

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2015.

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, March 16, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Matthew A. Schonhut, Kenneth M. Dooner, Duke Southworth, James E. Carbone and J. Scott Maloney. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communications and Technology Director John Bedford, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Design Engineer Lori Daley, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President Daymut called the caucus to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

President Daymut noted that there will be an amended agenda tonight and he will be making the motion to amend during the start of the meeting. There are three changes: 1."Communications, Petitions and Claims" will be moved prior to the public hearing, 2.The Mayor will be administering the Oath of Office to two Assistant Fire Chiefs and 3. There will be an add-on ordinance, Ordinance No. 2015-056.

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Mr. Maloney recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2015-047; a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the 2015 Pavement Reconstruction Program, Phase II. Mr. Maloney asked the Mayor about Marks Road and the phone calls he has been receiving concerning the condition of the road. Mayor Perciak stated he will be announcing tonight that the city received a grant today to repave the portion of Marks Road from Lunn Road to Boston Road. The county's letter indicated the grant will amount to \$250,000.00. The Mayor thanked Joe Walker due to his work in getting this. The county has a new Director of Public Works. The new director, Joe Walker, Lori Daley, the Mayor, Mr. Klaiber (Lorain County Engineer), and other various parties all worked to get this funding. The estimated cost of construction is \$568,000.00. The Ohio Public Works Commission issued a grant to Columbia Township for \$150,000.00, the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works is contributing \$250,000.00, and the non-funded portion totals \$168,000.00. The city's responsibility will be \$84,000.00 and Columbia Township will be paying \$84,000.00 as well. Mayor Perciak stated the work will not be allowed to start until after July 1st. Mayor Perciak also commented that there are two crews who have been doing cold-patching to fix the pot holes in the roadways. Mr. Walker stated that since November, the city has used 110 tons of cold-patch. Mr. DeMio thanked Joe Walker for his help with a resident.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Mr. DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-048. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to make an application for financial assistance with the Ohio Department of Public Safety under the EMS Grant Program for the purchase of emergency medical equipment. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-049; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County for financial assistance under the 2013 State Homeland Security Program for reimbursement of training expenses incurred by the fire department. The reimbursement total is \$9,123.56.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Carbone stated he will be making four motions at the meeting tonight concerning wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-044; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an addendum for a five-year extension of the contract between the city and Browning-Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc. for waste collection services. Mr. Carbone commented that this is a good contract for the residents and that he would like to look into the automated collection system in the future. Mayor Perciak stated that was looked into. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-050; an ordinance to purchase a 6" Goodwin Dri-Prime Pump with accessories, and three 2" trash pumps for use by the service department. The cost is not to exceed \$57,229.82. Ordinance No. 2015-051 is to authorize the sale at public auction certain obsolete and surplus vehicles no longer needed for any municipal purchase. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt on that item. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Resolution No. 2015-052; authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase of vehicle and equipment tires and related services to be used by the service department. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution no. 2015-053 which authorizes the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase and replacement of a mechanical bar screen assembly with accessories and a washer compactor that will be installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant "B". Mayor Perciak commented they have studies pertaining to this and they have been working on this for years. He stated this is a start to the list of improvements that are needed for the plants. Resolution No. 2015-054 authorizes the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase of asphalt materials for use by the service department.

Further discussion ensued pertaining to Ordinance No. 2015-044. Councilman Southworth asked if he could have the methodology explained as far as how the city went about this contract. Mr. Walker stated they bid the original contract to include a five year extension; so they went through the bid process back at that time. When the city went back and forth with Republic Waste on the extension, Mr. Walker checked the numbers that were finally agreed on against other comparable municipalities, including ones with an automated system. Our dollar amount is lower than most of the communities with automated systems. Mr. Schonhut asked Mr. Walker if he saw this being moved to an automated system in the future. Mr. Walker commented that an automated system is beneficial due to less worker comp claims, less manpower, and more area they can cover in a day. However, there are some limits. He feels it is not the level of service that Strongsville residents have now. Mr. Kraus stated that his community has an automated system. During the winter this creates problems getting the receptacles to the curb. You are limited to one recycling bin and one garbage bin. Mr. DeMio and Mr. Daymut agreed that you are limited to how much garbage you are allowed to put out. Mr. Carbone stated that he negotiated a contract in another city where there has been a lot of success, but a lot of resistance up front. Mr. Carbone feels that an automated system may encourage more recycling. Mr. Schonhut questioned if an automated system will be forced in the future whether the city decides to have it or not. Mr. Walker stated an automated system is an easier system to operate. He also stated our city is in a good position due to our transfer station that is the only local transfer station, which helps to keep our contract price down. Mr. Walker brought up the flooding incident from last year and the damaged belongings residents disposed of. In cities that just have automated systems, they will not pick up the property and household belongings placed on the curb. Mr. Kraus stated that this is a one-time only extension and the city will go out to bid after the five years are up. Due to an email Mr. Southworth and Mr. Schonhut received, Mr. Schonhut also questioned the royalties involved. Mr. Walker stated we have gone from .75 cents/ton to .90 cents/ton. That number is a guaranteed minimum, but we went up .15 cents/ton on our royalties. In addition, Medina County might have to use Strongsville's transfer station if their flow control opens up. If that happens, the city would see a rise in the tonnage. Mr. Schonhut asked how many other cities come to Strongsville. Mr. Walker stated the only city that currently comes here is Brook Park, but there are a lot of private haulers.

Public Service and Conservation Committee (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio brought up a coyote issue and asked the Mayor and administration how they would like Council to handle it. Mayor Perciak commented that the traps do not really work. Mr. Walker stated the best method right now is to try to deter them from your yard: chase them off, scare them away, etc. Mayor Perciak stated a problem of this is because we are surrounded by the Metroparks. Mr. DeMio asked if we have pamphlets we could distribute. Mr. Walker stated the Animal Warden is working to get information from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and his office can distribute the information if the need arises.

Recreation and Community Services: Mr. Southworth recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-055; authorizing the Mayor to enter into another non-exclusive rental/occupancy agreement with the Strongsville Lacrosse Association for the year 2015.

Economic Development Committee: Mr. Daymut stated he will give the report of his committee on the floor of the meeting.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Daymut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-056. This authorizes the city's purchase of electricity supply for streetlights located within Strongsville. Mr. Daymut thanked Law Director Ken Kraus for all his work pertaining to it.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2015 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Daymut called the meeting to order at 8:02 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: Matthew A. Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Duke Southworth, Michael J. Daymut, Kenneth M. Dooner, J. Scott Maloney and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Kenneth A. Kraus, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communication and Technology Director John Bedford, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Design Engineer Lori Daley, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Recreation and Senior Service Director Bryan Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief James Kobak, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Motion made by Mr. DeMio, seconded by Mr. Dooner to amend the agenda for the following: 1. Under "Appointments and Confirmations", add Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Assistant Fire Chief Anas Aljabi, and Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Assistant Fire Chief Neil Rozman. 2. Move "Communications, Petitions and Claims" business before "Public Hearing", 3. Add Ordinance No. 2015-056. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 02, 2015 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Assistant Fire Chief Neil Rozman.

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President, members of Council, ladies and gentlemen, I'm pleased to announce that on Thursday afternoon at about 5:00 p.m. I made the following appointments, the appointments of two Assistant Fire Chiefs- A.J. Aljabi and Neil Rozman. We are going to ask Neil and his wife and whoever he wants to come up. I'm going to come down there and administer the Oath of Office. Chief Draves, would you please join us.

Mr. Draves – While they are getting situated here, I'm going to give a brief introduction to Neil Rozman. Neil grew up in Parma Heights and graduated from Valley Forge High School. He has attended several universities and holds degrees in biology, business administration, nursing, German language and accounting. Neil is a twenty-three year veteran of the Strongsville Fire Emergency Services Department. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2008. He holds numerous certifications. He is one of the original members of the dive rescue team. He has served as the EMS Quality Control Manager and the Traffic Incident Management Coordinator. His military career includes the Ohio Army National Guard, active-duty Army, and the Army Reserve. He has served in the military police as a logistics officer in Germany, and is currently a Captain assigned to the 256th combat support hospital as a registered nurse. Tonight, Neil is joined by his wife Donna, his children Christina and David, parents Joan and Richard, many in-laws, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

****At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office. Present with Assistant Fire Chief Rozman were his wife and children.****

Mr. Rozman – Thank you Mayor Perciak, all the members of Council, Mayor's Administration, and Chief Draves. I told everybody once I started speaking I wasn't sure what was going to happen so here we go. None of us gets here alone and I have a lot of people to thank, mostly my wife Donna, twenty-six years, who is my better half in every sense of the word, my kids Christina and David who are the absolute best part of my life, my parents, brothers, sisters, in-laws, my mother-in-law and father-in-law are here tonight. It means a lot to me that all of you came out here for this thing. That's the easy part. In the fire service "going upstairs" as we call it, forty hours, in a lot of ways is saying goodbye because I'm leaving shift. For twenty-two years I've lived with these guys in the back of the room. Every third day we live together, we share each other's lives, we see each other's kids grow up. I don't really know the right words to describe how much that has meant to me, sharing your lives and your family's lives with you. All I can say is you guys are really like my second family, thank you.

(Applause)

Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Assistant Fire Chief Anas Aljabi.

Mr. Draves – I'm going to introduce our next Assistant Fire Chief tonight. A.J. graduated from Gilmour Academy and attended Cleveland State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business. He is currently enrolled in a Master's program for emergency management. A.J. is a seventeen year veteran of the Strongsville Fire Emergency Services. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2008, currently serving as the Department Training Officer. A.J. is a member of the Southwest Emergency Response Team, Fire Investigation Unit. He is a member of the International Association of Arson Investigators. He is a certified instructor for fire investigation. A.J. is also an instructor for Southwest General Health Center in Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support. A.J. has managed the department's community CPR and first-aid program for many years. On average, the CPR program certifies over five hundred people annually. A.J. is married to his wife Julie and is the father of four year old daughter Alessandra and three year old son Ethan. Tonight he is joined by his wife, kids, mother, uncle, in-laws, and many friends.

****At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office. Present with Assistant Fire Chief Aljabi were his wife and children.****

Mr. Aljabi – First, I'd like to thank the Mayor and the Chief for having confidence in me. I told you in the interview I won't let you down; I will do my best to represent the city and the fire department. I'm very humbled to look in the back and see the amount of firefighters that showed up. It means a lot. This is a new forward for Neil and me. We look for your support to help us move the department in the direction it should go. We're going to help Chief Draves in making the department the way it should be. I'd like to thank my wife and kids for all the sacrifices they made for me preparing for this position, and my mom and my family; my dad couldn't be here, but hopefully he is looking down and is very proud, thank you.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – You know ladies and gentlemen this truly was a process. It went on for a long time; by the time they take their test, go through the Civil Service Commission, all the interviews and everything, and we truly are very blessed in this community to have two men so qualified to step up to the position of Assistant Chief. When you're running a community this large, we really need top-notch people. We truly believe that not only have we just sworn in a brand new top-notch Fire Chief, but two top-notch Assistant Fire Chiefs. I believe that these three men together and their leadership will take Strongsville to new heights. I also believe that these three men together working as a team, I want to stress that, these three men working together as a team under the leadership of Chief Draves, will also raise the bar to new standards so that we can all be proud of living and working here in The City of Strongsville. Guys, congratulations, all the best to you; and all of life's best. To the parents that are here, thank you for your sons, we appreciate all you did to help nurture them and for the men that they are today, thanks a million; and to the wives- where would we be without our wives. I'm told everyday how lucky I am.

(Laughter)

Mayor Perciak – Thank you very much.

(Applause)

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Receipt of Renewal Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District:
Emil S. Karim, 17102 Rabbit Run Drive, Strongsville, OH 44136; **For: 18402 Prospect Road PPN 394-14-003.** *Application filed with Clerk on 03-04-15.*

PUBLIC HEARING:

On the matter of an Application for Placement of Farmland in an Agricultural District:
Applicant: Emil S. Karim, 17102 Rabbit Run Drive, Strongsville, OH 44136; Location of Property: 18402 Prospect Road; Parcel No. 394-14-003. Application filed with Clerk of Council on 03-04-15.

*Council President Daymut opened the Public Hearing on this matter and invited anyone wishing to speak **IN FAVOR** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council at this time.*

(No one spoke in favor)

*Mr. Daymut then invited anyone wishing to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of the Resolution to approach the podium and address Council.*

(No one spoke in opposition)

Hearing no further comments in regard to this matter, Council President Daymut closed the Public Hearing on said Resolution.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut, I have not had a board meeting since our last meeting; however, Southwest has recently been in the news. They received a rather large donation in the amount of \$500,000.00 to their community health foundation. This is for the Harding Family Charitable Trust. The Hardings go back with Southwest for quite a way. It's good to have friends like that.

Mayor Perciak – The Harding sisters were on the foundation board for many, many years. They lived in Olmsted Falls, right in the center of town near the church. The Harding sisters are probably some of the most...when they lived, most generous people that the hospital had the privilege of knowing. One was a banker and one was a school teacher. They really did well. I want to thank their executor of their estate also for this \$500,000.00 donation.

Mr. Southworth – Right, very generous and very much appreciated. That is all that I have for this evening. If there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

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

(None)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes Mr. Daymut, there has not been a regular school board meeting since our last meeting. One thing I did want to bring up that the school board has been very vocal about is the proposed cuts from the State. Our school board, and Jane is in the audience here, has been working very, very hard to be as fiscally responsible as possible. There's been no stone unturned to save the community money and offset any type of levy. This would have a major impact not only on our school, but our community. Right now, I think we are still in the healing stage and we still need some time. If you could find the time, find it in your heart to contact our state senators and Governor Kasich himself and let them know how you feel about the proposed cuts. Personally- I think going back many years because of the economic base that we have here, our industrial base, the type of community, the homes that we have, the educated people, the salaries we bring in, the hard working people we have here, we should not be penalized because we did a lot of things right in this community; and our families have done a lot of things right in this community. Please make your opinion known. We need all the help we can get, thank you.

Mayor Perciak – I just need to add to that Mr. Carbone. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a real serious issue for our community and every school board member has spoken to me about it, not to mention dozens and dozens of residents. We really need to start with state representatives...Mike Dovilla. Mike, as you know, is a resident of Berea. This is going to go through The House first if I am correct. We really need to get to him and make him understand what is happening here. The issue, as all of you know, we have a new House Speaker also. Our new House Speaker, let me just put it to you this way, he is just learning also. We really need to put the pressure on Mr. Dovilla and make him understand what this is doing here in our community. We have to start in the Ohio House. I'll be happy to do whatever I need to do as Mayor to make that point crystal clear to Mr. Dovilla, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Vassil, will you be getting in touch about this with Mr. Dovilla as well?

Mr. Dooner – They had dinner this evening.

Mr. Southworth – I will say the new House Speaker is even younger than Matt Schonhut.

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

(None)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:

* See Communications and Technology Committee below*

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. Daymut, neither committee has any ordinances or resolutions on the agenda tonight, but I will happily take any questions for either.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, any questions for Mr. Schonhut this evening under Building and Utilities or Communications and Technology?

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut: We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. I'd like to give a report of some things that are happening here in the City of Strongsville. We will have our next business network breakfast meeting on March 26th at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center. Our featured speaker for that breakfast will be Dan Coughlin. To learn more or to register to attend that meeting please contact Brent Painter at (440) 580-3118, or you can email him at brent.painter@strongsville.org. The Polaris Career Fair will take place April 1st from 9:00 a.m. to noon. That will be over at the Polaris Career Center on Old Oak Drive. This is open to anyone seeking a job, anyone in the City of Strongsville and surrounding communities. There will be eighty plus companies, some of them from Strongsville who are looking to hire some people. Please mark it on your calendar; if you are able to at least attend just to see some of our businesses there; I would suggest you do that. Also, the SBA (Small Business Administration) is conducting a seminar here in the City of Strongsville. The topic is doing business with the federal government and exported systems. The date is April 8th at 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Old Town Hall. The speakers include the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Procurement System Center and the SBA. The event is free to attend and there will be a catered lunch. This is for our business partners here so if you have not heard about this, or you're watching this on cable, please pass this on to some of your other businessmen you know in the City of Strongsville. It will be quite exciting and I think it will be a great thing for the City of Strongsville and for our business partners. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. That's all I have this evening, are there any questions for myself?

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. Dooner: Thank you Mr. Daymut, the Finance Committee has no ordinances or resolutions this evening.

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

(None)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney: Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have one resolution this evening. Resolution 2015-047 is to authorize the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Pavement Reconstruction Program for 2015, Phase II. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt on this item. I'll be happy to take any questions.

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

(None)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio: Thank you Mr. Daymut, I appreciate it. We have two piece of legislation tonight. First is an application for safety, an ems grant that the Mayor will be applying for and hopefully, we will have good news down the road-we often do. Secondly, we are getting a reimbursement of \$9,123.56 for homeland security. That's also nice Mayor, I know it's another roll-up. It's a little under \$10,000.00 which is a great thing. It helps us do all the things in your budget. We really appreciate it. I don't have anything of more substance in the committee today. I do want to thank all the gentlemen, you said so correctly, what a great group of men you have in the fire department; and how the parents build the foundation of those children who are now men. I really appreciate that thought because when you looked out there you saw that. That's coming from a father if you could tell. I thank you Mayor on behalf of Public Safety.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd): I also want to go over a little item that Aimee brought to my attention earlier today. It's off public safety, but if you have been to Washington D.C. as many of us have, the foundation of what we are today absolutely started there. The Washington D.C. trip has been out of the school's hands for four years and is now in our fifth or sixth year independently, but still working with the schools. I'm just going to go over, without going over the whole letter, just thanking the community as a whole, allowing their children to come and I don't have approval from this resident to give her name but she thanked me and what that program brings. I do want to thank, and Aimee was so well-she pointed out to me, she goes: "Joe, there are so many things that people do that aren't just City Council things...", and she believes this is very important as a mother with two young kids. I want to thank the assistance of The City Club, Mayor please give that to them, The City Club, because I know you help them as well, The Chamber, and The Optimists have been regular financial supporters of allowing and helping the kids of need to get to Washington. Mayor, I think there is a meeting two days from now, but if you could please thank them because it means a lot. They have given lots of money over the years and this letter just reminded me; and Aimee reminded me of all the things people do. I want to thank her because she brings me back to reality sometimes of what we need to remember. Aimee, thank you for pointing that out and for the letter. I'll close the committee Mike.

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

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone: Yes thank you, first we have Ordinance No. 2015-044. The first reading was at the last Council meeting. This is for the five year extension of our curb side pick-up. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. We will need all seven this evening. Second is Ordinance No. 2015-050 requesting participation in the Ohio Department of Administrative Service Contracts for the purchase of one 6" Goodwin Dri-Prime pump with accessories, and three 2" trash pumps for use by our service department. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. This is not to exceed \$57,229.82. We have Ordinance No. 2015-051 authorizing the sale at public auction of certain obsolete surplus vehicles no longer needed by our city. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. We have Resolution No. 2015-052 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for purchase of vehicles and equipment, tires, and related tire services to be used by our service department. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. Resolution No. 2015-053 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the purchase and replacement of a mechanical bar screen assembly with accessories and washer compactor to be installed at our wastewater treatment plant "B" in the city. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. We have Resolution No. 2015-054 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids to purchase asphalt material to be used by our service department. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Also, we have a couple motions to note:

*****Motion was made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve the designation of wishes by the original owner's executor and sole living heir for interment (by cremation) in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section C, Lot #36, Grave C. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.*****

*****Motion was made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to ratify, approve and note the burial of Elizabeth R. Pasko in Section C, Lot #36, Grave C, by the executor and sole living heir to the estate in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.*****

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

*****Motion was made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to ratify, approve and note the burial of Rick Hine in Section F, Lot #109, Grave J, based on the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.*****

*****Motion was made by Mr. Carbone, seconded by Mr. DeMio to note and approve the owner's designation of wishes for interments in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery, Section F, Lot #109, Graves. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.*****

Mr. Carbone – Before I end my committee, I also wanted to thank Bill Keaton our Animal Warden, and Joe Walker. A resident called yesterday about an issue with the deer in the backyard. This resident has four young children that were looking out the window. A call was put into Bill. He immediately responded and was very compassionate with the residents and took care of everything. We are very thankful for Mr. Keaton. That ends my report.

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

(None)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth: Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have one ordinance on this evening's agenda; it's Ordinance 2015-055. This is an agreement where we went to the Strongsville Youth Park to make that space available to the Strongsville Lacrosse Association. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. That is all that I have, but if there are any questions I'd be more than happy to answer them.

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

(None)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut: We do have Ordinance No. 2015-056; an ordinance approving and authorizing the city's purchase for the electricity supply for street lights located within the City of Strongsville from Constellation Energy Inc. That did receive a favorable recommendation. That's all I have, are there any questions for myself under committee of the whole?

(None)

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

Mayor Perciak: Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone. The first thing I would like to report is that I'm going to be spending Wednesday in the City of Columbus visiting with our state legislators. I hope it to be a very fruitful meeting. I'll be there with several other mayors as we go down there in the month of March and have several discussions with our elected officials in Columbus. Moving along, this is a topic that so many of the Councilman and myself and our service department, our Finance Director and our Building Commissioner have received; that was to fix and repair Marks Road. I'm happy to read this letter to you, and it's addressed to me, and again this goes along with our constant requests for grants or assistance to our community to bring back some of our county tax dollars to our community here in the City of Strongsville. The subject is, "The resurfacing of Marks Road from Boston Road to Lunn Road."

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS
AND OTHER OFFICERS (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak (cont'd): Mayor Perciak – It says, “Dear Mayor and City Council, We have evaluated your request for County assistance for improving the above referenced roadway. We are willing to cooperate to the extent set forth in the enclosed agreement.” Basically, the enclosed agreement, without getting into a lot of detail, is like this- the estimated cost to repair and repave Marks Road from Boston Road to Lunn Road is as follows: \$568,132.00. The other funding sources, The Ohio Public Works Commission, that’s an Issue 1 granted to Columbia Township which is in Lorain County, that’s \$150,000.00. The letter that I just started reading to you from the County signed by Jamal Husani, that grant is for \$250,000.00. At the end of the day, the amount of money that city will have to pay, or the two municipalities, is \$168,138.00, Strongsville’s portion of that is \$84,066.00. I ask you to be patient with us as this is all processed and the paperwork comes through. The City Council will receive this packet at its next meeting. Our Assistant Engineer has informed me that this will be going out to bid and they’ll be moving on this as quickly as possible. However, according to the terms and conditions of the grant, this cannot happen before July 1st; but at the end of the day, there is now a solution to Marks Road. The solution will cost us \$84,000.00 instead of hundreds of thousands of dollars. I’d like to thank Joe Walker for helping us with this, Lori Daley, and needless to say our former City Engineer and the former County Engineer here in Cuyahoga County, and that’s Bob Klaiber who is now in Lorain County. To all of them and to everyone involved, thank you for helping our community pave Marks Road. I am certain that so many of our listeners have complained about it, so much so that it made the 6:00 p.m. on Channel 5. At that time, thank goodness we had the letter from the County advising us of the grant dollars that we are going to receive.

Moving along, I also would like to announce at this time that the Council has before them a Resolution, Resolution No. 2015-047, to officially go out for bids for the Reconstruction Program, Phase II. The Phase II Reconstruction Program is for Gate Post Drive in Ward 3 and Forest Park Drive in Ward 1. We’ve received several requests to have that done. I want the record to reflect clearly that for Forest Park Drive and Gate Post Drive we’re kind of stepping ahead of ourselves here a little bit and we’re anticipating income tax collections to take care of this. In the event we do not have the income tax collections, I will be coming back to this Council because we will have to note this project under the usual terms and conditions that we go through with our bond underwriter. We ask for your patience on this, but we want to get going on this as quickly as we can because those two roads are in such dire need of repair. Again, I want the record to reflect that we may have to note these improvements moving forward. Did I miss anything there Mr. Dubovec?

Mr. Dubovec – You said it all Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you. One last thing, a few weeks ago at one of our Council meetings we went out to bid for our asphalt proposals, which is administered through our Service Director, Joe Walker. The first thing on their agenda to get paved this year is Fern Canyon Drive. That will be done. Matt Schonhut did send us all the emails-Norm I did receive your email, I live in the neighborhood. I’m aware of every road that needs it, but we do have funds allocated for that. As soon as the weather permits we are going to begin, so you can tell your neighbors that we’re moving forward on this. We’re going as fast as we can, but today is a day that causes the Service Director, myself, the Building Commissioners and our engineers a lot of aggravation because people think, “Well, the weather broke.” As you know, we’ve had snow in April, so we have to be careful as to what we’re doing here and maybe the asphalt plants will open-we’re told April 6th; it may be more like April 15th. As soon as the asphalt plants open and as soon as we can mobilize we will be there. It’s all dependent as to how quick we can get the material to get going on your street. Mr. President, that ends my report.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS
AND OTHER OFFICERS (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak (cont'd):

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor, are there any other questions for the Mayor this evening?

(None)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec: Thank you Mr. President, I will merely state that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding. That ends my report, thank you.

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

(None)

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kraus: All ordinances and resolutions before City Council this evening are in proper legal form, thank you.

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

(None)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Daymut – We've reached that portion of our agenda for audience participation. Comments from members of the audience shall be limited to five minutes. We do have a sign-in sheet. Do you still want to address us Norm? Norm, just for the record, please state your name and address for the record.

Mr. Beznoska distributed to Mayor Perciak and all members of Council a petition signed by residents of Fern Canyon concerning the condition of the street. A copy of this petition is attached to the back of these minutes.

Norm Beznoska, 18235 Fern Canyon Drive, Strongsville, OH – Norm Beznoska, 18235 Fern Canyon Drive. I originally came here tonight to petition Mayor Perciak, Council President Daymut, and City Council on behalf of the residents on Fern Canyon Drive about the abysmal conditions of our road. Councilman Schonhut, Councilman Southworth came out, took up my invitation to take a ride on the roller coaster as we refer to as Fern Canyon. Mayor Perciak was kind enough to entertain my emails. Ken Dooner and I exchanged emails in a very circuitous route, but we got in touch with each other. I just wanted to say thank you all very much, we really appreciate it. I just can't say enough about Service Director Walker who has really done a fantastic job as far as snow removal goes on our street. In the years past, we've had trouble because we're a little bit of a cul-de-sac set back up woods, but thank you very much Joe, we really appreciate it. Mr. Mayor, Council President Daymut, City Council, thank you all very much. We really appreciate it.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Norm, we really appreciate that. That's the end of our sign-in sheet, is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council evening? Please step to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Chuck Sperrazza, 18201 Fern Canyon Drive, Strongsville, OH – Chuck Sperrazza, 18201 Fern Canyon. I originally came here in support of Norm for the paving of our street. I want to also extend my thanks to the Council and the Mayor. One other small thing was that the signal light on Cook Ave. and Pearl Rd.-if there is a car on the other side, on the east side, excuse me, the west side by Kilbanes, and the signal light...that triggers it to give him an arrow. If you're not there on the other side at least thirty seconds or longer, the light changes green on his side and remains red on your side; then the green light turns. If someone could look at that, other than that, that's a real small one, and I know there is a study that is going to go on for the traffic lights...

Mayor Perciak – There is a big study that's going to go on. The question is the dollar and cents and everything that goes with that; but this is something...it is an isolated situation from what our engineers tell us and Mr. Walker will make certain that is looked at tomorrow.

Mr. Sperrazza – I appreciate it and thanks again for Fern Canyon.

Mr. Daymut – Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council? Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

(No Comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2015-044 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM FOR A FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BROWNING-FERRIS INDUSTRIES OF OHIO, INC., FOR THE FURNISHING OF SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES, AND FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STRONGSVILLE TRANSFER STATION AND THE RECEIPT, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 03-02-15.*

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. 2015-044 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2015-047 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Maloney. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR 2015-PHASE II IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

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. 2015-047 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2015-048 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UNDER THE OHIO EMS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, 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. 2015-048 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-049 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM, FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF VARIOUS TRAINING EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY'S 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. 2015-049 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-050 by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 6" GODWIN DRI-PRIME PUMP WITH ACCESSORIES AND THREE 2" TRASH PUMPS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT 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. 2015-050 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2015-051 by Mr. Carbone. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE AND SURPLUS VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, 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. 2015-051 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2015-052 by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT TIRES AND RELATED TIRE SERVICES TO BE USED BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

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. 2015-052 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2015-053 by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF A MECHANICAL BAR SCREEN ASSEMBLY WITH ACCESSORIES AND WASHER COMPACTOR, ALL TO BE INSTALLED AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT "B" IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

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. 2015-053 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2015-054 by Mr. Carbone. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

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. 2015-054 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2015-055 by Mayor Perciak and Mr. Southworth. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ANOTHER NON-EXCLUSIVE RENTAL/OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT WITH THE STRONGSVILLE LACROSSE ASSOCIATION ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR 2015, FOR THE CITY'S FOOTBALL FIELDS LOCATED ON LUNN ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

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. 2015-055 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2015-056 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FOR STREETLIGHTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC. THROUGH THE SOURCING ALLIANCE, A COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC. FOR THIS PURPOSE, 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. 2015-056 ADOPTED.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Daymut – Is there any miscellaneous business this evening?

(No Comments)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Signature on File
Aimee Pientka, CMC
Clerk of Council

April 6, 2015
Date of Approval

TIME TO REPAVE FERN CANYON DRIVE!

WE THE RESIDENTS, TAXPAYERS AND VOTERS OF FERN CANYON DRIVE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND OUR STREET. BUT, NOT IN THE TERRIBLE, DANGEROUS, AND BROKEN DOWN CONDITION IT HAS BEEN LEFT IN FOR SO MANY YEARS.

DRIVING ON FERN CANYON HAS BECOME A SAFETY HAZARD TO US, OUR CHILDREN, AND OUR AUTOMOBILES. SEVERAL CHUNKS OF ASPHALT HAVE BROKEN OFF AND HAVE STRUCK THE UNDERSIDE OF SEVERAL AUTOMOBILES AND HAVE DAMAGED SNOW BLOWERS RECENTLY. DUE TO THIS DETERIOATING CONDITON, OUR SEWERS ARE CRUMBLING AS WELL.

WE HAVE CALLED AND WRITEN OUR COUNCILMAN, SERVICE DIRECTOR AND MAYOR PERCIAK TO HAVE FERN CANYON PLOWED REGULARLY (LIKE OTHER STRONGSVILLE STREETS) AND REPAVED. OUR SERVICE DIRECTOR, MR. JOE WALKER AGREED WITH NORM BEZDOSKA, 18235 FERN CANYON DR. IN A PHONE CALL ON FEBRUARY 4TH, THAT OUR STREET IS WAY BEYOND REPAIR AND NEEDS TO BE REPAVED: THIS YEAR, NOT NEXT YEAR, OR THE YEAR AFTER AS WE HAVE BEEN TOLD MANY TIMES BEFORE.

OVER THE YEARS, WE RESIDENTS OF FERN CANYON, HAVE PAID HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN PROPERTY TAXES AND TENS OF THOUSANDS IN CITY INCOME TAXES. WE DESERVE NO LESS THAN THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICE OTHER RESIDENTS' STREETS THAT WERE PAVED DURING THE PAST 5-8 YEARS HAVE RECEIVED.

FERN CANYON DRIVE MUST BE REPAVED NOT ONLY FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, BUT FOR DRIVERS AND VISITORS (MANY OF WHOM CANNOT BELIEVE ITS' TERRIBLE CONDITION). WE WANT FERN CANYON TO LOOK ONCE AGAIN LIKE WE LIVE IN STRONGSVILLE, INSTEAD OF SOME THIRD-WORLD COUNTRY.

FOR THE REPAVEMENT OF FERN CANYON DRIVE...THANK YOU.

RESIDENT NAME/SIGNATURE	RESIDENT STREET ADDRESS
<i>Norm Bezdoska</i>	<i>18235 FERN CANYON DR.</i>
<i>Bernice Bezdoska</i>	<i>18235 FERN CANYON DR.</i>
<i>Michelle Anthony</i>	<i>18273 Fern Canyon Dr.</i>
<i>Steve B...</i>	<i>18315 Fern Canyon Dr.</i>
<i>Glan Betty</i>	<i>18315 Fern Canyon Dr.</i>
<i>Gene Marie Olivier</i>	<i>18339 Fern Canyon Dr.</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>18339 Fern Canyon Dr.</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>18336 Fern Canyon Dr.</i>
<i>Charles Perlick</i>	<i>18336 Fern Canyon Dr.</i>
<i>Paul & Kaye</i>	<i>18328 FERN CANYON DR.</i>

RESIDENT NAME/SIGNATURE	RESIDENT STREET ADDRESS
Charles A. Spennazzo	18201 Fern Canyon
CHRISTOPHER SEPESY	18133 FERN CANYON
Sarah Sepesy	18133 Fern Canyon
Janice L. [Signature]	18159 Fern Canyon Dr.
Virginia Stenden	18268 Fern Canyon Dr.
Madelon Bogatay	18224 FERN CANYON DR.
Piero de Supotay	18224 FERN CANYON DR.
Richard Giles	18146 Fern Canyon Dr.
Debra [Signature]	18142 Fern Canyon Dr.
[Signature]	18296 Fern Canyon Dr.
Linda Schenck	18101 Fern Canyon Dr.
[Signature]	18101 FERN CANYON DR.
Jackie Ring	18082 Fern Canyon Dr.