

AGENDA
CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL

January 3, 2024-5:30 P.M.

FRANCIS J. McLAUGHLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Quorum is Present - Meeting is in Session.
4. Proclamations & Presentations.
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Reading of Communications.
7. Reports of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.
8. Public questions from residents (or representative) related to the above referenced reports. Questions may be limited to three (3) minutes.
9. Recognition of Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.

11. NEW BUSINESS

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- A. An **Ordinance** Authorizing Change Order Number 2 for Lindy Paving, Inc. and to Declare said Ordinance an Emergency (2023 Road Resurfacing Project).

Description: This Change Order is for the 2023 Paving Project. The change order is in the amount of \$43,521.85, this is for final quantities.

Action Needed: Passage of this Ordinance.

Attachment(s): Break down of final quantities

- B. An **Ordinance** Authorizing Change Order Number 1 For Yarian Brothers Construction, Inc. and to Declare Said Ordinance an Emergency (Overbrook Storm Sewer Improvement Project).

Description: This change order is for the Overbrook Storm Sewer Improvement Project. This is a deduct from the original amount. The amount of the deduct is \$13,583.00.

Action Needed: Passage of this Ordinance.

Attachment(s): Break down of final quantities.

- C. A **Resolution** Consenting to the Proposed Annexation of 11.1315 Acres of Land as Filed with the Mahoning County Commissioners by On Mark Communities, LLC, Agent for the Petitioners.

Description: This Resolution is consenting to the proposed annexation of 11.1315 acres of land. On Mark Communities, LLC presented the Clerk of Council with a petition for annexation, along with a legal description and map. This is a type 2 annexation. It is contiguous with the City of Canfield. This has been sent to the Mahoning County Commissioners and was on their agenda at their December 28th meeting.

Action Needed: Passage of this Resolution

Attachment(s): Petition for annexation.

- D. A **Resolution** Designating Services Available to Lands Proposed for Annexation to the City.

Description: This Resolution is designating what services will be available to the proposed land if annexed into the city, such as water and sewer, etc.

Action Needed: Passage of this Resolution

Attachment(s): Petition for annexation.

- E. A **Motion** Appointing _____ to the position of President of Council.

Description: After an election council reorganizes and elects a President of Council. We take nominations on the floor.

Action Needed: Passage of Motion

Attachment(s):

F. A **Motion** Appointing an Acting Manager

Description: Section 5.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield requires that Council designate an individual to serve as Acting Manager during the absence or disability of the Manager

For calendar year 2024 the following progression of employees that shall serve as acting manager during the absence or disability of the manager are as follows:

- 1) Police Chief
- 2) Finance Director-Christine Clayton
- 3) Assistant Chief of Police-Scott Weamer.

Action Needed: Passage of Motion

Attachment(s):

12. Council Comments.

13. Adjournment

Introduced By: _____
First Reading: _____

ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE
ORDER NUMBER 2 FOR LINDY PAVING, INC
AND TO DECLARE SAID ORDINANCE
AN EMERGENCY.
(2023 ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Lindy Paving, Inc. (Ordinance # 2023-27) on July 12, 2023 in an amount not to exceed Three-Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Nine-Hundred Eighty-Two and 50/100) based on a public bid; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends a Change Order pursuant to Section II of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to authorize Change Order 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: Change Order 2 hereby authorizes an addition to the original contract amount, in an amount of \$43,521.85.

Section 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Canfield, Ohio. Said emergency exists by reason of the fact that it is necessary, in order to meet invoice due date obligations.

Section 3: That this Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

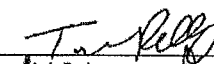

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit:

_____.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

CITY OF CANFIELD YEAR 2023 RESURFACING PROJECT						
CHANGE ORDER NO.		TWO (FINAL)		DATE: December 12, 2023		
Contr. LINDY PAVING Address: P.O. BOX 6774 PITTSBURGH, PA 15212						
ITEM NO.	BASE CONTRACT	ORIG. QTY.	REVISED QTY.	OVER/ (UNDER)	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
Sleepy Hollow Drive						
254	PAVEMENT PLANING, ASPHALT CONCRETE, FULL WIDTH 1.5' APP	8,100 SY	8,389	289.00	\$1.80	\$520.20
407	TACK COAT	835 GAL	743.00	(92.00)	\$3.60	(\$322.00)
441	ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1 (448) PG 64-22	350 CY	355.05	5.05	\$225.00	\$1,136.25
Millbrook Street						
254	PAVEMENT PLANING, ASPHALT CONCRETE, FULL WIDTH 1.5' APP	5,000 SY	4,042	(958.00)	\$1.80	(\$1,724.40)
407	TACK COAT	500 GAL	417.00	(83.00)	\$3.50	(\$290.50)
441	ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1 (448) PG 64-22	220 CY	235.66	15.66	\$225.00	3,623.50
202	CURB AND GUTTER REMOVED	85 GAL	98.00	13.00	\$75.00	\$975.00
441	ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1 (448) PG 64-22	85 CY	98.0	13.00	\$95.00	1,235.00
Greenmont Drive						
254	PAVEMENT PLANING, ASPHALT CONCRETE, FULL WIDTH 1.5' APP	8,200 SY	6,610	(1,590.00)	\$1.80	(\$2,862.00)
407	TACK COAT	820 GAL	558.00	(262.00)	\$3.50	(\$917.00)
441	ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1 (448) PG 64-22	375 CY	318.8	(69.24)	\$225.00	(13,329.00)
202	CURB AND GUTTER REMOVED	85 GAL	102.00	17.00	\$75.00	\$1,275.00
441	ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1 (448) PG 64-22	85 CY	102.0	17.00	\$95.00	1,615.00
Miscellaneous Repairs, as Directed by the Engineer						
252	PAVEMENT REPAIR	475 SY	0	(475.00)	\$60.00	(\$28,500.00)
611	MANHOLE, ADJUSTED TO GRADE	5 EA	3	(2.00)	\$1,600.00	(\$3,000.00)
611	CATCH BASIN, ADJUSTED TO GRADE	5 CY	0.0	(6.00)	\$1,000.00	(6,000.00)
Alternate No. 2 Greasel Park						
254	PAVEMENT PLANING	1,000 SY	931	(69.00)	\$2.80	(\$193.20)
407	TACK COAT	2500 GAL	210	(2,290.00)	\$0.16	(\$343.60)
441	ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1 (448) PG 64-22	10 CY	12.1	2.08	\$250.00	520.00
Alternate No. 3 East Main Street Pavement Repair						
263	MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS	350 SY	418	68.30	\$75.00	\$5,122.50
EXTRA WORK ITEMS:						
	BASE BID WTER VALVE ADJUSTED TO GRADE	0	2.00	2.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00
	BASE BID PARTIAL DEPTH PAVEMENT REPAIR	0	1,297.00	1,297.00	\$38.00	\$49,286.00
	JANET - MILL EXISTING ASPHAT	0	341	341.00	\$30.00	\$10,230.00
	JANET - TYPE 2 INTERM COURSE	0	341	341.00	\$40.00	\$13,640.00
	JANET 1.5" SURFACE COURSE	0	341	341.00	\$25.00	\$8,525.00
JUSTIFICATION:						
FINAL QUANTITY ADJUSTMENT.					TOTAL AMOUNT	\$43,521.85
THIS CHANGE ORDER SHALL CONSTITUTE A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE CHANGE IN THE WORK THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE CHANGE ORDER INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL DIRECT, INDIRECT AND CUMULATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHANGE AND ANY AND ALL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CONTRACT PRICE AND THE CONTRACT TIME.						
					ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$395,992.50
					PREVIOUS CHANGE AMOUNT	\$27,465.00
					THIS CHANGE	\$43,521.85
					REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$466,959.35
Submitted By: 			12/19/23		APPROVED BY: _____	
Indy Paving			DATE		DATE: _____	
Prepared and Recommended By: 			12/20/23		City of Canfield _____	
ms consultants, inc.			DATE		City of Canfield _____	

Introduced By: _____
First Reading: _____

ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CHANGE
ORDER NUMBER 1 FOR YARIAN BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC. AND TO
DECLARE SAID ORDINANCE AN EMERGENCY
(OVERBROOK STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Yarian Brothers Construction, Inc. (Ordinance # 2023-26) on July 12, 2023 in an amount not to exceed Two-Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Eight-Hundred Fifty-Three and 00/100 (\$272,853.00) based on a public bid; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer recommends a Change Order pursuant to Section II of the Contract; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to authorize Change Order 1 and final.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: Change Order 1 hereby authorizes a deduct to the original contract amount, in an amount of \$13,583.00.

Section 2: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Canfield, Ohio. Said emergency exists by reason of the fact that it is necessary, in order to meet invoice due date obligations.

Section 3: That this Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D., 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

**CITY OF CANFIELD
OVERBROOK STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

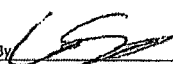
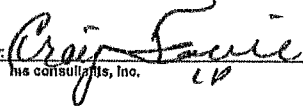
CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE (1) - Final **DATE: November 8, 2023**

Contr. Yarian Brothers Construction, Inc.
Address: 40480 State Route 14
Columbiana, Ohio 44408

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	ORIG. QTY.	REVISED QTY.	OVER/ (UNDER)	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
8	PIPE REMOVED, 36" AND UNDER	1,050	1340.00	290.00	\$10.00	\$2,900.00
15	TOPSOIL	300	312.00	12.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
16	ALLOWANCE - RESTORATION - PROVIDE NEW 2.5 CALIPER TREE @ 376 OVERBROOK	1	0.10	(0.00)	\$16,000.00	(\$13,673.00)
17	ALLOWANCE - TREE REMOVAL @ 376 OVERBROOK AND 280 SOUTHVIEW	1	1.22	0.22	\$10,000.00	\$2,200.00
18	ALLOWANCE - AS DIRECTED BY OWNER/ENGINEER REPLACE CB 4 AND 5 LIDS WITH 4 INCH IN LIEU OF 8 INCH	1	0.41	(0.00)	\$10,000.00	(\$5,950.00)

JUSTIFICATION:
FINAL QUANTITY ADJUSTMENT. TOTAL AMOUNT (\$13,583.00)

THIS CHANGE ORDER SHALL CONSTITUTE A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE CHANGE IN THE WORK THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE CHANGE ORDER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL DIRECT, INDIRECT AND CUMULATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHANGE AND ANY AND ALL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CONTRACT PRICE AND THE CONTRACT TIME.

Submitted By:  12-4-23 Yarian Brothers Construction, Inc. DATE	ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$272,883.00
	PREVIOUS CHANGE AMOUNT	\$0.00
	THIS CHANGE	(\$13,583.00)
	REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$259,270.00
Prepared and Recommended By:  12-19-23 his consultants, Inc. DATE	APPROVED BY:	DATE: _____
	_____ City of Canfield	
	_____ City of Canfield	

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

RESOLUTION

A Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Annexation
of 11.1315 Acres of Land as Filed with the Mahoning County
Commissioners by On Mark Communities, LLC, Agent for Petitioners

WHEREAS, On Mark Communities, LLC Agent for Petitioners, is
proposing to annex 11.1315 acres of land at in Canfield Township to the City
of Canfield; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ORC 709.023(D) Council desires to
consent to said annexation; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:**

Section 1. That pursuant to ORC 709.023(D), The Council of the
City of Canfield hereby consents to the proposed annexation of 11.1315 acres
as filed by On Mark Communities, LLC, Agent for Petitioners.

Section 2. That this Resolution and all deliberations relating to the
passage of this Resolution were held in open meetings of this Council, all
pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the
Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ day of _____, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio,
hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was posted in a prominent place
at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to
wit: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION
EXPEDITED TYPE 2 (R.C. 709.023)

Date: December 6, 2023

To: The Board of County Commissioners of Mahoning County, Ohio
21 West Boardman Street,
Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Petition for Expedited Annexation of 11.1315 Acres in Canfield Township to the City of Canfield for the Tax Year of 2023 and Collection Year of 2024.

The undersigned Petitioner, being all of the owners of real estate in the territory hereinafter described in **Exhibit "A"** and consisting of **11.1315 acres** in Canfield Township, Mahoning County, Ohio, adjacent to and contiguous with the City of Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio, do hereby respectfully petition the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners for the annexation of the following described territory to the City of Canfield, being filed under Sections **709.021(A) and 709.023(A)** of the Revised Code of Ohio.

1. Attached hereto and made a part of this petition is an accurate legal description of the perimeter of the territory sought to be annexed, marked as **Exhibit "A"**.
2. Attached hereto and made a part of this petition, is an accurate map of the territory sought to be annexed, marked **Exhibit "B"**.
3. Attached to this petition are (a) a list of parcels in the territory proposed to be annexed and (b) a list of parcels in the adjacent territory that includes the name of the owner, mailing address of owner and permanent parcel number, marked **Exhibit "C"**.
4. This Petition sets forth the statutory disclosure statement in bold face, capital letters regarding waiver of appeal rights immediately above the Petitioner's signature.

The undersigned Petitioner hereby appoints Robert M. Hallapy, as agent for the undersigned Petitioner as required by Revised Code Section 709.02(C)(3), with full power and authority hereby granted to said agent to amend, alter, change, correct, withdraw, refile, substitute, compromise, increase or delete the area, to do any and all things essential thereto, and to take any action necessary for obtaining the granting of this Petition. Said amendment, alteration, change, correction, withdrawal, refile, substitution, compromise, increase or deletion or other things or action for granting of this Petition shall be made in the Petition, description and map by said agent without further expressed consent of the Petitioner.



Robert M. Hallapy, Agent
ON MARK COMMUNITIES, LLC
135 Forest Hill Drive
Hubbard, OH 44425
Phone: (614) 607-4453
Email: hallapyhomes@usa.com

"WHOEVER SIGNS THIS PETITION EXPRESSLY WAIVES THEIR RIGHT TO APPEAL IN LAW OR IN EQUITY FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ENTRY OF ANY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THIS SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE, ALTHOUGH A WRIT OF MANDAMUS MAY BE SOUGHT OUT TO COMPEL THE BOARD TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES REQUIRED BY LAW FOR THIS SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE." R.C. 709.023.

Petitioner:

ON MARK COMMUNITIES, LLC
135 Forest Hill Drive
Hubbard, Ohio 44425

ON MARK COMMUNITIES, LLC,
an Ohio limited liability company



By: _____
Robert M. Hallapy, Member

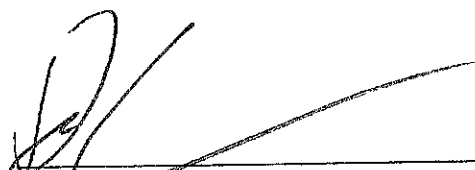
Date: December 6, 2023

"PETITIONER"

STATE OF OHIO)
)
COUNTY OF MAHONING) SS:

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above-named **Robert M. Hallapy**, on behalf of **On Mark Communities, LLC**, an Ohio limited liability company, who acknowledged that he did sign the foregoing instrument and that the same is his free act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Youngstown, Ohio this 6 day of **December, 2023**.



Notary Public

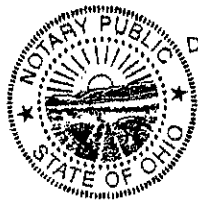
 DOMINIC F. CARANO, Attorney at Law
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission has No Expiration
Section 147.03 R.C.

Exhibit "A"

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

SITUATED in the Township of Canfield, County of Mahoning and State of Ohio:
and known as being Lot No. 2 in Replat of Lot No. 1, Brocker Plat No. 1, a subdivision of a part
of Original Canfield Township, Division 4, as shown by the recorded plat of said Subdivision in
Volume 100 of Maps, Page 46, of Mahoning County Records.

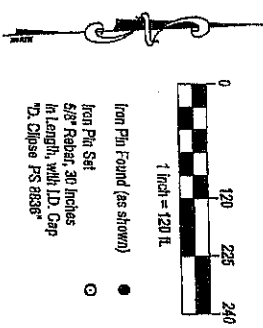
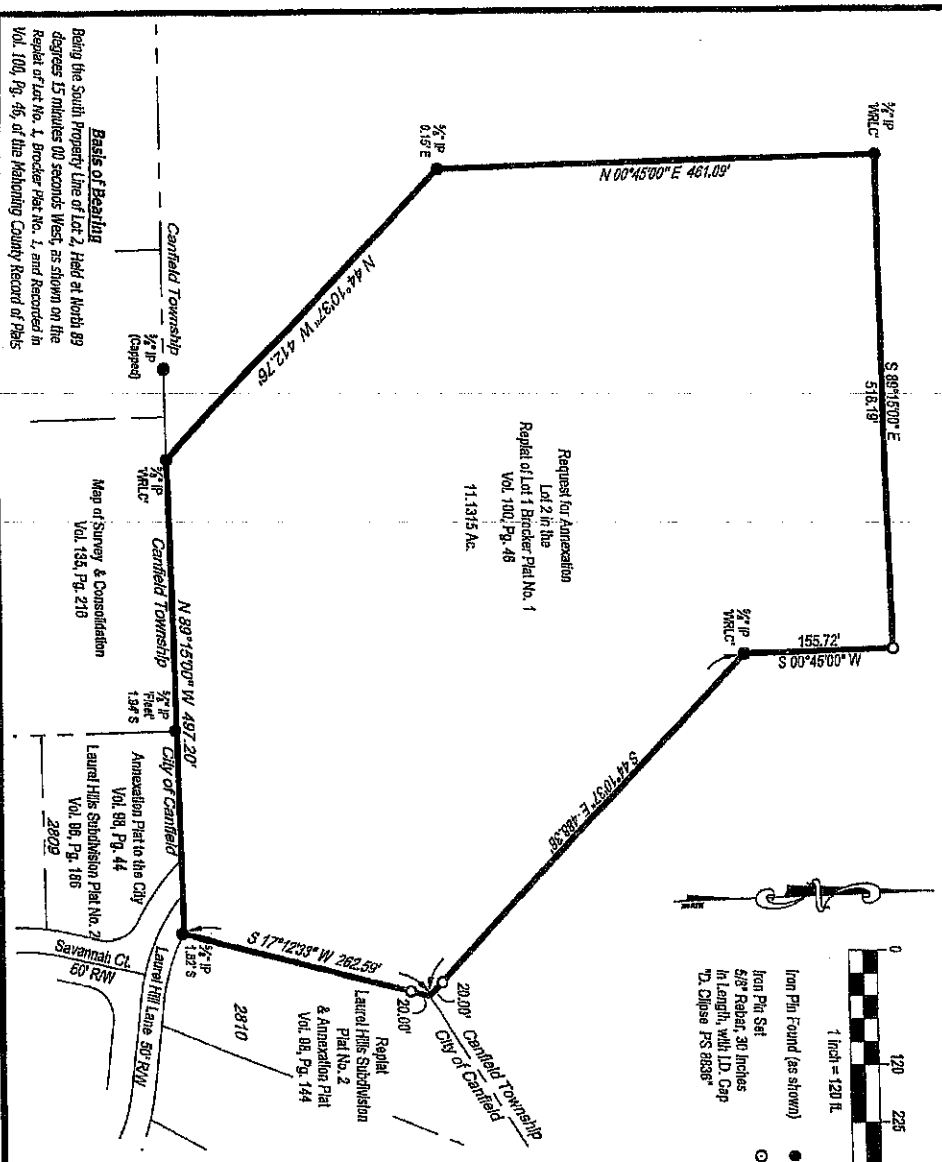
Prior Instrument Reference: O.R. Volume **6525**, Page **1278**, Official Records of Mahoning
County, Ohio.

Prepared by:
AES Surveying & Land Planning, Inc.
 888 Bondman-Cantfield Rd., Sibley, Bourneville, OH 44312
 330-953-0222
 AES JOB NO. 2797-22

Lot 1 in the
 Replat of Lot 1 Brooker Plat No. 1
 Vol. 100, Pg. 46

Annexation to the City of Canfield

Part of Great Lot 4, 4th Division Canfield Township, Mahoning County, Ohio May 2023



Iron Pin Found (as shown) ●
 Iron Pin Set 5/8\"/>

Surveyor's Certification
 This survey on which it is based was prepared in accordance with and satisfies the minimum standards for a boundary survey in the State of Ohio as codified in Chapter 4733-37 of the Ohio Administrative Code in effect at that time.
 I do hereby certify that the survey of the land shown herein was made under my supervision and is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Daniel Clipse, P.S. No. 8836 Date _____

This survey was done without the benefit of a title search, therefore the properties may be subject to additional easements, right of ways, covenants, etc. as may be disclosed in a current title search.

Owner	P.P.#	Document
Robert M. Heilary	26-006-p-002, 026-0	O.R. 8325, Pg. 12/8

Owner: _____

Before me, a notary public in and for said county, personally appeared the above signed person(s) who acknowledge that they are (he or she is) the owner(s) of the land shown on the accompanying subdivision as shown above, and that the signing of the above certificate is their (his or her) own free act and deed.

As witness hereof and have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public: _____

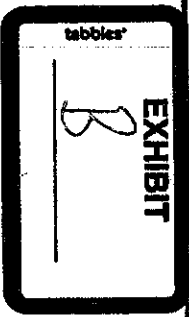
Approved by the Mahoning County Commissioners this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Attest: _____ Vice Chairman
 _____ Chairman
 _____ Commissioner
 _____ Clerk
 _____ Mayor

The annexation of the land shown is hereby approved and accepted by the Council of the City of Canfield by Ordinance # _____ passed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Entered for transfer this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Mahoning County Auditor: _____
 Received for record this _____ day of _____, 20__ at _____ o'clock
 Recorded in Volume _____ at Page _____ of the Mahoning County Record of Plats.
 this _____ day of _____, 20__.
 Mahoning County Recorder: _____



Baseline of Beading
 Being the South Property Line of Lot 2, Held at North 89 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds West, as shown on the Replat of Lot No. 1, Brooker Plat No. 1, and Recorded in Vol. 100, Pg. 46, of the Mahoning County Record of Plats

Map of Survey & Consolidation
 Vol. 185, Pg. 218

City of Canfield
 Annexation Plat to the City
 Vol. 88, Pg. 44
 Laurel Hills Subdivision Plat No. 2
 Vol. 88, Pg. 188
 2802

Savannah Ct.
 60' RW

Laurel Hill Lane 50' RW

Exhibit "C"

List of Parcels in the Territory Proposed to be Annexed

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**List of Parcels in the Adjacent Territory that Includes the Name of the Owner(s), Mailing
Address and Permanent Parcel Number**

Exhibit "C"

Part 1 of 2

List of Parcels in the Territory Proposed to be Annexed

Name of Owner(s)	Property Description	Parcel Number	Tax Payer Address
ON MARK COMMUNITIES, LLC	LOT 2 50 X 262.59 IRR REPL LT 1 BROCKER PL 1	26-005-0-002.02-0	135 FOREST HILL DR. HUBBARD, OH 44425

Exhibit "C"

Part 2 of 2

List of Parcels in the Adjacent Territory that Includes the Name of the Owner(s), Mailing Address and Permanent Parcel Number

Name of Owner(s)	Parcel Number	Tax Payer Address
GERST ROBERT P & GERST CHRISTINE A	28-035-0-076.01-0	GERST ROBERT P 181 LAUREL HILLS LN CANFIELD, OH 44406
PEPPERNEY JAMES A JR & PEPPERNEY JEANNE A	28-035-0-075.00-0	PEPPERNEY JAMES A JR 10 SAVANNAH CT CANFIELD, OH 44406
MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT BD OF COMMISS	26-005-0-002.01-0	MILL CREEK METROPOLITAN 7574 COLUMBIANA CANFIELD ROAD CANFIELD, OH 44406
ULICNEY NICHOLAS R. & ULICNEY SOMER	26-005-0-011.02-0	ULICNEY NICHOLAS R. & ULICNEY SOMER 7300 HERBERT RD CANFIELD, OH 44406
ULICNEY JON R. & ULICNEY SANDRA J.	26-005-0-011.01-0	ULICNEY JON R. & ULICNEY SANDRA J. 7340 HERBERT RD CANFIELD, OH 44406

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO LANDS PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO THE CITY

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield has received written notice in conformity with ORC §709.023 of the filing of a petition and proposal to annex the 11.1315 acres of property depicted on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, located contiguous and adjacent to the City of Canfield, in Canfield Township by On Mark Communities, LLC, Agent for Petitioners; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to ORC 709.023(C), Council is required pursuant to ORC 709.023(C) to provide a statement within twenty (20) days after the filing of the annexation petition indicating what services are available to the territory proposed for annexation and an approximate date by which it will provide them, to the territory proposed for annexation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1. The City of Canfield will provide the proposed land for annexation the following services as currently provided to all residents and property owners within the City of Canfield:

1. Water and sewage services subject to the payment for such services at the rate periodically established by the City for said services and charged to residents and entities located within the City. The owner(s) shall bear the cost of any infrastructure necessary to have water and sewage available upon the newly annexed territory.
2. Police protection at the level of service provided to all residents and entities located within the limits of the City.
3. Road maintenance and snow and ice removal at the level of service provided to all residents and entities located within the limits of the City. To the extent that any street or highway is divided or segmented by the boundary line between the township and the City that creates a road maintenance problem, the City agrees to and shall assume the maintenance of those portions of the street or highway for which a maintenance problem was caused by the annexation or to otherwise correct the problem.
4. All other services currently provided to all residents and property owners within the City of Canfield.

Section 2. That these Services shall be provided beginning on effective date of the Annexation.

Section 3. That this Resolution and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Resolution were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ day of _____, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to wit: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Introduced by: _____

Motion No. _____

MOTION

A MOTION APPOINTING _____
TO THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for the position of President of Council; and

WHEREAS, this Council is empowered by the Charter to appoint a Member of Council to serve as President of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: The Council of the City of Canfield herewith appoints _____ to the position of President of Council.

Section 2: That this Motion and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Motion were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D. 2024.

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MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Introduced By: _____

Motion No. _____

MOTION

A MOTION APPOINTING AN ACTING MANAGER.

WHEREAS, it is necessary from time to time, in the absence of the Manager, for an individual to act as City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield requires that Council designate an individual to serve as Acting Manager during the absence or disability of the Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: During the disability or scheduled absence of the City Manager, during the remaining calendar year 2024, the following progression of employees shall serve as Acting City Manager; pursuant to Section 5.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield.

- 1.) Chief of Police- Charles Colucci
- 2.) Finance Director-Christine Stack-Clayton
- 3.) Assistant Chief of Police-Scott Weamer

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MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

MINUTES
CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 20, 2023-5:20 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by John Morvay, President of Council. The Clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Morvay, Mr. Nacarato, Mr. Neff and Mr. Tieche.

The notice for this public hearing was advertised in the Vindicator on November 17, 2023

MR. MORVAY: This is a public hearing for:

An Ordinance Providing for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations New Conditional Permitted Use Section 1151.01(N).

MR. MORVAY: Chief could you or Counselor brief us on this?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: This is a result of your request, actually. This has been through Planning a few times. This is an Ordinance regulating EV Charging Stations within the community. Generally, it allows these as conditionally permitted uses. If they fail to comply with the requirements of the ordinance, their permit could be revoked. These are for public use. This regulates public use not private use. Charging stations would be permitted in B-1, B-2, B-3 and R/O Zoning Districts in the city. The areas which the EV Charging Stations would be located must be used exclusively just for that purpose. All of our signage, regulations apply in this ordinance as well. We're requiring accessibility, so that there is a handicapped accessible charging station, 1 per every 12 charging stations. The lighting requirements from chapter 11 were brought into play here in Section 4. There is some equipment requirements relative to height of equipment, etc. There is a whole set of required postings, in terms of voltage and amperage levels, hours of operation, user fees, and safety information. We have a setback requirement of at least 25 feet from the front right of way. All plans must be submitted to both the zoning inspector and the required district for approval prior to construction. We brought in all applicable laws, state, federal, local laws that would apply to these charging stations, apply pursuant to our ordinance.

MR. MORVAY: Great. Just an FYI, we need to pass ordinances like this, to just stay ahead of it. If we have individuals coming in and wanting to put charging stations in, we have to have some kind of way to regulate it. So, this could be dynamic. We could change this. We can find out that something doesn't work or works and make adjustments later. But this gives us a starting point. Gentlemen any questions?

MR. TIECHE: I have a couple. We're talking about a 25-foot setback from the front yard but the zoning districts that we're talking about are B-1, B-2 and B-3. If you had some of these in B-1 or B-2, and you would be back behind the 25-foot setback, you could end up being right on the

property line of a neighbor to the rear or to the side. I was thinking that maybe one of the things that should occur is having a setback from all of the property lines, so that any light that is being generated at that site, is not shining on a neighbor's property, or something like that. So, we don't get a Dairy Queen situation, like they got in Boardman.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Good point. Our lighting ordinances has been amended over the past few years in terms of the directional issue that you're raising. We have a strict prohibition against commercial lighting shining onto adjacent properties. It's a relatively new ordinance. I think we cover it that way, in terms of the lighting issue. If we want to subsequently amend this to provide for setbacks on the side and rear, we can do that.

MR. TIECHE: Okay.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: To Mr. Morvay's point, we wanted to get something on the books. I think everybody appreciates it, it's subject to change, it's also subject to a variance. People come in and propose why it can't work at that particular location. The lighting, I think, we cover under our reference to our lighting ordinance; which clearly has some provisions relative to commercial lighting.

MR. TIECHE: The second question I had is, if you have 12 stations, then you have to have 1 for handicapped accessible.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Correct.

MR. TIECHE: Does that mean, if we develop 12 in the city, then the next one has to be handicapped accessible or is that mean 12 at the one site?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: 12 at the one site.

MR. TIECHE: Okay, very good.

MR. NEFF: I wanted to mention, I was concerned because I originally thought we should have stations on the Village Green because we're getting more activity and there are things coming in but that is B-1.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Yes. It was your concern and we modified it.

MR. NEFF: That's great. If we do get some more activity in retail downtown, restaurants, shopping, grocery store, we could have charging stations there. Thank you.

MR. MORVAY: Council, anything else? Hearing none. Citizens anything?

MR. MICCHIA: Good evening, Frank Micchia, 220 Glenview. The question regarding this ordinance, does this ordinance provide for any fire extinguishers or something on site, in case there is an emergency?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Absolutely.

MR. MICCHIA: Is there an emergency call box.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Yes, we have requirements relative to, keep in mind these are regulations far beyond what the city is doing here in terms of zoning. We provide that, there is requirement postings in terms of voltage and amperage, hours of operations, usage fees and all safety information.

MR. MICCHIA: That would be a fire extinguisher in the area?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Absolutely.

MR. MICCHIA: Sometimes those lithium batteries tend to get a little hot.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: You can't put them out. Ask our firemen that are here.

MR. MORVAY: Our guys will probably tell you, you're not going to put out a fire with an extinguisher on an all-electric car.

MR. MICCHIA: We used to have zirconium fires. You can't put them out. Thank you.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Kind of like you Frank, we haven't been able to put you out. (Laughter).

MR. MICCHIA: I'm here for the duration.

MR. MORVAY: The energizer. Any other concerns or questions. Hearing none. We'll adjourned this public hearing.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

MINUTES

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2023-5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by John Morvay, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Morvay, Mr. Nacarato, Mr. Neff and Mr. Tieche.

Staff present: Charles Colucci, Chief of Police/Acting City Manager; Christine Stack-Clayton, Finance Director; John Rapp, Zoning Inspector.

Absent: Mike Cook, Zoning Inspector.

MR. MORVAY: Ladies and gentlemen, this is my last meeting, so hopefully it goes smooth. Mayor Dragish do you have any Presentations or Proclamations this evening?

Under **Proclamations and Presentations:**

MR. DRAGISH: We do. We have a Presentation by the Cardinal Joint Fire District. I don't know if we want to introduce them now? Rich Russo, he's the President of the Fire District Board.

MR. MORVAY: Rich, do you want to do your presentation now and introduce.....

MR. RICH RUSSO: We'll wait for Chip.

MR. MORVAY: Okay.

MR. RICH RUSSO: And Denise is coming.

MR. MORVAY: Introduce our firefighters and Jason. Make sure everyone gets recognized. Thank you.

Under **MINUTES**, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 6, 2023 were approved as presented.

Under **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

MR. TIECHE: I have none.

MR. NEFF: I have none.

MR. DRAGISH: I have none.

MR. NACARATO: I have none.

MR. MORVAY: I just have one. I felt this is an appropriate time to do this. We've completed Chief Colucci's evaluation. I just kind of want to summarize it and read it into the record.

In August of 2022, with the resignation of our City Manager, Chief Colucci took on a dual role, the City Manager and Chief of Police. He brought immediate administrative leadership to the City of Canfield. Some of Chief Colucci's notable skill include:

Team Management: Chief Colucci took leadership of various departments, implementing a team approach to his administration of policies and procedures. Under his strong administrative leadership, he effectively managed everyone involved, ensuring work towards a common goal while promoting a positive and collaborative work environment. Chief Colucci encouraged and fostered ownership when changes were implemented and received an outstanding evaluation related to communications and relations with City Council. Chief Colucci provided City Council with a weekly memo update as well as keeping City Council apprised of any special problems or situations that would need additional attention.

Strategic Planning: Chief Colucci kept continuity in defining the goals of City Council and he was able to develop and revise plans to achieve success in economic development and to allocate resources effectively to their most efficient use. Although, Chief Colucci received an above-average evaluation in strategic planning & economic development, there were concerns that economic development was not moving as fast as it could be. Given the circumstances involving taking on the dual role as City Manager and Chief of Police, his efforts never wavered. Under Chief Colucci's leadership he continued to build the plan to accomplish future development and has made the end goal easier for the next City Manager to succeed.

Decision Making: Chief Colucci made timely and well-informed decisions. It was evident that he collected relevant information, considered various perspectives, and acted to ensure the best course of action for the city's overall benefit. In decision making, Chief Colucci scores an outstanding score for his effectiveness, consistency, accountability, adaptability, and overall compliance with legal and ethical boundaries.

Communication Skills: Effective communication is crucial in any leadership role, and this is one of Chief Colucci's strengths, evidenced by his high mark in this area. Chief Colucci was able to communicate clearly with his staff, government officials, and the public. Chief Colucci's transparency and openness contributed to the trust and cooperation that he fostered. His communication skills extended beyond administration and City Council, as Chief Colucci engaged with the community and was able to understand their needs and concerns. By building positive relationships with citizens Chief Colucci enhanced the overall effectiveness of this leadership.

Adaptability: Chief Colucci, upon accepting the dual role as City Manager and Chief of Police, effectively adapted to change. There were many evolving circumstances and new challenges, and he displayed the ability to take charge, create policies, and address the challenges that faced the City. The City of Canfield did not “skip a beat” and continued to thrive. Chief Colucci applied leadership strategies learned in his role as Chief of Police, to his role as City Manager. The skills and job requirement included:

- Policy implementation
- Budget management
- Administrative leadership
- Public relations
- Short and long-term planning
- Emergency management
- Advising all stakeholders
- Interagency (other entities) coordination

Chief Colucci received no lower than excellent ratings in the above requirements and in the majority of these skills Chief Colucci received an outstanding grade.

I dated this today, 12-20-23 and I'd like that to be part of his record. Thank you, Chief.

CHIEF COLUCCI: Thank you.

MR. MORVAY: That's all the communications that I had. I had no leaf problems or brush pick up or anything like that John, so we're good to go there. Chief, any communications?

CHIEF OF POLICE: The Sawmill Creek Project is obviously well under way. Crews are currently digging on South Briarcliff. From what I understand, South Briarcliff posed a challenge, it's shallower digging, with a lot of interconnecting lines and infrastructure. They'll be moving on further down the project where it will be deeper digging, a little bit easier for the Yarian Brothers. No complaints, everything is smooth, low with the harder weather and again I appreciate everybody's patience as this project moves along.

Also, tonight, Mike Cook, our Zoning Inspector was unable to make it. I would like to let everyone know, we had a little lunch for Mike today and everybody was extremely happy and proud of Mike. I just want to say, it was excellent working with Mike. Mike is an honest person. All too often, these jobs are thankless. A lot of things go unnoticed but Mike did an excellent job. He came in and served the city well for 8 years. Thank you, Mike.

Moving forward, we do have a plan in place. Myself, the Judge, Patty and Lisa will be overseeing anything that goes on; as far as permits that need to be issued, anything zoning related. But I am pleased to announce that we have selected a new zoning inspector/business planner. We did receive multiple applications. We inspected them all with a very close eye. We narrowed it

down to 3 finalists. The two finalists that didn't make the cut, it was difficult because they're certainly worthy of the job. We believe we've got an incredible person heading our way. Last week, Judge, myself, Christine and John all got to sit down for a final interview with the applicant and so, I'm please to announce that her name is Jodi Flinn. Jodi is a graduate of Salem High School. She graduated from Kent State with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. She's worked for 2 law firms and currently a quality control manager at Techno Corp. and she's married with 2 children. Jodi stood out. Her passion for forward thinking, her passion for growth, development and her personality, she'll be starting here January 5th. She is going to be working with Mike next week. On her vacation, she's going to come in on her own time. Although, she's not going to have that much time with Mike, Mike has done an excellent job preparing, cheat sheets, if you will on everything that we've got going on, plus Patty and Lisa are certainly competent in that area as well. The Judge and I will be by her side and whatever she needs, we're going to be looking to see if she needs any certifications, professional growth, stuff like that. Really, confident that we got an excellent candidate and contrary to the rumor floating around that I hired my male relative, Jodi Flinn is not my relative. We're pretty excited. We're looking forward to another quality employee. I've always said, we take a lot of pride in our hiring process. I think we got a quality product to turn over to you.

MR. MORVAY: When we hired Mike, there was a question because he didn't have a lot of the experience in zoning but he displayed all the other characteristics that we had looked for, communication skills, organizational skills, and Mike really exceeded our expectations in zoning. He's done a fabulous job. He's going to be missed. We'll look forward to change.

CHIEF COLUCCI: Mike did a great job self-teaching. He didn't have the luxury of a few days with someone else. He came in after our prior Zoning Inspector left. Mike will be there for us, if we need help. What he's created for Jodi is awesome. He wasn't even asked to do it and he did it. I'm looking forward to introducing Jodi to everyone.

MR. MORVAY: You're going to enjoy your role, as stepping down and being Chief of Police again.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Absolutely. I'm looking forward to it.

MR. MORVAY: That's our communications. We're going to move to Reports.

Under **REPORTS** of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.

MR. TIECHE: I have no report this evening.

MR. NEFF: We had a Planning & Zoning Meeting. There is an issue for replatting, that we'll be voting on tonight. We talked to property owner at 530 W. Main Street that wants to change his zoning from B-2 back to M-1 Manufacturing. We'll be debating that and talking about that in Planning & Zoning.

MR. DRAGISH: I have my Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council. From the monies collected in the city from Mayor's Court, net collections \$1, 285.01.

MR. NACARATO: Design Review hasn't met since our last meeting, so I have no report.

MR. MORVAY: I don't have a report for the Fire District but we're going to hear from the Fire District in a little bit and see what they're up to. We've been trying to do a feasibility study to see how this will lend itself, allow Boardman to join the Joint Fire District and we work as a team, economic to scale, improve efficiency and performance and all of that. So, we'll be getting a report as soon as Chip gets here. Chip is here. Chip is always the last one in a meeting. With that, this is a good time. Rich if you want to come up and introduce everybody and why don't you just do that report right now, under my communications.

RICH RUSSO: Good evening, folks, Rich Russo, Chairman of the Canfield Joint Fire District. With me tonight I have Denise Harlan one of our Board Members; Marie Cartwright, she is on the committee with us; Chip Comstock is our Legal Counsel. He's going to come up and we're going to go through this, what we showed the firefighters. Jason Loree is here today, he's representing the administrator from Boardman and he'll answer any questions that you might have. Chip would you like to come up. This is a power point presentation that we put out to both firefighter unions and it shows the pro's and con's of this merger between Boardman and Canfield. We really haven't been able to put a lot out yet. The Auditor's Report, we can't tell Boardman what it's going to cost them. It's not that we've been closed up about it. It's just that we can't answer questions yet. We're going to show you why it's a terrific idea for Canfield to do this with Boardman. The tax base, the personnel and everything we're going to get out of this merger is just tremendously beneficial to the residents of Canfield; from staffing to apparatus to budgets. One of the questions, I'll get it out of the way right now, we passed the levy for our ambulances and why are we going to send them to Boardman? It's not the way that this is going to work. We have our ambulances and they're going to have theirs. We're paying our millage for our Fire District and they're going to pay the exact same millage that we do. This is very, very beneficial to the residents of Canfield.

ATTY. CHIP COMSTOCK: Thank you. The reason we're here is, as the District has continued to explore this we keep hearing statements that just aren't accurate. We're still in the exploratory stages. We've had lots of meetings. We're trying to look at a lot of the pro's and con's and how it would benefit the district. Obviously, if the district board doesn't believe it would be in the best interest of the district, we're not going to proceed forward with it. We believe that, when we reach that end product, we need to have all constituents on board. We want to have the elected bodies from the townships and the city on board and the district board itself will be involved at the forefront. We need to make sure we have the public support. We want to have the firefighters support and that's why we've been working with and having meetings with both unions. So, everybody understands how this whole process works, one of the things that I don't think has been talked about is how does the district expand, what is the process for that. Legally, the district simply expands by having Boardman pass a Resolution asking to join and the

district accepting it. That's it. There is a Code of Regulations which the district itself created years ago when it was first formed, that says, if we make any changes, we'd like to have everybody involved. Even if that wasn't there, we could do it on our own; which we want everybody to give the blessing. It's key to moving forward. The district presently uses a Code of Regulations. That's what governs us. The districts that I've been involved with elsewhere, we do a joint Resolution. The joint Resolution that was in effect with Canfield, Mark and I have looked at it and it's basically one line that says, we'll create a joint fire district. The board itself created how it's governed. Mark and I worked together before in other districts, what we would look at doing here is, expanding that, instead of code of regulations, it would be a joint resolution that all three entities would sign. It would confer what the board of trustee's would look like, the would confer the funding, etc. It's really basic. It's what we're doing now but everybody would sign off on that. It would be part of that process. I did a very rough draft, I met with the county prosecutor's who had some common suggestions, when that gets back, Mark and I will be sitting down and going over that before we bring it back to everybody. Lawyers tend to sometimes make it longer and make it messier, we figure if we can get all the legal stuff worked out, then people can look at what the terms are. They're very general. When I created districts elsewhere around the state, the two issues that have to come up, one is what is the board of trustees going to look like? The second part of that is, how is the district funded? Here, the district currently basically two and two and a fifth member. The proposal right now, is to have two, two, two and a 7th member that would come from likely our continuing chair. It would be 3 elected officials, 3 residents and the 4th resident would be the Chair. No offense to all the elected officials but we're pretty adamant about this, I will tell you that through all my districts, one of the things about having residents involved is they do a great job. They're focused. When I deal with elected officials, you have lots of responsibilities such as, the police department, zoning, roads, engineering, there are a lot of different things. The members who you choose to be on these boards, some good examples here tonight, are committed, focused and giving it everything on behalf of their community. I love when we get residents involved. They bring different perspectives to the table and are part of that decision-making process. So, the thought right now is three elected officials, one representing each community; which is required by the law. Then again, each community appoints a resident, those choose the 7th member. The other part I talked about is, the other issue is how are we going to fund the district? Well, the neat thing about having a district already existing with the tax, is that, by law everybody in the district has to pay the exact same tax. Nobody gets a break. Township, Township and the City, all the residents pay proportionally. So, that means that, if you understand and Jason could talk about this, that presently we're in the majority, almost all of Boardman Fire Departments revenue comes out of the General Fund for Fire/EMS. This means that Boardman will have an automatic increase in (inaudible) dedicated for Fire and EMS that is not presently there now. The Boardman Trustees are not in the position to have this discussion with their community because they have to do the math after the auditor determines what the increase will be, so they know where they can entrust and whether it's reductions in the General Fund, whether it's reductions elsewhere, they want to do their best to minimize any increases in Boardman. But for them to do the math, they have to wait until all the readjustments come out in January. The thing we know in Canfield is, there will be no tax increases here. The Levy is what the Levy is. As it brings in, whatever it does, that is what it will

continue to generate. We estimated previously before we knew what the tax reassessments were going to be, with Boardman joining, it would bring about an additional 7 million dollars in the district; which will help generate money for personnel and money for equipment at no cost to any of the Canfield residents. That will be Boardman taxpayers, paying for Boardman assets. It increases the strength of the whole system. One of the things that we can be short on, people have to understand, I'm very proud as living as a competitor down 224, in that other district, I've very proud what the Canfield Fire District has done. They have led this area, to date. If you look, Poland is very much following what you're doing. In terms of purchasing ambulances and starting with a backup, we may go down that road at some point but that doesn't mean that Canfield doesn't have its weaknesses at times. The trust is, there are times when we talk about, we don't want people going out of the district, the goal is to have 3 ambulances functioning at all times. That doesn't always happen because of short comings in personnel. We're trying to fix that. We're trying to hire part-time, full-time but it's tough at the moment, everybody is facing the same problem. The goal would be, right now, I had a conversation with the Chief on the way over here about the long-term and how we protect the residents. He wishes he could be here but he thought none of you would appreciate getting COVID over Christmas. You can thank him later for that. The reality is that, if we have 2 or 3 medical calls at the same time, it's not clear right now, who your backup would be. The night of the Ohio State/Michigan football game, there were 2 ambulances available in service and if you had 3 medicals, how are we going to service that. You could call Ellsworth, you could call Green, maybe Austintown. If Boardman joins this system, and we're all solving this problem together, we will add ambulances into and make them available. And we'll add extra people to the station. Right now, you have a fire call, you have 3 ambulance calls, how many personnel do you have available to go fight fires. Very few. You might have one engine crew. The idea would be that all stations, whether they're in Canfield or in Boardman, would get to where we have an engine and an ambulance. If that ambulance is at the hospital, we have to call an ambulance from another station, you'll still have an engine with a paramedic to move forward, to serve as a first responder and provide care in the interim. So, by strengthening Boardman, by strengthening all of the stations both in terms of fire protection and EMS protection, we'll make the protection of our residents stronger on fronts. That comes, quite frankly, a lot of it, as a result of the increase in taxes dedicated to Fire and EMS, that we don't presently have access to. Again, I look at it to the extend that you can add 3 ambulances or more to our west that aren't presently available to us. We added protection to us. I know there are concerns about, we're going to be going there, I don't see that as the case. You also have to remember in the short-term, and short-term could be 2 or 3 years, Lane's with a contract will continue to provide service. I think that there are plans, it's some of the things that I've talked to Chief about moving the beyond that and how we strengthen the protection. Boardman, Poland, other communities are now, as we all work together, the EMS System have committed in the last 6 months in helping each other out through mutual aid, that's not presently really there that often. Again, I think it's everybody putting their heads together, to find ways that we are going to strengthen all of our communities together, we will rise together. That's the plan. That's what the board has been working diligently on. We wanted to come to talk to you and answer any specific questions you might have, whether it's from my perspective or whether it's from the Board Members perspective or Boardman Township's perspective. We are not going to do

anything that is going to hurt this community. I say this community, meaning Canfield. We think working together (inaudible) and that's what we're working for, it's not going to happen overnight. Some of the statement's that we've heard, we wanted to get them answered. If you have questions for me or the board members.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Right now, we're talking about Boardman and Canfield what does the future look like? Has there been discussions with Poland or Austintown, I heard that floating around?

ATTY. CHIP COMSTOCK: Austintown there was that comment made. It would be more complicated with Poland only because it's an existing district. How that would transcend, what would happen with taxes here or there. That makes things more complicated. Austintown, it might work but that's not, in my opinion, in the near future. I talked to folks in Austintown and said, listen, we've been working hard here and it's not going to be easy, the hardest piece of the puzzle is working together with the two unions. Both have concerns. The Chairman Rich Russo said, he does not want to do anything that is going to harm either, let's try to work together. There is going to have to be some compromise but that would introduce a whole other body a whole other union contract, it would introduce a lot of questions. I think the sentiment is, let's do this, let's do this right, a couple years down the road, if that looks like it would benefit everybody, then that's something to talk about. But that's not been addressed, in terms of, do we want to do this now. It hasn't even made it that far. I've recommended against that. Even though, I know there may be advantages, I think it becomes a big distraction.

MR. MORVAY: Chip, so currently Canfield dispatches through Canfield. Where would Boardman dispatch?

ATTY. CHIP COMSTOCK: I would only speak from the fire department standpoint. If Boardman came here, as far as the fire department, a merger of the departments, it would have to be through, I've talked to Chief, we had discussions and the entities worked together with some proposals previously, I know that the desire of the Chief's, I can't predict 10 years but I can certainly tell you that if this merger went through, I think the question that we would have to sit down and it's really only one: How much? The call volume would increase. It would probably triple. Boardman runs a lot more calls than here. So, we'd have to figure out how many dispatchers can go through that. That would be part of this discussion to see how many dispatchers we would need. The call routing becomes more interesting because right now, city calls come to the City, Canfield Township calls go to Austintown then rerouted. That would be a discussion that would involve Boardman, as to how the calls would be routed. That would involve the Chief and work those details out. It's not as big of a problem as it was before because the technology has caught up to the one button transfers pretty quick. There is not that much delay now. I believe that given the current contracts and given the mergers, that the fire dispatching would be through Canfield City, per our contract.

MR. MORVAY: I guess the biggest concern that we're hearing is, the benefit, the marginal benefit is greater than the marginal cost. I sit on that board, so I know, emphatically, from

what we've looked at and what we've projected out, it's tremendous. The amount of benefit that we would get as Canfield Community as well as Boardman, economy is a scale.

ATTY. CHIP COMSTOCK: Well, economy is a scale. Again, I look at it, and to be honest with everybody, I look at it at strengthening the 224 corridor. I see it benefitting Canfield first and tremendously. Quite frankly, you'll have control over the protection. When I say you, I mean this Fire District Board has control over what it looks to your east. As we improve 224, again, we have gone to Boardman to provide ambulances before. We have now, as we said, things are changing, they've got the ambulance in service, we said, we'll look at those type of exchanges and they'll be mutual, that's the commitment. It really does give the fire district the opportunity to assure that the fire protection and EMS protection is as strong as we would want it to be here, which strengthen everybody. We all rise together.

MR. MORVAY: Maybe Denise could help me with this, what 2 years ago, or so, we passed a little operating levy for the City of Canfield and so, financially, we're okay. Right now, we're okay. But we see our costs creeping up on us in a couple of years and then we're going to have to go back to the taxpayer, to keep the level of equipment, training, personnel, these guys are heroes in my book. We like to get them paid and keep them relative or higher than average. To do that, we're going to come back to the taxpayer eventually. Maybe Denise can talk more about it. She's more on the financial side than I am. This merger, the numbers that we've looked at, it probably would be enough for..... maybe you can address that whole issue Denise.

DENISE HARLAN: We have a couple of different scenarios, going with the additional revenue that would be received from Boardman and with the combined parties, we did projections over the next so many years, and we projected out not only the additional revenue coming in to the entire district, but the additional costs that are coming as well with personnel, equipment, new fire engines are way more than I thought, I'm on the resident side, so a lot of this has been new to me. So, the cost of a new fire truck was well beyond what I would have thought. Boardman just got a new ambulance and it was a used ambulance and that wasn't cheap. So, I think for both of us going forward, there is going to be significant costs that we're both going to have to deal with in the future at some point. As a combined unit, I think we're able to projections as of now, we're able to have the state-of-the-art equipment going forward. We're able to have the ambulances to service, both combined areas. We actually have plans to hire additional EMT's, (inaudible). So, the plan is to, have more personnel available. At the same time, we have budgeted in new fire trucks as well and more ambulances down the line. We've done this projection all the way out to see what it would look like. Separately, it won't work. It won't work for either side. So, if we don't combine, Boardman has an issue on their side that they'll have to deal with and we're going to have to deal with it at some point in time, as well.

ATTY. CHIP COMSTOCK: One of the things that's interesting, every Fire Chief takes some pride in saying this is my ISO Rating. It's somewhat reflective of the department. We can argue about whether those are true numbers or not, but the ISO Rating does reflect on your homeowners insurance premium. So, we try to both our businesses and our homes, we try to get the lowest number we can. The Fire District in the past has done things like putting in dry hydrants

throughout the township, etc. You have to have so many vehicles, per area. You have to have so many reserve vehicles, backup, so if one goes down, you have a backup. When the ISO folks came in and talked to the Chief's about this, they said that because you're combined, you don't need all the backup engines, you don't need all the backup aerials. So, right away they said, you can eliminate two engines and one ladder truck that you'd have to replace. Boardman just bought a ladder truck, as did Austintown for 1.9 million. So, that's one less vehicle. They figured originally it was 3 million dollars in vehicle savings, with the cost of vehicles going up. I think that savings is going up. By combining our total forces. By the way, when you're looking at insurance ratings, they do count the number of personnel per department. That's a big part of it. So, by adding people, your numbers go up. You should see insurance ratings improve as well. We're going to gain on both sides, just on the insurance premium. Especially your larger businesses that, it really makes a difference, when you're going from a 3 to a 2, or whatever. It is good, not only for the taxpayers saving money but it will save them some money, hopefully in insurance rates.

MR. MORVAY: Again, to keep the level of equipment that we have. We've got a machine, the guys could talk about it, the LUCAS. You're having a heart attack and they strap this thing on you and you live. It keeps you alive. It's automatic. That ain't cheap. That's got to be replaced every so often. That ambulances have to be replaced. The 1.9-million-dollar fire truck. We want to keep the level of personnel that we have. These guys, the training, the quality, the personnel that we have. We got to pay for that. We can't let that slip out of our hands. So, to maintain all of these things, we've got to do something. We're going to have to do something. This is a great solution from what the committee has looked at and put together. It will work. If there is anything or any questions and/or anybody has concerns, please come to the committee because we'd like to dispel them or look into them even, if there is something that we've missed. We think this is a long-term solution to the financial problems that we'd have.

RICHARD RUSSO: We were talking about the personnel in Canfield, I hope everybody understand what ESCAPE is. If we have two personnel in the fire house, they need the ambulance, those two personnel go with the ambulance, the fire house is now empty. The engine is there and there is nobody left to respond. If you have 7 people on duty that day and they're sending 3 ambulances out, you'll have 1 personnel on duty for the whole city and township. Our goal is to get rid of what they call ESCAPE, personnel assigned to apparatus. These two personnel will be on the ambulance, these two or three personnel will be on the engine and the same thing with the ladder truck. If the engine goes out, the ambulance is still there. The same thing with the ambulance, the engine is still manned. The engine will have a paramedic on it. Somebody to at least get out there and stabilized the victim. We've got people to do that. That's what the tax base and the merger is trying to accomplish. It's just very beneficial for Canfield.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: I have a question. So, say 10 years from now, we need a new operating levy. You got 14,000 people in Canfield City and Township and 40,000+ in Boardman. Boardman people don't want it and Canfield does, then what happens?

RICHARD RUSSO: We're all part of the Canfield Joint Fire District.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: I'm just saying, you got 14,000 that are going to vote yes and 40,000 voting no. How are you going to overcome that?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: You're going to overcome that by only putting on a levy that you need. Second of all, you're going to put a levy on that people are going to support, it's like anything else. Whether it's the school system, the parks, the city council, you put levies on that you need, you can justify an increase in taking money out of peoples pockets. So, this board, the same with Boardman Township, you can make accusations or assumptions that, I don't mean, this is going to come across crappy, but the question you asked is what if we support it and they don't. The school boards can say the same thing. Boardman has been able to pass levies, Poland and Canfield have been struggling. So, they may be the people who pass it. I think we made assumptions, we say what if's, what if's. We would treat this as one district. That board representing all communities, if we believe we need EMS, it's our job to sell that to the residents. If collectively, the district, they don't agree with it, either we don't need it or we haven't done our job educating people. Again, we rise and fall together. It's going to be in everybody's best interest to sell a levy when that comes up. The one thing that we know is, we're going to be able to put that off, having to ask for that, if we're combined.

RICHARD RUSSO: I believe if you have a good run EMS/Fire Service and a good Board, we only put on what you have to have, when you need it. You need to have fire safety and EMS. Unfortunately, all the private ambulance companies are going out of business. Canfield was fortunate enough to step up. Boardman has to step up. God knows what Youngstown is going to do. You guys all know I came from Youngstown. Without EMS and without Fire, if you run the board right, and you take care of things and run it the right way, don't ask for anymore money than you need to, I don't see a problem down the road. It will work.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: Again, communities across the board, generally support Fire/EMS. I do work for them. One of the communities where you see some disfunction is Newton Falls. They've supported the Fire/EMS despite all the other issues, they've recognized the importance for EMS. Again, when they justify, I made the assumption that people in our area are smart enough to make the really intelligent decisions. We just need to get them the information.

RICHARD RUSSO: Jason any comments from Boardman?

JASON LOREE: I think from our standpoint, the real risk is for the elected officials exploring the cost to their residents, that are not (inaudible) by a district. Explaining the district correctly and understanding how it functions, is really going to be on Boardman Township side of things, in terms of risk. From what we had looked at, our fire department is top already together with mutual aid when it comes to fires. So, I don't know any one Fire Department outside of Youngstown that can handle a serious fire issue without calling everybody to the scene. So, we talked about the fire system. We're also now looking at improving the EMS System and making it more solid. So, I think together it works better than separately, going on our own. I'm proud

to say that I've worked with a really good group of people at Boardman Township, not only the Trustees but the Fire Chief and the Fire Department there. They've been very open to the concept. As we go through this process, this is the beginning stages, we're trying to look at all issues and make sure that when we do go out, we have to do public education, we've done our due diligence. So, that being said, I'm here representing the township trustees, the Boardman Fire Department, we are cautiously optimistic looking forward. We think that this is only going to make the area stronger, as we deal with EMS and Fire issues, going forward.

MR. NEFF: Are we on par right now, ISO wise? Are Canfield and Boardman both the same rating?

RICHARD RUSSO: Canfield has a very good rating. I'm not sure if Boardman, I know it's up there because they comply with just about everything. Our rating is very good and combining them together, down the road, maybe relocating at a fire house, having multiple pieces of equipment in the fire houses, it's going to raise.

MR. NEFF: John is really good about reporting every meeting about how many calls we've had. What are the call volumes between Canfield and Boardman?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: Boardman is probably twice the number. I was going to say, Canfield is probably 2,500-3,000 and Boardman is probably over 5,000. They have a much higher call volume, primarily because of their daytime traffic. We send everybody from Poland to Boardman to work. We have nobody in Poland left.

MR. MORVAY: Frank, you had some questions, I'm sure.

MR. MICCHIA: I would like to speak to this issue. I signed up for it.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: How do you impose a tax on people that they've never voted on, they don't have representation on.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: All we can say is, it's the way the Attorney General and every has interrupted. I can get you the Attorney General's.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: Is there case law.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: There is some case law. There are 4 different Attorney General Opinions that go through all the tax laws and election laws and everything else.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: And it's automatic?

ATTY COMSTOCK: I represent down in Harrison County an ambulance district that started off with 3 entities by the end of 2024, they expect to have 14 villages and townships in this ambulance district. It was actually very beneficial because it was a 2 mill levy for them. Because

are people added, they were very careful how they expanded. It was really advantageous to them, because there was no risk. They knew they were getting the service and improve the service. If you go down and talk to anyone in Harrison County, that's why it's going to be up to 14. It probably started about 5 years ago.

DAVID D'APOLITO: Has there ever been a taxpayer lawsuit where someone did contest that law?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: They did. After that, they dealt with the law where they contested, I can get you that. It's changed. They amended the statute, so they cannot challenge that now.

MR. MORVAY: Rich, maybe you might want to talk about Florida where they joined counties.

RICH RUSSO: It's a county-wide fire department. It's one of the richest fire districts I've ever seen. Every station is new. Every fire station has an ambulance. There is not one fire house there that is a single house. Personnel, it's just amazing what they've done. Building from the small district to a county-wide fire department and how wealthy they are.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: You could have a county-wide EMS District but Ohio does not permit a county-wide fire. Mahoning County could do an ambulance district. There was some talk about it and I know there are certain entities, I know Boardman brought it up originally to begin with. But I'm against it. People say, why don't we do this. I'll make it very clear why I'm against it. Right now, if you're going to run a county-wide ambulance district, the first thing we're going to need is county employees, county paramedics and EMT's. We'll need places to put those ambulances and we're going to need people to administer that. Right now, we don't have any state EMS Stations in this county. We don't have any EMT's or Paramedics working for the county and we don't have any supervisors. We'd have to buy all of those. What we do have is fire departments that already have Paramedics and EMT's employed there. We already have the administration. We already have staffing. Everybody county-wide has shortages of EMT's and Paramedics. If we have to create a whole other service for EMT's and Paramedics, where are we getting those people from. Are we going to take them from the fire departments? Another thing, all those people are just doing EMS. Who is doing the fire side? By having cross-trained people in the stations, we're addressing both needs at the same time with our existing resources. We don't have to start adding on to a duplicate of costs. That's why, my opinion here on a county-wide EMS Service doesn't work but combining people with like resources, it does work.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: If we combine the districts, is there one chief? If so, who, him or her?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: There is only one chief per district. The Cardinal Fire District is who remains. Boardman is being absorbed into Cardinal. Don Hutchison, the Canfield Chief will remain Chief. One thing that makes this work, you have to understand, there are a lot of things that can cause things to go sideways. In my experience, you'll get either a small group that's very vocal, that doesn't have all the facts. Sometimes it's personalities. Chief's, you get chief's with ego's.

That's how we function. You have to have big ego's to do this. The other thing, the former Chief of Arizona said, ego's eat brain cells. We all try to remember that. You're very fortunate that the Boardman Chief's roots in the fire service is in Canfield. It's where he started. That's where he lives presently. He and the Chief, both departments view this as a team effort. They're working together. They've spent a lot of time putting this together. There is the support of the chief's on both sides. That's the key. If you had a chief that's here or there, that said we don't want this to happen, they would find every excuse to do that and we would provide you with crappy information, quite frankly. I've seen that in other communities that I've worked with. Sometimes people figure out one Chief loses his job as a result but here you have them working together as well as anybody I've seen. That's one of the really great things here. They'll be involved. It's not like the Chief is going to go away. Again, it's administration of the new Assistant Chief position. If you look, in that group, they have a list. This is what we propose the personnel would look like and how we would do that. Here is another thing, Boardman has a really good fire prevention program and inspection program. It's sort of shared duties. That would be combined which would be really strong. An example, it's not a main function. We all have apartment buildings. Boardman has some money that has been set aside, and say, hey we can hire some people to help everybody do inspections. That's just a side light. That benefits everybody through this combined set up. Again, I talked to Matt Rarick, Canfield's Deputy Chief and he talked about how excited he was about looking at some of the options in the inspection department. That's his responsibility here, if it's going to happen.

DAVID D'APOLITO: What happens to the building, does the township give that to the district? Is it sold to the district?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: Great question. I have a power point that outlines this that I'll send you. The long story short. The district already owns it's assets. So, I created in the last year 4 or 5 different districts. In Preston Ohio, I spent a day working on lease agreements. They're buying a ladder truck there. This district is 5 townships and villages going together. The township is already committed to buying this stuff. We're doing some very interesting lease agreements. The city leases this building. We lease a space to the fire district. You had a city attorney that was very difficult to deal with on that.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: I think it was the township trustees.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: The township leases their station on Messerly Road to the district. Then the district owns the 3rd station. One of the things I've looked at, if we're going to do lease agreements, you want everybody to own the original assets. The township agreement was done between the prosecutor's office and me and the fire district board and Canfield Township. I sent that to Boardman. I said, here is our starting point for the Boardman Township building leases. We already got one with Canfield Township, there may be some little changes that need to be made but that's a really good spot, that we spent over a year negotiating.

DAVID D'APOLITO: They're buying a 2-million-dollar fire truck. They're just going to give it to the district?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: Well, here's a real simple one. If they were to pay for it, if they want to pay for it, then they can own it and lease it to us. There is no right or wrong answer. If they want to buy it and they're going to own it, they could lease it to us, we would insure it, etc. But if they say, the district is willing to make the payments on it, we look at our finances and say, sure, we'll own it. If that's the case, that becomes a district asset. It's not a Boardman asset. We own it. For purposes of ownership and distribution and everything else. That's what happens. That's a district board negotiating with Boardman Township as to what we all think is the best way to go. Those are the details that come down the road. There are all possibilities. Generally, when you start off, for me in my past experience, most of the time if there is going to be a sale or transfer of assets, it doesn't occur until 3 years down the road. We want to get everything in place and then we'll starting talking about combining assets. It doesn't usually happen right away. What's interesting is, what's the sale price. People say, if it's a million dollars asset, this is used not brand-new. The average price for a fire engine is about \$250,000. What? That thing is worth about \$250,000. We're not taking it anywhere. It's already been bought. It's going to be in that same station. Where it's still running for the same taxpayers. You want the taxpayers paying again. All we're doing is moving money around. If we bought this, the taxpayers bought it in Boardman Township and we're going to keep it in Boardman Township, should they sell it to us for a lot of money? We can sell it and move it someplace else. If we're going to reduce the price, we're guaranteeing that it stays there, we replaced that. It's a new engine at that station, we don't move equipment around. We're going to take care of the people that originally paid for it.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Is there anyone here from Boardman Fire, other than Jason?
So, how many people are on duty today or an average day?

JASON LOREE: 11 to 12.

CHIEF OF POLICE: How many are on Canfield?

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: 9 on duty right now.

CHIEF OF POLICE: What do those numbers look like when this happens?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: It's on that sheet.

JASON LOREE: When you look at this page here, it lays out what the station make up will be at all stations. The personnel flow chart. It's going to add firefighters.

CHIEF OF POLICE: What do you think that number will be?

JASON LOREE: On a day?

ATTY COMSTOCK: If you figure right now, six stations times 4. It's 24.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Then where do the two unions stand?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: That's the hardest part because we're going to have to work out the differences between the contracts.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Is there any significant to speak of or is it too early?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: I think it's too early. We've had a number of meetings with each raising their concerns and trying to throw out some ideas. I feel comfortable that we can do the lease agreements, if we sat down, by next month. If everybody puts their heads together and said we want to do a joint Resolution, we can have that done by next month. Those legal documents aren't that difficult. The two different union contracts with different concerns by both, trying to make sure that the unions are giving as much information as they can, so we can all make intelligent decisions. Rich has said at every meeting, we want to do what's right by everybody to extend that's possible. I can walk in and I some of the issues and concerns, quite frankly, I can solve tomorrow. Somebody is going to be really upset about it. I know legally I'd be right. But that's not the right way to do it. So, the board, even though, they know we have option A, B, C & D we could utilize, hasn't brought any of those up because we don't want to. We want this to be a collective work in progress. That's why we continue to have these meetings all the time.

RICH RUSSO: We brought the union reps in from day one. They're onboard with us. We want their input from both communities. Naturally, there is going to be bumps in the road. Under no circumstances do we want anybody in either union to be hurt by this merger. One of the biggest stumbling blocks that we have to get by is, how to blend the seniority. We've got great ideas on how that's going to happen. I think it's going to work out fine. The unions agreed it's going to work out but it's not going to be today, it will be 5 years down the road where things naturally start to blend between both of them. Today, we got a plan and it will work for both unions and neither one will get hurt.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: I would say that's one of the biggest issues and concerns. I'm not saying there aren't a whole bunch of others. Addressing the seniority issue is clearly at the forefront and trying to come up with a solution. Seniority addresses everything from, which shift you work and how you work it, how you get picked and so forth. It doesn't affect the communities at all. That's one of the interesting things, the stuff that we're talking about, in terms of those collective bargaining agreement benefits, that just affects the firefighters, it has really no impact in terms of EMS or Fire Services to the public. But, again, we want our employees to be happy, so we're trying to do the best we can.

CHIEF OF POLICE: This will be my last question, for now. Whenever Canfield Dispatch takes on another smaller entity, we present it to council to consider. Are we going to take away any of the services that we currently provide to our residents? Are we going to lower our response time? Before I'll go and ask for it, I need to be comfortable that, that question is answered. I'm

gathering that your Chief's Boardman and Canfield are confident that they're not going to take away.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: There are a lot of moving pieces. I think they would be confident. They're not the ones that need to be confident, you need to be confident. Again, as we move forward and we sit down and look and say, how we're going to work, one of the differences, for example, might be from your perspective, I'm just thinking off the top of my head. If all Boardman calls are to come to Canfield City first, and then transferred to wherever. It depends on where they go first and where they're transferred. To have the best outcome for you, you would only handle increased Fire/EMS calls. You wouldn't have to deal with police or anything else. I say that because I'm always on the Fire and that's who should get addressed first but that's not how things work. The only thing you're getting from Austintown from Canfield Township, I assume right now are, EMS and Fire Calls. You're not taking police calls. That would be, in terms of, if that's all you're going to get, for you, you're looking at, do I have enough staff to handle that. If I need more staff how does that equate to money. Everybody understands that's part of the cost of doing business.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Have you talked about the police dispatching in Boardman?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: From our perspective, we have not.

JASON LOREE: We have not addressed that. We're talking about Boardman dispatch in general. I can tell you the last COG for Mahoning County. What was discussed the Commissioners were interested in hiring a director to run the COG and merger both dispatching units to one unit. From there it might be a COG discussion at that point.

CHIEF OF POLICE: How does that decision impact the fire dispatching?

JASON LOREE: That decision by merging would. What we're doing now, we updated our dispatchers software for EMD Dispatching, Software Solution. Austintown is still on the (inaudible) system. I'm not saying one is better than the other. Our is a little more advanced. We think that's instituted the director of the COG will then make sure that there are dispatchers on fire channel and police channel and county west and county east.

CHIEF OF POLICE: If that merger would happen, does your fire (inaudible).

JASON LOREE: You're thinking of it in terms, like I was, two different entities. It's going to be one entity with two buildings but the way that the dispatching works now, technologically, whether they're in the same building, or in Boardman, it will be one center with all the dispatchers in one room.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Is the COG going to dispatch Boardman Fire? That's the bigger picture to me. I feel like there is something I'm missing and that worries me.

JASON LOREE: Dispatching for the COG would not change in terms of who is getting dispatched for. It's the make up of the board itself, the COG Director and two departments.

CHIEF OF POLICE: My concern, right now, the (inaudible) is to have that iffy question, if you can't give me a solid answer on what's going to happen. My gut is telling me, I know what the COG is going to want to do. They're going to want to take all. That's their history. That's what they do.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: This is my answer. We have a contract with you. If that is extended, changed, you dispatch Cardinal Fire. Boardman Fire Department will no longer exist. It will be Cardinal Fire.

JASON LOREE: The fire department is in Boardman Township.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: They become us. It's the contract between us. There is no Boardman Fire Department to dispatch. They don't exist. That's why I said from the beginning, I made the comment to you that from my perspective we have a contract and the contract stays in place and the only issue is dollars and cents. I can't speak for the police. Police is a whole other issue. I certainly, on behalf of the board can address the fire side. Those are all the different moving parts. That's why things won't happen tomorrow. I think that, again, whether it's building leases, equipment leases, dispatcher, a whole list of things that would be worked on moving forward. The first thing that I'm trying to get out to everybody is to look at the Joint Resolution. So, everybody looks at what that looks at. The next step would be Mark and I getting together and reviewing that and whoever else he wants to include and then sharing that with everybody.. That will be step 1. Meanwhile, if that looks okay, then we starting talking about leases and those leases are primarily from the Boardman side. We have the continued discussions on personnel issues. Boardman has to look at the financial aspect for them. Nothing changes here. Long term for you, (inaudible) call numbers. What do numbers look like? How many do we have involved? What would a contract look like? If you have a contract and you say, now I have some confidence in it, then you're good.

MR. TIECHE: Are you sure that bigger is better?

ATTY. COMSTOCK: One reason why bigger is better. It will put us at a staffing level where we'd be eligible for a lot of grants.

MR. TIECHE: You're saying that now but you get down the road and you get looking at a levy, there are 40,000 voters and 15,000 voters and is that going to control of this fire department is going to be operated? That's my concern.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: Let me say this. The question that John suggested was, we talked about what's going to happen down the road. The flip-side of that is, what is going to happen down the road to this district without the merger. While I'm extremely proud of all the great things this district did and has done, especially on the EMS side. Let me just tell you some of the

Achilles heels that need to be fixed. I kid about this but it's true. It was on social media. The night of the Ohio State/Michigan game, there was part-time shifts that were not filled and there were full time call off's. So, you had at that time, you had 5 people on duty; which meant you had enough to fill two ambulances. So, if you had 3 medical calls, which happens quite a bit, you had nobody to cover you. That's the reality that we don't always talk about. What is the worst-case scenario, it's going on right now that we need to fix. The fix, by the way, for the Chief, this is why I say it, I was at the Chief's house having pizza, I kid him and said, I'll drop and you can be the medic in the back. When you got the Chief from Poland, that's how desperate things can get. We don't talk about it. That's a reality, the more staff you have, the more ability you have to move people around. The population that is going to be available to run EMS and Fire is already low. The highest number of population is 60-65 and they're all retired and leaving the work force and we don't have the people behind them. This is Poland and everywhere else. The problem with those people who retired at age 65, is they're going to start having medical issues and they're starting to go into nursing homes. Beaver ran 900 calls last year to nursing homes and mortuaries. We're going to have this tremendous increase in demand. We need to position ourselves to be able to handle those increased calls. Who I'm scared for is the smaller departments. The places in the old days, that you remember, that it was small family and wonderful places to be but they're not going to survive. I have concerns particularly to your west, the Berlins, Ellsworth, smaller budget, the cost of ambulances, staffing and so forth. They're struggling. If they're not around, when we do need help, who is going to help us. That's why I think by helping strengthen, I look at Boardman being strengthened, it helps Poland and others. I wish it was the old days. That we would all work together in that small family, we had a lot of volunteers. You try to get people through the door today, it's just tough. It used to be in Youngstown, how many would apply?

RICH RUSSO: When I took the test, it was 800 people. They just gave a test a couple of weeks ago and there was 31 and only 7 of them passed the drug and physical. There are 7 people on a list. In '75 there were 800.

ATTY COMSTOCK: It used to be you had tons of people. Everybody working together it makes it easier.

MR. MORVAY: There is demand from other parts of Ohio and other states that are offering more than what we're offering and we're losing personnel.

RICH RUSSO: Mergers are happening all over the country. We're the last part of the country, the north east part of the country, we haven't seen a whole lot of mergers but the rest of the country, it's been taking place for 10 to 20 years. We're really behind. We need to step up and bring some unification and get rid of the duplication of services.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: Just moving forward, you have a representative that will report back to you on a regular basis. If you have questions, I think all of us want to be back here and answer questions. This is too important for you not to hear as much as you can. I want to make sure all the political subdivisions are up to date. Again, having these meetings are how we answer the

questions because you have to answer to the community. We want to make sure that not only you but the community is getting the facts as well. We're sensitive to that.

MARIE CARTWRIGHT: If I might add to Chuck's question, one of the things we hear all the time in Columbus is that they want to see the merger of departments. They want to have fewer fire departments in the State of Ohio because there are so many of them. As I keep telling our board, I'd much rather be proactive and combine the communities that we want to combine with, then to have somebody else force us to merge. It's going to happen because they keep preaching regionalization. They're already starting the framework for it.

MR. TIECHE: The Fire District was originally formed between Canfield Township and Canfield City because there were always disputes going on about who was getting a say. Now you want to expand to add another party to get in a dispute with the control of the fire district. I don't know (inaudible).

ATTY COMSTOCK: If it's a 7-member board and everybody has two entities. Boardman has a say. I don't like going down rabbit holes. We have so many calls, we have so many population, we have this, right now, I think Boardman has been very gracious to say, we have twice the calls, twice the population a lot more tax base, but they said, everybody is going to have an equal say. If you broke it down on Boardman vs Canfield, if you wanted to do it, you have 4 and Boardman have 2. I remind Trustees all the time, John has been great, he's there on behalf of the city but he's always looked at it as what's best for the whole district. We're trying to get away from the politics. Focus on Fire and EMS Protection. I think everybody benefits. It's not a we vs them. I always remind people, especially when I'm forming districts and I hear, us, them and I'm no, it's we. Board Members have to understand, it's not a Boardman/Canfield it's Cardinal Fire District.

JASON LOREE: Boardman is looking at new taxpayer money in the future. We can go ahead and pass the levy's and increase the services in the fire department. That doesn't really help anybody by doing that. That's kingdom building. We're not trying to do that. We're trying to improve service. I think both communities can benefit from it. Economy is a scale. Why are we playing a game with EMS and Fire Protection? It doesn't make sense. It should be getting people to (inaudible) the need. It's not about my Township Trustees and their election. It's about how you provide service that gets people the help they need as fast as they can. We could have gone alone but we thought exploring this option would actually improve the network substantially, with two like departments, like sizes, like capabilities. The risk really being on the township trustees because, face facts, all the money is coming to the Cardinal District from Boardman to increase the capability. So, it's not something that is going to be an easy thing for the board to explain but in their vision, the right thing to do. To try to make the service better. The make up and the levy structure within Cardinal is not seen anywhere else in Mahoning County. I don't know any other levy structure that's set up in a way that handles personnel and equipment at a level that is going to provide adequate for both.

ATTY COMSTOCK: Thank Andy Skrobola.

JASON LOREE: We looked at it and said, hey look, this is going to benefit both communities. For some reason you or Canfield Township are like, look, this isn't going to work, we want to explore that option and that's what we're doing. We're really trying to vet all of these pro's and con's and really hear the people and unions. At the end of the day, the township is like, we don't need to control this, we just want better service and we want better service for everybody. How can we do that the best way possible. This was one of those options that we've looked and explored. I commend everybody that's has been a part of the discussions at the district level. I'm thankful that we're able to talk. We're all living in this community together. We're able to have nice open conversation and see how things progress. That's what we think is best for everybody. We appreciate the time, the attention.

DAVID D'APOLITO: Did Boardman talk to Poland, their Fire District?

JASON LOREE: Originally, no. We weren't really looking because the way work with Cardinal with Mutual Aid and some of the things we're doing already. We're similar size.

ATTY. COMSTOCK: Right now, Boardman and Canfield want mutual aid automatically. There are three reasons. One is, they're used to working together. Second, they both have full time and have unions. We don't have any full-time personnel. Western Reserve Fire District just starting staffing full-time on August 1st. You have an established full-time department. So, you're looking for a marriage partner. So, you're looking for similar. Last but not least, I don't want a Chief that lives in Canfield. (Laughter).

MR. MORVAY: Thank you. Counselor, thank you. Thank you, Denise. Thank you Rich and Jason. How was that for my last report. I'll move on to our Public Works Superintendent, Mr. John Rapp.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Good evening. Crews have been out cleaning the catch basins after the leaf pick-up. We converted all the trucks to salt trucks and plow trucks now. That transition went over really smooth. Everything is up and running. We had our first call the other night. It went very well. Crews are also continuing the water meter upgrades. We're back on it now that the leaf pick up is over. One thing I did want to bring up, residents that travel S. Briarcliff, we're going to have a scheduled road closure on Cardinal where the creek passes underneath the road, Yarian is going to put a 24 inch, 20-foot-long piece of pipe across that. We're going to say it's probably going to last 8 hours. So, before the day, it will be closed down. We will have road closure signs at Brookpark and Cardinal. Part of the reason why we wanted to do it at this time is because school is out. It won't impact the kids. We're going to close it there and we're also going to close it at the entrance of S. Briarcliff and Bradford. They will have signage out. We're going to try to do a door to door and catch people home on S. Briarcliff because it's going to say, local traffic only, road closed. If we can inform them that they can drive past to their houses. It's the one's that are using it as a through street, that are going to end up having to turn around. We're going to do our best to inform everybody with social

media, here at Council tonight, and try our best to go door to door, to let everybody know for that day, hopefully by the end of the day 4:00 or so, that road will be back open.

MR. MORVAY: Would the media help us out on that, John?

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: We'll look into that. I'll talk to the chief.

MR. MORVAY: Maybe on the news in the morning.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: We can certainly look into that.

MR. TIECHE: Have the fire department covered on that as well.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Absolutely. I'm going to send an email out tomorrow, hopefully with a plan of action and maybe even a picture, so everybody can see what's going to be closed.

MR. TIECHE: Very good.

MR. MORVAY: Thank you, John. Our Finance Director, Christine Clayton.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: There is legislation on the agenda tonight for a final budget adjustment for 2023. A transfer from the General Fund to the Parks and Recreation Funds and a temporary budget for 2024, so we can have money to make small purchases and pay wages, until the final budget is approved before the end of March. I'll be sending the estimated revenue to Mahoning County Auditor this week and a final certificate for 2023 to them also. The October and November Check Register's will get posted this week also.

MR. MORVAY: Thank you. Our City Clerk, Patty Bernat.

CLERK: No report.

MR. MORVAY: Chief, you have two roles today for the last time.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The police report: The Ohio Police Officer Training Academy mandates continued professional training for all Ohio Police Officers, each year. I'm happy to announce that our police department is 100% compliant. Complaints, we've been working on some speed complaints. Timber Run and Moreland. I had a few calls on why we had so many cops out and what they were doing and why they were doing it. It's just reacting to the complaints that we had. Timber Run, Moreland and of course Glenview. That's our standing speed complaint.

The City Manager Report: The agenda speaks for itself. If you have any questions, we'll go over it.

This might have been better suited under communications. For me, it's my final report as city manager. I just want to make a few thank you's. First, my wife, Shelly and my son Chris. Last year, when I took this role on, Chris was a senior in high school, played football, wrestled, State Champion Wrestler and I'm so proud of him and my wife. I appreciate their (inaudible) a lot. I put in a lot of time here. It's my passion. It's my faith, My extended family. I love the community. I love working for the community. A special thanks to Shelly and Chris. City Council for the opportunity to do this and to learn. What I've learned over the last year and a half is the resources I've met. A lot more to learn, I know that. I've learned so much. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to learn so much. I think we got a lot accomplished over that time. I appreciate your very generous personnel evaluations. Thank you for that.

Christine Clayton, I can't say enough about Christine. I compliment her all the time but I'll do it again tonight. I've said this from the beginning, it wasn't just me by any means. Chris Clayton was always there working together. I look forward working together with the Judge. I'm totally excited. The time that the Judge has been around, he has a commanding presence. You do. I look forward working together. Thank you, Christine. I value you especially and our friendship. Patty Bernat, Judge, she'll be right next to your office, that's for a reason. We're going to miss Mike. But the short time, we're not going to, Patty and Lisa, they're all in. I want to thank you, Patty. You do an amazing job. You're a valuable asset to this community and agency. Obviously, John Rapp, you and I worked together for how long?

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Going on 5 years.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Going on 5 years. The Judge said, we were talking a little bit about transitioning and he said, let's just let it happen. It's already happening. I like that approach. Working with John, it just happens. The real struggle with communication, we have a good time, we get a lot done. Mark Fortunato, he's an incredible person, incredible law director. Even through, he lives in Poland. It's been an honor to work with Mark. I respect Mark. At night, I might have to call him 2 or 3 times but he answers the phone. Mark and I got closer over this last year and a half. I learned a lot from everybody involved. I appreciate everything that Mark has done. I'll continue to work with everybody I mentioned. I also want to thank everybody in the city building, Public Works, and all the police department employees and everybody in this building and the police department, even the street department. They realized the void we had and they all stepped up. There wasn't much they can do for us. They know their goals and their job and expectations and they got it done. I learned a lot. I appreciate it. The residents of our community, I love serving this community. Everybody I mentioned, I know they do too. Their number one goal is this community and getting our job done. I look forward to continuing working with everybody. I highly anticipated the day that I would be able to hand this off to the new city manager. I'm used to that whole team environment. One of the first things the Judge said to me, he text me in capital letters TEAM working together, open, honest communication. There is nothing we can't accomplish together. That's my report. Thank you.

MR. MORVAY: You could go right down the line here and there is not much detail that John doesn't plan for. It's amazing the job that he has done with our Public Works organization, camaraderie and the work that he gets done.

Christine, she doesn't have enough wall space for the awards that she wins. You stepped up and put two hats on and did an amazing job.

Mark, there is not a day that I don't call you, that you don't take my call. To me, that was valuable. To get your advice, your take on things.

Patty, I go and work out at the gym at 7:30 in the morning and Patty's here. She is the first one here. The organization and the help that Patty has given me is incredible.

You combine that with everybody else in the Public Works and all our other departments and the other employees. We got great people here. I ditto your sentiments. I'm leaving too.

MR. MORVAY: At this time, I'll open it up to individuals that want to comment on these reports that you've just heard. Council? Hearing none. Residents? Hearing none.

Under **RECOGNITION** of Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council:

MR. MORVAY: This is the last time I say this, Mr. Micchia.

MR. MICCHIA: Good evening, Frank Micchia, 220 Glenview. First of all, I'd like to commend John and Tony for your service on Council. Thank you, very much. I'd like to talk a little bit about the Fire District issue. The Canfield Fire District operates like a well-oiled machine. The personnel is skilled and well-trained. The response time is excellent. We have strategically placed 3 units in the township. Our equipment, 3 ambulances have served us well. We have supported the district, financially. Many dollars have been spent upgrading our state-of-the-art dispatch system and communication system. The Canfield Fire District has approximately 17,000 people, Boardman has 41,000. They have funding, equipment, or coverage issues in their system, which Canfield may have to support. How would this change affect district personnel, leadership and seniority? Why, would we want to dilute our districts capability? Where would most of the effort go? Who has priority? Do we want to risk losing our excellent service that we now get? Currently, if your insurance does not cover ambulance service, there is no charge. Will that continue? Eventually, this issue may come before council. Should it come to that, it must be on the ballot. All citizens should weigh-in. It's a major issue, affecting all citizens and taxpayers, in the township and in the city. In conclusion, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

MR. MORVAY: Thank you, Frank. So, when you guys have your meetings, your meetings with the public, make sure you invite Mr. Micchia. These are the things Frank, we want to iron out. It's got to work for everybody. Just like Jason said. If it doesn't we won't do it.

MR. MICCHIA: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

MR. MORVAY: Anybody else?

CHIEF OF POLICE: I don't know how I forgot this, probably because he's not here. MS Consultants and Steve Preston. Steve is awesome. I stand by him and would stand up for him. He is awesome. He's an amazing asset. He was as much a part of everything that we've been able to get done the last year and a half.

MR. MORVAY: Absolutely. We're going to move on.

Under **OLD BUSINESS:**

ITEM A: An Ordinance Providing for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations New Conditional Permitted Use Section 1151.01(N).

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes.

MR. TIECHE: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance Providing for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, New Conditional Permitted Use Section 1151.01(N). I move for passage.

MR. NEFF: Second.

MR. MORVAY: We had a public hearing on this. Counselor anything else to add?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Not really. Just a set of regulations applying to EV Charging Stations. If it needs modified from here, we will. But we'll have a pretty good Ordinance in place, right now.

MR. MORVAY: Council questions? Hearing none. Residents? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Ordinance passes.
Ordinance 2023-47.

Under **NEW BUSINESS:**

ITEM A: An Ordinance Approving the Replat of Lot 2943 into Lot 2942 at 21 Woodland Run by Christopher Berardino.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARTO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. NEFF: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance Approving the Replat of Lot 2943 into Lot 2942 at 21 Woodland Run by Christopher Berardino. I move for passage.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MR. MORVAY: Chief, could you just brief us on this replat, please.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The homeowner is putting an addition onto his home. He is simply making the yard bigger. He's merging the two lots. I had a picture up there but the wrong file got sent to me. It's simply one lot divided into two parcels and he's merging it together.

MR. TIECHE: Is that this lot right here?

CHIEF OF POLICE: Yes.

MR. TIECHE: By merging that, that allows him to meeting zoning requirements?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Setbacks.

MR. MORVAY: Residents questions? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2023-48.

ITEM B: An Ordinance Approving the Replat of Stonebridge Lot 6903 on Lake Wobegon Drive, Creating Lot 6910 by Stonebridge Land Corp.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. DRAGISH: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance Approving the Replat of Stonebridge Lot 6903 on Lake Wobegon Drive, Creating Lot 6910 by Stonebridge Land Corp. I move for passage.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

MR. MORVAY: Chief could you brief us on this replat.

CHIEF OF POLICE: This will allow the homeowner a buildable lot. It will make a big lot into two smaller. The developer. It's lot 6910.

MR. TIECHE: Is lot 6903 and 6910 going to merge?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Getting broken apart. Creating a lot, so it can be sold and built on. It's a lot of acreage and Charlie Masters, the developer creates lots through replats, as he prepares to sell them.

MR. TIECHE: So, 6910.

MR. NACARATO: 6910 is 6903 currently. They want to plot it out to 6910.

MR. TIECHE: Okay.

MR. MORVAY: Residents, questions? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes
	Ordinance 2023-49.

ITEM C: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-24 Adopting Salary and Benefits for all Full and Part-Time Non-Bargaining Unit Employees and Declaring an Emergency.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. TIECHE: Second

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. NACARATO: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-24 Adopting Salary and Benefits for all Full and Part-Time Non-Bargaining Unit Employees and Declaring an Emergency. I move for passage.

MR. NEFF: Second.

MR. MORVAY: Chief or Christine could you brief us on this.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The current salary and benefit Ordinance for the City of Canfield currently covers salary and benefit for non-bargaining unit employees through 2023. Staff has been working on updates and amendments to cover years 2024-2026. Just a real quick correction. The current salary ordinance runs out at the end of 2023. It expires December 31, 2023. The new Ordinance would cover 24,25 & 26 for non-bargaining unit members.

MR. MORVAY: Council questions? Hearing none. Residents, questions? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2023-50.

ITEM D: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-39, Annual Appropriation Ordinance to make Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the City of Canfield, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. TIECHE: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-39, Annual Appropriation Ordinance to make Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the City of Canfield, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023. I move for passage.

MR. NEFF: Second.

MR. MORVAY: Chief just brief us please.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The City of Canfield Finance Department must make amendments to the appropriation ordinance from time to time, in order to adjust, make changes and additional appropriations in order to meet the financial needs of the City. This Ordinance amends Ordinance 2023-39 by adjusting appropriations.

MR. MORVAY: Council questions? Hearing none. Residents, questions?

MR. MICCHIA: Frank Micchia, 220 Glenview. On page 12, under Water Operating Fund there is a contractual service for \$140,000. What is that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Paying the City of Youngstown for water.

MR. MICCHIA: I guess we have to do that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Unfortunately, we have to.

MR. MORVAY: Any other questions? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2023-51.

ITEM E: An Ordinance Providing Transfers to Various Funds.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. NEFF: Mr. President, I have an Ordinance providing transfers to various funds. We move for passage.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MR. MORVAY: Christine, why are we making these transfers.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: We need to give the Parks Fund \$50,000 because we are running fiber for Wi-Fi to Fair Park and Greasel Park. The recreation fund for the events on the Green was down a little more money, than we allowed them to. The very small one, we transferred money from the General Fund to the Red Gate Debt Retirement Fund and when I made the final payment it was slightly less, than I had anticipated. I'm giving \$18.81 back to the General Fund.

MR. MORVAY: Council questions or concerns? Hearing none. Residents? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2023-52.

ITEM F: Temporary Appropriation Ordinance.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. DRAGISH: Mr. President, for the final time, I have a Temporary Appropriation Ordinance. I move for passage.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

MR. MORVAY: Christine, I guess you can tell us what we're doing here.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: This is to get us started for 2024. I do have all the salary increased that were in the prior ordinance included in here for the year. Most of what we'll do adding to this is any capital projects that we discuss in March to have a final budget by the end of March.

MR. MORVAY: Thank you. Questions council? Hearing none. Residents? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2023-53.

ITEM G: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1973-44 Rezoning Lot 929 at 530 West Main Street from B-2 General Commercial to M-1 Manufacturing.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NEFF: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. TIECHE: I have a question. This Ordinance cannot be passed.

COLLECTIVELY: It's first reading.

MR. TIECHE: This Ordinance cannot be passed, period. Because you are rezoning a lot that has two acres to M-1 Manufacturing Zoning District which is required to be 20 acres large.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: I need to talk to Mike about that. This is first reading. This isn't going to be an end result. There are other options.

MR. TIECHE: The other option ought to be...

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Amend the B-2 Zoning District to allow for outside storage.

MR. TIECHE: I would disagree with that too. You don't want outside storage up against residential property.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: A conditionally permitted use. That's the end result of this.

MR. NEFF: Just for clarification, he's already turned in a fee. Would that be applicable to changing it to B-2, well?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Did you address that with Mike?

MR. TIECHE: No.

MR. MORVAY: But it has to go through the process, right? We did have a second on that.

MR. NACARATO: Mr. President I have an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1973-44 Rezoning Lot 929 at 530 West Main Street from B-2 General Commercial to M-1 Manufacturing. This constitutes first reading.

MR. MORVAY: When will that hearing be, Patty?

CLERK: January 17th at 5:15 P.M.

ITEM H: A Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into An Agreement on Behalf of the City of Canfield with Canfield Township and the Canfield Board of Education Regarding the Allocation of Costs Related to the Provision of School Resource Officers.

MR. MORVAY: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Motion and authorize reading by title only.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MR. TIECHE: Mr. President, I have a Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into An Agreement on Behalf of the City of Canfield with Canfield Township and the Canfield Board of Education, Regarding the Allocation of Costs Related to the Provision of School Resource Officers. I move for passage.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MR. MORVAY: Chief why are we passing this motion?

CHIEF OF POLICE: We have multiple agreements with the school, this one specifically is an agreement between Canfield Township, the Board of Education and Canfield City. Canfield Township has chosen to allocate \$35,000 towards school resource officers.

MR. MORVAY: Council questions or concerns?

MR. NEFF: My concern is, what is our portion, what is the city's portion?

CHIEF OF POLICE: Our portion? I got the total number off the top of my head.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: \$35,000 from the township.

MR. NEFF: Right, but isn't it like double that Christine?

FINANCE DIRECTOR: It was a lot more than that.

CHIEF OF POLICE: For this one officer, I don't have that answer, but the total is \$184,000 from the City, the school is right around \$117,000 and Canfield Township \$35,000. As I discussed, we asked them multiple times.

MR. NEFF: Right. You did a good job at that. I just want to make it public that I don't think the township is stepping up and being fair on this, at all.

CHIEF OF POLICE: I agree. It's costing us a lot.

MR. MORVAY: Residents, questions?

MR. MICCHIA: Frank Micchia, 220 Glenview. The amount of money that the city is spending is important. Resource Officers is way out of hand. Let me elaborate on that. The high school

officer, the school pays \$39,000, the township pays \$35,000 and the city pays another \$41,000 to get it up to (inaudible) for resource officers. The middle school, the city pays an extra \$61,000. The elementary school, the city pays \$78,000 to cover the full cost of that officer. MCCTC, those two officers, the city pays an extra \$54,000 to cover the cost of those officers (inaudible) Combined for these 5 officers the salary and benefits is \$558,000. The income or contributions of \$236,000. That leaves us several thousand dollars in the hole. Actually, \$236,000 in the hole. Let me repeat that. The officers cost \$558,000, the contributions are \$321,000, leaving the city \$236,000, out of taxpayers money. It used to be said that, let me digress a little bit, that \$236,000 is equivalent to 104 weeks of officers pay, including benefits. We used to believe that these extra officers, in the summer time were used to cover vacations. We have 104 weeks of vacations in the summer for these officers. Let's assume there are 15 officers that take 2 weeks of vacation in the summer. That's 30 weeks. Thirty from 104 weeks, still leaves 70 weeks that the city pays for. That's over \$150,000. The city needs to get another \$150,000 to \$200,000 from the people we're supporting. Safety is a school issue, not a city issue. We're not obligated to provide resource officers. Sixty percent of our real estate tax pays for the school system. Now, on top of that, the city is supporting these officers during the summer time with another \$150,000 to \$200,000 out of the city coffers. This has got to come to an end. There is way, way, too much, the residents should not have pay those kinds of money. We need to go back to these people and say, we need some more cash, or look at other alternatives. We're the one's who did that. We started off with one officer and it's crept up and up and up. The more officers we have, the more money we end up paying. There is a possibility of going to 6 officers, if they put another officer in the elementary schools. Let's stop this.

MR. MORVAY: It's sort of a two-edge sword, Frank. We agree with you; however, we also agree that SRO Officers not in the schools, is a detriment. That's why the city is supporting.

MR. MICCHIA: For about the 10th time, I fully support resource officers. We need them. Unfortunately, in today's world, they're a necessity. But the financing, if the schools need them and they agree they need them, kick some money into the kitty.

MR. NACARATO: What you should do Frank, is go to the township and they should kick more money in. More kids are in our schools, come from the township than from the city. The township needs to step up.

MR. MICCHIA: They kick money into one resource officers. The other two.... Somebody has to step up.

MR. NACARATO: I elect you to go to the township meetings and tell them to step up.

MR. DRAGISH: Who needs to step up is the township.

MR. MICCHIA: They have to step up and so does the school system. The school system, in my opinion, they've got a great big kitty of money, they can afford to do more. We've got to do

something with these officers in the summer time. We don't need 5 extra officers during the summer months. One or two cover vacations, what are the other one's going to do.

MR. MORVAY: Thank you. Anybody else? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes.
Motion 2023-24.

Under **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

MR. TIECHE: First off, I'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Secondly, I'd like to thank Anthony Nacarato for his service on City Council. I'm looking forward for you to maybe come back again. The same with John. I don't know how long you've been around. We can talk about stories about gun shots and all that kind of stuff. Maybe we'll just let it go at that and say, thanks John for your service.

MR. NEFF: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Have a very safe and healthy holiday. I want to thank Anthony for all the great work. John, we've had our differences and you've proved we wrong. I was completely wrong on John's insistence that we do this with EMS. It's turned out that it was a very, very smart thing to do. I have to say, Kudos, to your foresight.

MR. MORVAY: We'll see. When this all gets vetted, if it is. That's what we want to make sure. Thank you!

MR. DRAGISH: Merry Christmas everybody. I hope it's a safe and healthy one. I want to say, John you've been my mentor here, in the city, for the time I've been here and you took the seat of Andy Skrobola. That's a tough seat to take. As Mayor, I'm going to miss you. I'm happy for you at the same time. Anthony, we've been friends for a long time. You sit on Council. Now, we're losing Rotarians up here. We have Lions at the end.

MR. TIECHE: I was a Rotarian. I changed.

MR. DRAGISH: I hope to see you come back. I hope to still be around here when you come back.

MR. NACARATO: I hope too. I really do. It's a heavy heart. In the 4 years, as I look over the past 4 years, there was so many things that this group has been through. As a group, we went through a pandemic and came out and really did what we felt was best for the city. Personally, going through my own heart issues, the support and being able to get this up and running and keep going, was great. To lose a city manager and have Chuck take the reins and run with it, and do a fantastic job, I couldn't have asked for any better. It's been a wonderful 4 years. I

hope to be back in 2, I really do. I just want you to know, I really enjoyed it, I loved every minute of it. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the City I love. I appreciate it. Thank you. (APPLAUSE)

MR. MORVAY: This is my last meeting, I guess I get the last word. I did make some notes. My mentor was Andy Skrobola, what a great guy Andy was. Andy and my father always encouraged me not to complain but if there was a complaint, to get involved. That's the only way you're going to solve or understand the issue.

So, I did. Twelve years ago, I was elected to City Council. It was one of the most enlightening and rewarding endeavors that I've ever been on.

I want to thank everybody for believing in me and allowing me to serve for the last 12 years. I am honored to have served this community. This commitment that I took very seriously.

When issues came up that I was not familiar with, I always took time to do research and to educate myself on the issues.

1. Always look for safety. Is it a safety issue?
2. I looked at the marginal benefit was greater than the marginal cost. The Fire District.
3. I looked at the intangible factors such as the perception that it was going to create.
4. I looked at the scope and the scale of the economies. Would it be beneficial for us to do it?
5. I also looked at the long-term benefits, perhaps they outweighed the short-term losses.

From opening the road to the bee's to other issues. I actually went out and studied bees and read a book on bees, when that issue came up. And the gun range. Opening the road. All those things, I took seriously. I did do research and tried to figure out what was the best thing for Canfield. Always in the back of my mind, why I was elected and what my purpose was here to do. That was to move the city forward.

What I thought could improve City Council in relations with City Council is probably not a real easy task. I would have individuals come up to me and tell me things that the city was doing and/or what was going to take place and none of it was true. They heard it from the 5th person now. There is a lot of misperception out there. If could change something or make something better, it would be that. How do people get the right information? How do we get that information to people, so that there is not this fallacy or stories out there? The other negative is the perception that Council is doing things or making decisions that is in some way, some kind of conspiracy. There are times when Council has to be secretive. We do go into Executive Session. It's mostly about development or properties wanting to be developed. We want to keep that under wrap, so that property doesn't now become super valuable or that sort of thing. There are times when we have to be secretive. At no time, did I ever witness council doing something that was not in the best interest of the city. There must be transparency with city government and city council. However, there could be

a little bit more trust in what we are doing, that is in everybody's best interest. We're not up here for a conspiracy theory or our benefit. We're trying to do and move the city forward in what we think is the best thing to do.

I would like to comment on the people of our great city. I don't think that our city employees receive enough credit for the job that they do. If you just look at the last two years when we lost our city manager and the entire workforce stepped up. They did what they had to do to maintain the service and functionality of our city. We never skipped a beat. Our city is great because we have great people behind it.

In reflecting, I've asked myself this question. Has the city benefitted from me serving? Am I leaving the city in better order and prepared for the future? The answer is emphatically, yes. We have added new dimension to our city managers position. I believe Judge David D'Apolito is going to take us to the next level. He's that kind of individual. I have a lot faith in you, David. I'm going to make sure that you prove me right. The citizens elected a very dynamic and involved City Council coming up. You're going to see that. I believe they're going to work really well with Judge D'Apolito. We got exciting development happening right here in downtown, Red Gate and I believe we will be a model city for others to look at for how we expanded our footprint and increased our revenue. I think you're going to be very, very impressed with the things that are coming down the road. We have the right ingredients to make our city even greater than it is. Let's all get together and help do that. Let's be on the same page.

I could have not done this job without the help of so many people supporting me. This includes my wife who allows me time to devote to the passions that I have. I appreciate that. Thank you, very much. I plan to stay involved as much as possible and maybe perhaps become a liaison between city government and the citizens. I could become a bridge between our city government and our citizens. Perhaps if the people have somebody to reach out to, to ask these questions, I can secure that information or facts and they would be more comfortable with our leadership. I plan on taking that role on Frank.

I appreciate Frank for being here, Kathryn if she was here, I'd tell her thank you. I mean, you're a pain the you know what, but in the long run I believe that we've moved the city forward and made progress.

Once again, it's been my honor and privilege to have served you. Let's work to keep this City GREAT! Thank you. (applause).

MR. MORVAY: This meeting is adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL