation here again is to suspend and adopt. Resolutions 2014-112, 2014-113 and 2014-114 is granting permission to transfer certain certificates for burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. On all three there the recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Motion by Mr. Carbone and seconded by Mr. Dooner to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section F, Lot #88, Graves F, H & J. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Carbone and seconded by Mr. Dooner to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section F, Lot #96, Grave G. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Carbone and seconded by Mr. Dooner to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section F, Lot #116, Graves C-3 & D-1. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth:

***See Southwest General Health System report; both committee reports were given at that time. ***

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICERS:

Mayor Perciak: No Further comments at this time Mr. President.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Kraus – So that we're in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code I've been asked to read a certification of funding for the May 19, 2014 council meeting:

"Based upon careful review of the proposed May 19, 2014 Council Meeting Agenda, I hereby certify that Funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on such Agenda requiring certification of funding."

Memo from Mr. Dubovec pertaining to this is attached to the back of these minutes

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus: All ordinances and resolutions before city council this evening are in proper legal form.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, Mr. Kraus, any questions for Mr. Kraus this evening?

(None)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Daymut – We've now reached our portion of our agenda for audience participation. Comments from members from the audience shall be limited to five minutes. Please, we're asking a little departure from our normal way we do things today. If you would state your name, address and phone number so to make sure we can get back to you on that particular issue. We do have a sign-in sheet, but everyone will be welcome to address council.

Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive, Strongsville, OH – Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive, (phone number was provided), anything else?

Mr. Daymut – That's fine.

Mr. Vassil – I'm complaining. Flags, you know, those little colored that we put down the street? Two years ago we had a utility box knocked down on Fox Hollow. A police report was made; the person was cited, etc. Two years later all the way through till, I'm going to say March maybe, we finally got a new box put up. Now we have flags from the very first house on Fox Hollow all the way up to the second last house on Fox Hollow. All these little flags all over the place into the yard, twenty feet in.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Vassil (cont'd) - We have people that cut grass and we're not allowed to touch those flags. Are we putting these flags in a little too early? Tomorrow I'm going to make the telephone call to the cable company that is going to put the lines in, and I'm going to find out what their tentative time is to go ahead and put the cable in, alright? Now we have already lost one house the street and all the flags are gone because they cut their grass and they threw the flags away, somebody did, anyway, their gone. I guarantee you by the end of next week there won't be any flags left. Now, you're going to come down the street and say "Hey, you're tree lawn's got four inches of grass, no. I mean my landscaper is going to have to move the flags, put them back, etc. and that costs money. Do you agree? What are we going to do about it? You're Building Department doesn't even know it's existing that they're going to do this. Why don't we know when they're going to do something like this?

Mayor Perciak – You want me to answer that?

Mr. Vassil – Yes, that's a good question.

Mayor Perciak – Because they have easements and they don't have to ask us; they just notify us when they are ready. That is a part of the deeds restrictions, a part of your title policy that you receive when you buy that house.

Mr. Vassil – I don't remember my...

Mayor Perciak – Just read it Bill, please.

Mr. Vassil – I don't remember my deed restriction being twenty something feet off...I know, but I'm just complaining.

Mayor Perciak – Okay, so noted.

Leonard Singer, 15882 Pinewood Drive, Strongsville, OH – My name is Leonard Singer, 15882 Pinewood Drive, (phone number given). I came here to gripe, but you guys said almost everything that I wanted to know. You guys already answered my questions. I got two feet of water. The first time in thirty-eight years I got water. It blew the caps right off of the drains that were in my basement. My basement was totally finished, the carpeting wasn't even three years old. Some of the furniture still had the tags on it; they were only a couple of years old. Anyhow, I commend the Service Department. I made my first phone call at 2:30a.m. that I would need a truck for a special pick-up. They were there the next morning. The Fire Department probably saved my house and my neighbor's house because with two feet of water my hot water tank was under water. All the controls were shorted out. It was pumping gas out. My daughter noticed the fire truck right around the corner on Burgandy- Burgandy and Sherwood. I walked over and as soon as I walked out of the house I smelled gas. The closer I got to the street, the stronger the smell was. My neighbor's next door are elderly people, partially disabled. My wife and I are partially disabled. Those fire-...it didn't take five minutes for me to say "I smell gas", they were there. I had to loan a wrench big enough to shut the gas line off. The Fire Department, the Sanitation Department, I commend them and I'm not going to gripe. I have pictures, I have insurance, I'm lucky I have insurance that covers a little bit of it; but there are a lot of people on Pinewood Drive, Burgandy, Sherwood, Forestwood that have no insurance and they got water too. Like I said, this is the first time in thirty-eight years...so, the guys in the Service Department, Fire Department did a fantastic job, they report to you guys so I thank you for such a great staff. I'm not going to cry or scream anymore, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Leonard.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Kathy Ramirez-Taylor, 17890 Lyon Lane, Strongsville, OH – Kathy Ramirez-Taylor, 17890 Lyon Lane, Strongsville, OH, (phone number provided). Let's see, I moved in October 1997 and in the summer of 1998 I got a foot of water in my basement. I had nothing down there and the City came to squeegee the water out of there. I had a few boxes and I had pictures lying all over my house drying out. Every time it rained I panicked because my backyard floods half-way up. There's a little drain between my yard and my next door neighbors and it's always full of debris-always. I was calling the City every single time it rained and they would come out and pull the debris out, but they would leave it there and the next time it rained, it would wash right back up again. Now when the rain can't get through that drain it goes through our yard and then it goes into a huge retention basin in the next door neighbor's yard. When it rained that hard in 1998, that was filled completely to the top of that retention basin and I got thirteen inches of water. Like I said, I panicked every time it rained and then eventually, you know, I kept calling the City and they would come out and clean it. Eventually, I decided okay, it hasn't flooded; there haven't been any issues; the backyard still floods a little bit. Then we finished the basement, we had everything down there: cabinetry, a pool table, two couches, two chairs, an entertainment center...it goes on and on...storage, Christmas, it's just unbelievable. I'm nervous and I'm overwhelmed, so I'm shaky but I got twenty-one inches this time. I was the one that had the big huge dumpster in the driveway, and they finally took it this morning. Every time I pulled into my driveway I see my whole basement in this dumpster. It was so full that they even had to put some out on the yard. There are no words; that drain is too small, it's too small. You have to go back there and look at it, it's just too small. Now we go a brand new development going in right next door. I'm at the low point and their up high and it's all being washed down. This time it was muddy, muddy water. The first time it wasn't, it was clear. That was sixteen years ago. I don't know how I managed to not get water in the basement in 2011 I think it was we got a heavy rain. It's not going to get any better unless something is done with that drain. I guess that is all I have to say. Oh, my property value is going to go down, nobody is going to buy my house. No one is going to buy my house.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Kathy.

Mr. Jim Milligan, 17802 Lyon Lane, Strongsville, signed in but chose not to speak during audience participation

Dr. Kris Taylor, 17890 Lyon Lane, Strongsville, OH – Kris Taylor, 17890 Lyon Lane, Kathy is my wife. It's kind of sad to have to meet Council, Mayor Perciak, and my Councilman Scott Maloney in this way. It's disappointing to me that I have to meet you in this way as I've seen none of you in my neighborhood or at my house. I would think that the large dumpster in my driveway would be a beacon for somebody to come to my home and see what was going on down there, talk to me. I think it's a little bit patronizing to anybody here that has flooded to say that the continued building in this already soaked community has already not contributed to this problem, or making it worse. Common sense tells you that it is. The water has to go somewhere, it went in my basement. My wife didn't tell you that this finished basement and everything that was in that dumpster was about \$50,000.00. Insurance does not cover them all. They don't even cover the full cost of the cleanup so I'm going to have mold and have to live with that. She's right, it's decreased our property values for sure, and I don't know if we can sell our home. If that continues in the rest of the development, the rest of these homes, you have people that live in these communities and your tax dollars, with property taxes and then income taxes also play a part in this. Obviously we are affluent people, but if the price of the home goes down you will not have affluent people living in this community, it will go down the tubes. I would welcome any of you to come and look at my basement. It is completely stripped bare down to the stubs, there is nothing left. I also think it is patronizing for you to tell me that "Well, it was four inches of water". The last time, seventeen years ago, it was "This is a once in a hundred year flood". Well, we just had the second one seventeen years later.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Dr. Kris Taylor (cont'd) - When is the next one, next year, two years, three years? It's a problem in this community; I know you guys know that. You say you're not going to run away from it, but running away is telling me and that's very patronizing to people, they don't want to hear it. "Well, it was four inches of rain, nothing can handle that"...we need to figure out what is going to handle it, stop it. There is a thing called a back flow preventer that can go in these homes. I've not heard anybody talk about that, seen it written anywhere. City of Naperville, Illinois has a program where they subsidize their people to help put that in their homes because of flooding; that's an option. That is something that should be discussed. I don't know what the answer is, I'm not a city engineer, but I do have common sense and common sense tells me that if we continue building the way we are building we're just making the problem worse. You have to stop it until you figure out the problem, thanks.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Kris.

Mr. Robert Stein, 9708 Fair Road, Strongsville, signed in but chose not to speak during audience participation

Steve Parish, 9717 Fair Road, Strongsville, OH – Steve Parish, 9717 Fair Road, (phone number provided). I want to thank the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to talk. I too am here with concerns of the flooding. What I heard tonight is that everybody agrees that we got a major problem on our hand and that we've had it for many years. What I want to know is when does it stop? I know we're looking to contract somebody to come in and do all these assessments and try to figure out where to go from here, but where does this fall on the priority list? I hear, Matt, you got flooded yourself; we've got other folks firsthand in people's basements. Where does this fall in everybody's priority because from what I hear, it's a major problem and it needs to be addressed. What I'd like to know from the Mayor and Council is what steps can be done to expedite this into the top of the priorities because it's been going on for quite some time now. That's the only question I have. I do want to say that I believe that you guys mean well, you're trying very well and working hard, and I do appreciate that. But, gentlemen-ladies and gentlemen, this has got to get up there and I don't know where it sits. That's my only concern, so maybe something we can think about where managing a big city like this is not easy, I recognize that, but if we could put this up on the top of the food chain I think a lot of people might back you and at least give you a little bit of the benefit of the doubt. Thanks for the opportunity.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Steve.

Yolanda Mateos, 17912 Lyon Lane, Strongsville, OH – Yolanda Mateos, 17912 Lyon Lane. Kathy is my next door neighbor, this is the second time we have been flooded. This is the worst one because it's over fourteen inches. It ruined everything: furniture, furnace, refrigerator, collectibles, everything. I do appreciate though, like you said, the service was good. I mean they were there to pick up the trash. We didn't have any problems with that. I also appreciate hearing saying that you're not going to turn away from this, you're not hiding from us. That's nice to know that you are committed to resolve this issue. I have one big question though; I know Mayor Perciak that you stated that you reached out to FEMA...my one question is if we're eligible to receive any benefits from that, would that mean that our house will be considered a flood zone thereby we wouldn't be able to sell our house.

Mayor Perciak – (Unintelligible)

Ms. Mateos – Is there a way to ask them then?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I will be happy to answer to ask them. I will be happy to convey anything to them that you would like me to. Just shoot me an email. Same thing for anybody that has pictures, we're asking for any of that so that we can submit that with everything that we are doing here. So whatever you have just either get it to me, or get it to Mr. Walker...Joe, I don't know where he went right now but just get it to me and we'll take care of it.

Ms. Mateos – Okay, the second thing that I want to bring up is I do realize there were four inches of rain in less than an hour time-acceptable, okay. My concern is how come it's almost concentrated at Lyon Lane? We're the houses affected by that and it's because really the backyard, Kathy had mentioned that-that the basin is very small. The first time it happened to us they said they will do something about the retention basin.

Mayor Perciak – This is the basin in Mike Galloway's backyard?

Ms. Mateos – Yes.

Mayor Perciak – Okay.

Ms. Mateos – Each time I am at work when it rains I worry-should I go home or not, what should I do? We can't live this way. We're not able to sleep at night when there's (unintelligible), thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Yolanda.

Mr. Dennis Marshall, 20323 Lucerne Lane, Strongsville, signed in but chose not to speak during audience participation

Mike Gillahan, 9712 Fair Road, Strongsville, OH – Mike Gillahan, I live at 9712 Fair Road, (Phone number provided). A couple of questions; one, Mr. Mayor, you addressed early on that there was going to be a study to look into this problem. I would just like to know a timeline on that study to figure out when that is going to be done and what we can expect as far as timeline as to the resolution of this issue.

Mayor Perciak – On Fair Road, Fair and Prospect, there's things happening there right now as you can see. We do have back the engineering study from...I'm trying to remember the engineering company, but we have it in our possession from Benza and Associates if I recall, is that correct Kenny?

Mr. Mikula – Yes.

Mayor Perciak - So if you would like to view that study you can. They have recommendations there and we'll be happy to go over them with you in detail if you would like. There's all kind of discussion there as far as a future retention basin, storm sewer, additions. The cost just for that study just in your area was \$36,000.00. The cost for the retention basin is approximately \$500,000.00. The cost for the storm sewer from Albion Rd. to the creek is approximately \$1.7 million. We do have some numbers there and we did have a meeting with some of the residents in that area, so whenever you want, if you want to call our Engineering Department or myself, I'll be happy to review all of that with you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Gillahan – Okay, you're Chief Engineer and one of his associates was out to our property. I do want to commend them, they took a lot of time with us and they spent quite a bit of time going over things with us. They were very patient and I do appreciate your time and your help with that. At the end of our conversation though we were told that basically there was not currently a plan in place. There wasn't even a plan for a plan right now. We were also given the suggestion that would have to be built a dike basically around our property; that was one of the only ways that they could they could think of to deal with the situation because what I was really looking for was some sort of plan that would help our whole community and not my home. Anything that I do to my property obviously affects my neighbors so that-I'm really not looking for that sort of idea. We're on our third flood in four years now.

Mayor Perciak – I don't disagree with you, but just the number I gave you-just from Albion to the city line, and that maybe entails sixty homes there, maybe. Just that, and these are guestimates, those are not actual quotes. That's \$2.3 million for that little strip; that's what the real issue is. And do you know how many other strips that there may be in this town, I have no idea, but the matter of the fact is there has to be a funding mechanism for that.

Mr. Gillahan – its dollars and cents.

Mayor Perciak – That's right and the funding mechanism right now is grant money and our general fund because we cannot go into the sanitary sewer fund by law and fund a storm sewer project. That's where it's at, there's no in-between, no-it's plain, hard cash. Just that little strip there...I don't know what else to tell you.

Mr. Gillahan – I understand, I agree with what Mr. Parish said. I would like to just see this risen as high up the priority list as we can get it. I'm fortunate; I was one of the ones that were forced to buy insurance against my will back five years ago. Right now, I'm pretty happy I have it, but that doesn't cover everything and they certainly can't insure my wife's nerves.

Mayor Perciak – That's correct.

Mr. Gillahan – I'd appreciate you doing everything you can about this as quickly as possible.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

Mr. Gillahan – Thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mike.

Jerry Hinton, 19483 Lunn Road, Strongsville, OH – Jerry Hinton, Molly Gallery, 19483 Lunn Road, Strongsville, OH 44149. Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive. Now we've been in debates on this over and over. Bob Hill and I were the first ones to create with the Council, with the City-everyone, a beautiful comprehensive plan in 19...when this town was a bus stop; some of you may have been around then. Now here we are, and I say that because there are certain individuals that have a very different motive of what their responsibility is in city government, in politics-I don't care what you want to call it. Mayor Ehrnfelt passed on and a write in Mayor came in and he is a banker. I'll tell you, the greatest people in the world are bankers if they are on your side. A lawyer took for the first time in this city a full time job as Law Director and the first thing he did was proceeded to get rid of the former Law Director because she would not sign a contract that was his whole basis. And of course, he lost. I have the transcript Mr. Law Director, and I can read it and you were beaten and you know it.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Hinton (cont'd) - Now, let's get to the real reality of this. I got a very vast knowledge of water; it usually flows downhill, especially in regions. What's happened there's been a fight going on here between the lawyers in the region to take over the responsibility of storm drainage, and it doesn't work that way. It works that way in law finally; they finally got recognition by a few lawyers that hung with these "responsibility for storm drainage". But most of the people understand it's a regional problem, storm drainage. That's what we have and by the way, another problem I'm almost done, income. The government changed; of course, in our county it changes parties. The low income people are defined at \$240,000.00 a year. I wish I made that. Low income is defined about the same it was when the Great Depression started, that's scary. So, there's a big fight going on, I'm not going to get into parties, I have a different opinion. A big debate, whether the fat cats and so it can run this County better than the poor guys that are in poverty. Mostly, elderly, and that's what I'm talking about tonight. The first program that the government proposed, the federal government, was it would be a discretionary program. Anyone can apply for it, you're income doesn't matter. You can file an application with Key Bank and Key Bank will give you a mortgage; and if you don't make it you're out-you're finished. That's the way it started and of course it didn't end that way because the poor people were trapped almost having to meet financial responsibility. By the way, I'm not blaming you Mayor, but that was the first attempt. That was called the Mayor and Key Bank. That program I'll tell you it's kind of like the gentleman talked about those flags; once something like that gets going it's scary as hell because there are a lot of poor people that think they are getting a "low interest loan". They are as long as they pay it, but maybe they won't. The (unintelligible) said "You're out, you're done; we'll take your property and good-bye, so long". That's the way it was. Now the other side was just as bad. They said we're going to look after the old...elderly. I'm an elderly, I'm sympathetic...racial problems, people that have all kinds of social/economic problems. That was their approach and I was one of the few in the State of Ohio that got funding. That was last year at this time when I came in here. (Unintelligible).

Mr. Daymut – Jerry, you've reached your five minute limit, thank you very much.

Mr. Hinton – On Lunn Road it was mentioned that a lot of...

Mr. Daymut – Okay, Jerry, you're beyond your five minutes, thank you. You can address us at the next council meeting.

Mr. Hinton – I'll pick it up at the next council meeting.

Mr. Daymut – You can pick it up at the next council meeting.

Mr. Hinton – Thank you Mr. President.

Nicholas Gnall, 16897 Rabbit Run, Strongsville, OH – Nicholas Gnall, 16897 Rabbit Run, (phone number provided). I want to compliment you and the Service Department; they did do a bang up job. I saw three or four trucks in my neighborhood, three/four days in a row; and you're to be commended on that part. I feel for these people with a lot of water. I'm small potatoes compared to them. I don't have a basement, but I have a sunken family room. I lost my hard wood floor and all my carpeting. I'm down to concrete now. In twenty years I never had water in my house. The comfort factor now about going to bed when a storm is coming is gone. To compliment Matt, he came through the neighborhood looking to see what happened. Something happened on Rabbit Run, something happened different this time around. North of my house twelve to thirteen people got flooded. South of my house there was no problem. Something different happened on that street that day. Now, the next day we had a thunderstorm and it was daylight outside. I happened to notice at the bend on Rabbit Run the street flows downhill to the north.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Gnall (cont'd) - At the north part it flows south into one storm sewer. When that next storm hit, you had water flowing two directions into one storm sewer. It wasn't long and that street was flooded over again. That's not good business for water flow. I'm positive what happened to my house was storm sewer back up. Neighbors, I didn't see it for myself, but my neighbors said we had water up onto my front grass. I've never had water up on my front grass. So once my storm sewer blocked up my downspouts got no place to go so the water comes into the house. Now, okay, you talk about going-asking FEMA for assistance. I trust that you'll follow through on that and I trust that Senator Patton will because I think he had a pile of crap on his front lawn too, pardon my French. Is there going to be processes that we will know what happens with FEMA and can we apply for assistance because I don't have insurance. Twenty years, never water in my house, I go "I don't need it. I'm not going to flood. I don't have a basement". Well, low and behold I have a concrete floor now downstairs, completely finished room, TV's and everything and I don't want to do anything with it right now. I don't know what to do with it right now. That's where I stand. I would appreciate to know, you got my phone number, if something happens in the process to notify us so I can try and get some assistance and possibly put it back together, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Nicholas.

Tom Zell, 22003 Jonathan Drive, Strongsville, OH – Thank you very much, thank you Mr. Mayor and members of council for addressing this problem. I like what I hear and like the rest of us if somehow you could follow through the best you can we all will appreciate that. I want to also thank my Councilman Mr. Carbone. He was at my home at 1:00a.m. to look at my situation. I have a culvert that goes along side my home. When it rains like it did, and it was the worst rain we've had in my thirty-something years here in the city, the culvert fills to where you can't see the opening; so that means it's not taking it. The reason I think that happens is that I have a ditch in my backyard that flows into the creek that goes into the culvert. Well that ditch fills up with water because it can't fight the flowing water that goes through the culvert so it fills up.

Mayor Perciak – Mike Gallagher was at your home I believe.

Mr. Zell – Yes he was.

Mayor Perciak – He submitted to us a detailed report of everything that you're telling us here tonight.

Mr. Zell – Oh, okay.

Mayor Perciak – We have all of that, and he is in the back of the room. He's right there...

Mr. Zell – I want to thank him and also Mr. Mikula for coming to the home and for the Service Department; there was debris that was stuck in the culvert and they came the very next day that I mentioned and took that debris out. They had to wait because we had about there was eight feet of water and it was rushing so they had to wait until the next day to do that in which they did. I was very satisfied. I had one other question. When I called my insurance company the word flood eliminated me from any insurance coverage, and probably most of us had that problem. If the water would back up into the house through the drain system I believe I would be covered. So I guess maybe I should tell the insurance company that it came through my system.

Mayor Perciak – I can't tell you what to tell your insurance...

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Zell – No, no that's a joke, I wouldn't do that. My understanding from the insurance company is that the only way I could get any coverage is through FEMA to apply for coverage; but we are not in a flood zone. Except he said there are two flood zones: A and X. Strongsville, according to him, is X so we're not quite there. How can I get funds from FEMA if we're not in a flood zone? I don't know, I don't know if anyone on Council would know. I'm not your expertise I...

Mayor Perciak – Mr. Zell I think the only one that is going to be able to help you with that is Ken Mikula, the City Engineer or the Assistant Engineer, Lori Daley. I'm sure when they were out to your home...he'll call you back tomorrow and see if there's any way that you would qualify for flood insurance or anybody who he could refer you to to help you with that.

Mr. Zell – That's great, I appreciate that Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Daymut – Tom, would you provide your number so we make sure we have your phone number?

Mr. Zell – My name is Tom Zell.

Mr. Daymut – We have that.

Mr. Zell – I live at 22003 Jonathan, (phone number provided). Thank you very much.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you very much. Okay, that is the end of our sign-in sheet; but of course we welcome anybody else in the audience who would like to address Council. Please step to the podium, state your name and address and your phone number for the record.

John Bourjaily, 17099 Greenwood Drive, Strongsville, OH – My name is John Bourjaily, 17099 Greenwood Drive, (phone number provided). First of all, I'd like to thank Councilman Schonhut for driving up the following day. We got about seven to eight inches that came up through the drain. For those who drove down the street and couldn't tell we had a dumpster in the front yard. I have never in twelve years had water. The common area behind our house was flowing perfectly. Councilman DeMio heard my wrath on Tuesday morning. Councilman Schonhut calmed me down a little. Thank God the insurance people came out; don't know if we'll be covered. I guess my question Mayor to you is like the rest of them; how do we get on that list to get FEMA money? What can we do to help you? Can we call Congressman Renacci's office and put pressure on them? We're hurting; I'm sure understand that, thank you. Nobody came to my house; however, I will thank if he is in the back Mike Gallagher for taking my call. He did ask me a quick question and I shared it tonight with Joe Walker...has anybody from the Service Department been down your street? I've lived there twelve years; the only Service Department we see in twelve years is garbage collection and leaf collection. I know the City owns a couple of power jets. I grew up in Parma, they used to go and clean the sewers every three to four years. It would be nice if somebody came down Greenwood and cleaned them. Nobody has in twelve years. I'm the only one on our street who got it; my neighbor next door, a little puddle. I'm still trying to figure out, excuse me, how the hell I got water that now two feet up from the floor all the drywall is gone. Lost a pool table, belongings like a lot of the other people- you can't bring back things your parents gave you, you can't. You can't even put a price tag on it. So am I a little upset- yeah. Sorry, take it; you guys were elected to hear the heat, that's the way it goes. Sorry Mike, but that's it; but I'm sorry to say we need help and I can speak for these people too. Everybody is telling you, but how do we get on this list to get FEMA reimbursement? What can we do to get it done? How can we get it expedited are my questions to council, and to you Mr. Mayor, sorry.

Mayor Perciak - I understand completely.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Bourjaily – If I'm coming on hard...I was up till 3:00a.m. wringing towels out and the shop vac.

Mayor Perciak – I understand.

Mr. Bourjaily – That's all I have to say.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, anybody else please state your name, address, and phone number for the record please.

Pete Shokalook, 19105 Quail Hollow Drive, Strongsville, OH – Good evening, Pete Shokalook, I live at 19105 Quail Hollow Drive, Strongsville. I wasn't going to talk today, but I decided I think I should. I've been listening and I tried to recap what I've been hearing. We've hired an engineering firm to look at a situation that is impossible you're saying to engineer.

Mayor Perciak – No, what we said in the Fair Road area we have an engineer that has been hired and has given us a study. I don't know where Quail Hollow Drive is. If you help me quickly I can tell you if there have been any studies done in your area, but...

Mr. Shokalook – But I'm saying for four inches of water in forty minutes time-

Mayor Perciak – Right

Mr. Shokalook – It's impossible to engineer, correct?

Mayor Perciak – To the best of my knowledge.

Mr. Shokalook – Also I'm hearing, correct me if I'm wrong, that we don't have the money to fix this.

Mayor Perciak – Now that's correct.

Mr. Shokalook – So it leads me to believe that I keep my carpet off my basement floor, cut the drywall and leave the drywall off, and that's what I'm looking at as far as the future because there is really not going to be any kind of answers to this serious problem where we have four inches of water coming down. The sewers probably can handle normal water drainage.

Mayor Perciak – In all honesty, even sure that Council authorized this study to go ahead for the entire City, I don't know if it is going to cost a half a million dollars or a million dollars-I have no idea, but it's going to be an extensive cost. At the end of the day when this entire report reaches the Engineering Department, my office, and the Council, and if we do everything that report tells us to do, there is no guarantee that we can make to any resident once all that's done you're still not going to get water. I have to tell you the truth because that's exactly the case. I just can't guarantee you should all these things be done that you are still not going to get water because I can't control it.

Mr. Shokalook – Now is there anything that we can do personally, I mean individually, to alleviate the situation?

Mayor Perciak – What you really should do is talk to Ken Mikula, or Lori, or Mike Gallagher back there. Let one of them come to your home. Let them look as to what is there, and Mike Gallagher can give you a better...

Mr. Shokalook – I mean is there back checks permitted.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I don't know. Without being there and without seeing it and I'm not an engineer so...

Mr. Shokalook – As I understand for a four inch rain in forty minutes there is no engineering possibility...

Mayor Perciak – To the best of my knowledge, no.

Mr. Shokalook – Okay

Mr. Daymut – Pete would you give us your phone number please?

Mr. Shokalook – Sure

Mr. Daymut – You have it? Okay and you have John's? I knew you would. Is there anybody else in the audience that would like to address Council? Please state your name, address, and phone number for the record.

June Greenwald, 11561 Prospect Road, Strongsville, OH – I'm June Greenwald. I live at 11561 Prospect Road, (phone number provided). I have only one question, one that hasn't been addressed tonight. Why when we're already in trouble are new developers being permitted to build? What is going to happen to the extra water that they're going to be using? No answer? That's the only question I have, I'd like to have an answer to that. I've had three floods in the last ten years.

Mr. Daymut – I think you really need to talk to the Engineering Department just so you know-

Ms. Greenwald – To whom?

Mr. Daymut – The Engineering Department because all new developments in-I can just speak from my own tenure here, it's been twenty-three years...

Ms. Greenwald – Well I've been here fifty-three years.

Mr. Daymut – How Many?

Ms. Greenwald – Fifty-three

Mr. Daymut – Yeah, I tell you I was the youngest one in the class.

Ms. Greenwald – I'm eighty-five, anyway, I've had three floods in the last ten years and this last one I called Junkhorse and they took all my stuff out, and I cleaned up the basement myself. It's taken me all week.

Mr. Daymut – Bless your heart.

Ms. Greenwald – I'm fine, I feel sorry for some of the other folks. Who do I talk to about finding out-?

Mr. Daymut – The Engineering Department with any new development that might affect you, okay?

Ms. Greenwald – Okay, thanks.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Daymut – Thank you June, we appreciate it very much. Is there anybody else in the audience that would like to address Council?

Kim Wirtz, 16868 Rabbit Run, Strongsville, OH – Kim Wirtz, 16865 Rabbit Run Drive. Nick Gnall is my neighbor, Gary is my neighbor. I'm in Hunting Meadows development.

Mr. Daymut – May we have your phone number please?

Ms. Wirtz – (phone number provided)

Mr. Daymut – And now your name

Ms. Wirtz – Kim Wirtz...eight inches of raw sewage in my basement. Like everybody else, we had a pretty catastrophic event... newly refinished basement-lost everything; also things that can't be replaced. Like Nick said, this is raw sewage, this has never happened. There is an issue. Everything is coming right to my house. I'm the one who had the water half way up the driveway. My cars were almost floating away. I have separated my storm and sanitary sewer. I have dug my foundation. I have done everything as a property owner in my power to prevent water from coming into my house. Never in my wildest imagination did I think that I would have raw sewage coming into my house. Joe Walker stopped by. I will give you that, that the Service Department has done a wonderful job in taking all this stuff away. I had four tree lawns full of debris, of construction debris. We had to take every single thing out. I've seen Lake Erie Sewer in my development for three months. Why are they there? You know there is a problem there. I don't know what it is, but there's definitely a problem there. That should not be a concern that I'm going to have sewage in my basement, and I can't get anybody out so I have to shovel that shit myself because I can't leave it in my house-just catastrophic. I would also like some restitution. I had the highest maximum water backup available on my deluxe homeowner's policy. It's not going to pay to even get it cleaned up let alone to replace the stuff, and there is stuff that you cannot replace. There are priceless things there that have no value that you can't put a value on. I can't get it back. How can I rebuild if I don't know if you are going to fix the problem? She's right, whoever she was, about the building. We have an outdated infrastructure and we keep building and building and building. There's no place, there is no green land anymore, there's no place for the water to go. I don't know how it got into my sewer, how it backed up. I hear the manhole covers. I think people probably haven't separated the storm sewer and the sanitary sewer because that wasn't the requirement when my development was built. I don't know what the problem is, I just know that it was devastating-it was devastating. I do appreciate that you hauled the stuff away, but we do need help getting it fixed because I can't put it back together, and that's my living space too. I don't know what to do. I would really appreciate it if you guys would all do your best and keep in contact and let us know what you recommend what we do. Like I said, as a property owner, I have done everything in my power. I've spent thousands of dollars to keep my house dry. I appreciate your time.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Kim. Is there anybody else that would like to address Council? Remember, name, address and phone number for the record.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Clyde Edwards, 9666 Fair Road, Strongsville, OH – Clyde Edwards, 9666 Fair Road, (phone number provided). It was brought up to me earlier before we started the meeting that we've had water three floods, three times in the last five years. The last couple times we didn't bother calling anybody because we figured what the heck, nothing can be done. The point that was given to me was if you don't let anybody know, then they think the problem is solved. Even if you got a problem and you think they can't do anything, let your Councilman know that you have a problem so that you're still on a list and not dropped off and say "Oh yeah, it's working; now things are okay". That's all I had. We're fine; we know what the problem is. I've never seen rain like this before. I understand what you are saying. I think you're right, I don't know what we could have done that would have stopped it. I was lucky; the creek came up and came close to our house, but the guy over here on this side said how come I got water and he doesn't? I didn't build a dam or a dike or anything, I just got lucky. I want to make sure everybody calls in and lets the Councilmen know so that they can report it and let them know that you got it, that's all, thank you. You guys have done a good job; I appreciate what you are doing.

Mr. Daymut – Please again, state your name, address and phone number for the record, thank you.

Gary Maharidge, 16880 Rabbit Run Drive, Strongsville, OH – My name is Gary Maharidge, 16880 Rabbit Run Drive, (phone number provided). I did see Kim's predicament. I didn't realize the depth of it though. I have lived in this community with her for over twenty years and I've seen some pretty good rainstorms. I've never seen the water backup like that up into my yard. Of course, I got at least a foot; I'm not exactly sure how much was in my basement. I agree with Joe, it comes from both sides into one place, that's ridiculous. I got to believe, and Kim's right, we're seeing these guys out there all the time checking things out. What are they looking at? You guys know what they are looking at and I don't want to sound too hard about it but I'm really going to hold you guys to it. I want an answer, and it better be a good one because I don't have to stay in this City and I'm not going to stay in this City if I got, I don't know how to put it,...I personally believe based on what you've told that this City planning was so poor that the sewer systems that were put in with all the development that guy put in, in addition to all those businesses that came in, have absolutely ruined the water run-off. I don't have much doubt about that, and I have a feeling that's what you're going to find out. I'm not an Engineer, but I am a Court Reporter and I've done a lot of zonings all my life, over thirty years of it, and I've seen some of the screwiest things that go on in cities. I've got a bad feeling that you guys did-not you guys because it wasn't you, it started before your Administration our Honor; but just bad decisions and we might be stuck with it; but I hope you can solve it. My Councilman was very good to me so I don't have much to say about that. The City Services are outstanding, actually I'd like to see a Service Award for the garbage men; Excellence in Performance in given what they did. Thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Is there anybody else that would like to address Council at this time? Please state your name, address, and phone number for the record.

Mark Globokar, 20265 Bradgate Lane, Strongsville, OH – My name is Mark Globokar, I live at 20265 Bradgate Lane, (phone number provided). I guess the first question that I have is when we do have these new developments come in, who is the engineering that does the engineering for the plannings and stuff...sewers and storm? Is that the City Engineer?

Mayor Perciak – No, what happens is the developer, whoever he or she maybe submit plans to us from a registered engineering company. We review the plans and approve the plans. If necessary, we make change to the plans. We do not originate the plans.

Mr. Globokar – You don't originate the plans?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Correct

Mr. Globokar – You just look them over?

Mayor Perciak – Well, we do more than that. We give back our comments and make a lot of changes to the plans.

Mr. Globokar – Okay, and so now what we are going to do is we are going to actually hire an outside firm to come in and look at our system?

Mayor Perciak – I'm sorry, please?

Mr. Globokar – We're going to hire an outside firm or another type of engineering group to look at our system and tell us what's wrong with it?

Mayor Perciak – This is the wish of Council that that be done. I can't speak for the Council, but this is what we've been trying to work with because we know what's there, we know what some of the issues are. In the newer subdivisions, truthfully, I have no idea why Bradgate Lane would flood.

Mr. Globokar – I didn't have flooding in my particular house, but in Waterford Crossing which I'm with the Association, I'm the Vice President there, we did have quite a few houses flood. I guess what I'm getting at is that is our infrastructure in Waterford Crossing, is it up to par?

Mayor Perciak – Well, I talked to Jim Criswell today, earlier, and I discussed with him the retention basins and everything. I'm sure he'll share that conversation with you. If there is any questions you have on that, and I told him I would be speaking with our Engineer later today, I talked to him later in the afternoon and Mr. Walker so we'll get back to you. As I understand it, even all your retention basins there have just been thoroughly checked and gone through all of the criteria as late as two weeks ago. I think things there as far as even what your homeowner's association-you know, the even went a step beyond to make sure that those retention basins were functioning properly. They got an all clear there too. I don't have any other answers for you now.

Mr. Globokar – Just so to recap, the final thing is that the four inches of rain in forty minutes is the reason why people had water backing up.

Mayor Perciak – I can't tell you that for sure, but it's a damn good guess.

Mr. Globokar – Okay, well thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you, is there anybody else in the audience that would like to address Council at this particular time?

(No comments)

Mr. Daymut – Before I move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, I appreciate everyone who has come here for the flooding. We are now going to take care of the Ordinances. You are more than welcome to stay for that, but, you know it's been a long day for you; it's been a long week for all of us and all of you. If it is all right, I would be more than willing to excuse you at this time so you do not have to stay for our ordinances. Thank you for coming this evening, from all of us.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2014-099 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2014 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-046.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-099 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2014-100 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Dooner. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred and back to committee.

Ordinance No. 2014-101 by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF VARIOUS REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS LOCATED AT 10901-10929 PROSPECT ROAD, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALBION AND PROSPECT ROADS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. [Konstanzer-Gartman]

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-101 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2014-102 by Mr. Maloney. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE ADDITION AND INSTALLATION OF A DIESEL EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR AND CONCRETE SLAB IN CONNECTION WITH AN EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18778 ROYALTON ROAD (PPN 396-10-014) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

Placed on first reading and referred back to Committee.

Ordinance No. 2014-103 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2014 DODGE CHARGER VEHICLES, WITH BASIC OPTIONS AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-103 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2014-104 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2014 FORD FUSION VEHICLES, WITH BASIC OPTIONS AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-104 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-105 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2014 GMC SAVANA 2500 PASSENGER VAN, WITH BASIC OPTIONS AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-105 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2014-106 by Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PURCHASES OF SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIALTY ITEMS, EQUIPMENT, PAINTING, AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESSORIES NECESSARY TO PROPERLY OUTFIT NEW VEHICLES SEPARATELY PURCHASED FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-106 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2014-107 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 59 SETS OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR/PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-107 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2014-108 by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE LEASE OF ONE COPIER INCLUDING ACCESSORIES, FOR USE AT THE CITY'S NEW PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CENTER; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-108 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2014-109 by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH JOHN B. KORNICK FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE OHIO BUILDING CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-109 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2014-110 by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2014-110 ADOPTED

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2014-111 by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR QUALIFIED CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S WASTEWATER FACILITIES.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Resolution No. 2014-111 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2014-112 by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY [Bohlander].

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Resolution No. 2014-112 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2014-113 by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY [Jerome].

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Resolution No. 2014-113 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2014-114 by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY [Gest].

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Resolution No. 2014-114 ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Daymut – Is there any other miscellaneous business gentlemen?

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

June 2, 2014
Date of Approval