

AGENDA

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 4, 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.

Public Comments

11. NEW 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.

A. An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing its Disposal

Description: When it's determined that certain vehicles or equipment are no longer useful to, or needed by the City, Council must declare the item(s) as surplus and authorize the disposal of the items.

The Ordinance being considered declares the following vehicle as surplus and authorizes their disposal according to our ordinance.

- 1) 2014 Dodge Challenger R/T, Vin # 2C3CDYBTOEH145473

Action Needed: Passage of this Ordinance.

Attachment (s):

Public Comments

- B. An **Ordinance** Amending Ordinance 2023-50 Adopting Salary and Benefits for All Full and Part Time Non-Bargaining Unit Employees.

Description: We are increasing the hourly maximum rate for part time employees from \$25.00 an hour to \$36.00 an hour.

Action Needed: Passage of Ordinance

Attachment(s):

- C. A **Resolution** Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Description: In accordance with state law, the City of Canfield must accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the County Auditor. This resolution accepts the amounts and rates, authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies them to the County Auditor as indicated in the resolution.

Action Needed: Approval of Resolution.

Attachment(s): Resolution

Public Comments

- D. A **Resolution** of the Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio Authorizing the Mahoning County Auditor's Office to Assess Properties within the City of Canfield.

Description: The Mahoning County Auditor's Office is requiring a Resolution be passed by Council in order to assess properties for streetlights, lawn moving, etc.

Action Needed: Passage of this Resolution and submission to the Auditor's Office

Attachment(s): List of Assessments.

Public Comments

12. Council Comments.

13. Adjournment

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY
AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that certain vehicles are no longer needed by the City; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to declare the following vehicle surplus and dispose of it.

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

Section 1: The following vehicle and accessories are hereby declared surplus:

2014 Dodge Challenger R/T	Vin #2C3CDYBT0EH145473
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Section 2: The City Manager is hereby authorized to dispose of the listed vehicle in accordance with the applicable City of Canfield Ordinances.

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 Ohio Revised Code.

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:

Introduced by: _____
 First Reading: _____

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-50
 ADOPTING SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR ALL FULL AND PART TIME NON-
 BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the City of Canfield has established salary and benefits for Full and Part time employees; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield desires to modify the salary and benefits for Full and Part time City employees, and

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

Section 1: The following compensation limitations shall be in effect for employees from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 or until such time as a successor Ordinance is approved:

A. Full Time Employees

(1) Administrative Employees

Position	Annual Salary		
	2024	2025	2026
Police Chief	122,479	126,153	131,199
Finance Director	99,195	102,171	106,258
Public Works Superintendent	99,195	102,171	106,258
Information Technology Mgr.	87,945	90,583	94,206
Zoning Inspector	72,500	74,675	77,662

(2) Non-Administrative Employees

Position	Hourly Rate of Pay		
	2024	2025	2026
Clerk of Council	30.02	30.92	32.16
Deputy Finance Director	38.23	39.38	40.96
Income Tax Administrator	29.93	30.83	32.06
Account Clerk – Utilities	25.18	25.94	26.98
Administrative Clerk	24.35	25.08	26.08

Receptionist/Event Coordinator	23.19	23.89	24.85
IT Network & Systems Admin.	27.58	28.41	29.55
IT Technician	24.91	25.66	26.69
Sr. Administrative Police Clerk/Clerk of Court	29.93	30.83	32.06
Administrative Police Clerk/Deputy Clerk of Court	25.18	25.94	26.98
PW Foreman (2)	35.92	37.00	38.48
PW Coordinator	35.92	37.00	38.48

(2)(B) PW Foreman

The PW foreman required licensing before reaching top rate set forth in the salary ordinance is as follows:

- 1) Class 1 Water Distribution license
- 2) Class 1 Wastewater Collection License
- 3) Backflow competency certification
- 4) Class A CDL

All licensing and training must remain current and in good standing. Dollar amount per item can be determined by the City Manager or his/her designee.

B. Part Time Hourly Employees

The rate of pay for Part Time Hourly employees shall be determined by the City Manager and may range from the State minimum wage to a maximum of \$36.00 per hour.

Part time Officers scheduled to work on the OVI Task Force, shall be compensated at the Overtime rate based on their current hourly rate. All Client paid details scheduled through the Canfield Police Department shall be paid at a rate of up to \$40 per hour, excluding the Canfield Fair.

Section 2: All the positions, identified in Section 1, A (1), are not eligible to receive overtime compensation. When employees from Section 1 A (1), work over 40 hours in one work week or over eight hours in one work day, employees shall receive "compensatory time off" calculated at a rate of one time per hour worked. These same positions may accumulate up to a maximum of 100 hours of Compensatory Time calculated for each hour worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week. Accumulated Compensatory Time may be used as compensatory time off when approved by the City Manager. An accurate record of compensatory time earned and time taken shall be maintained by the Deputy Finance Director. The City shall be under no obligation to pay said employees for unused accumulated Compensatory Time upon termination or expiration of employment.

Employees, employed in positions identified in Section 1,A, (2)that have overtime hours worked, shall have the option of being paid for the overtime hours worked at (a) the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the Employee’s regular hourly rate of pay, or (b) by electing “compensatory time off” which is computed at a rate of one and one-half times the overtime hours worked. This election must be approved by the City Manager or designee and “compensatory time off” hours can be accumulated but only up to a maximum of 100 hours.

Section 3: The probationary period of all original and promotional appointments of employees, including provisional appointments, shall be twelve (12) months. No originally or provisionally appointed probationary employee will be eligible for sick leave, vacation or personal leave during the initial ninety (90) days of employment.

Section 4: The City Manager, with City Council approval, may grant additional compensation beyond the limitations set forth, to employees identified in Section 1, A, (1) and Section 1, A, (2).

The Police Chief shall receive holiday compensation, fitness bonus, uniform maintenance and purchase of uniform on the same basis as is provided to members of the Police Department Collective bargaining Unit pursuant to the current Collective bargaining Agreement, effective from the date of appointment as Police Chief. The Police Chief shall also earn overtime at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the Employee’s regular hourly rate of pay on activities that are reimbursed by outside sources.

Section 5: All full time non-administrative employees shall work forty (40) hours per week. The work hours of each Administrative employee shall be scheduled by the City Manager and insofar as possible, shall be five (5) consecutive days of 8 hours each or other scheduled hours as set forth from time to time by the City Manager. The pay of any scheduled full time employee that works less than forty (40) hours per week, excluding absences identified in Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and Compensatory Time off, will be reduced by the number of hours not worked times(x) that employees’ hourly rate of pay or, for Administrative employees, his/hers annual salary divided by 2080 hours.

Section 6: A, Part Time Hourly employees are not eligible to receive any of the benefits identified in Sections 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18.

B, Seasonal Part Time Hourly employees are not eligible to receive any of the benefits identified in Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 18.

Section 7: Employees shall be entitled to take vacation after completion of initial ninety (90) days of employment. Time off for vacations must be approved by the City Manager or his/her designee. Employees shall accumulate vacation days at the following rates, if the employee is in full pay status for at least (20) days during such month:

Years of Service – After	Accumulative Rate (days)	Accumulative Rate (hours)	Equivalent Total Days per year
1 month through 3 years	5/6 of a day per month	6.66 hours per month	10 days
4 years through 5 years	1 day per month	8.00 hours per month	12 days

6 years through 10 years	1-1/4 days per month	10.00 hours per month	15 days
11 years through 15 years	1-1/2 days per month	12.00 hours per month	18 days
16 years through 20 years	1-3/4 days per month	14.00 hours per month	21 days
21 years through 25 years	2 days per month	16.00 hours per month	24 days
26 years and more	2-1/2 days per month	20.00 hours per month	30 days

Each employee shall take at least five (5) days of vacation per year and may accumulate the unused portion of entitled vacation days up to a maximum of 25 vacation days (200 hours). Vacation days cannot be taken in anticipation of entitlement.

Each non-probationary Employee shall have the option to cash out up to forty (40) hours of accumulated vacation time once per year so long as the employee maintains at least forty (40) hours of vacation time in their vacation leave bank. Employees exercising this cash out must request the cash out by November 1st. The vacation cash out shall not count as taking the minimum required vacation days as outlined above. An employee desiring to resign from employment should give a minimum of two weeks' notice of resignation to the City Manager or his/her designee. The employee, after the submission of his/her notice of resignation, will then be eligible to receive payment for his/her accumulated vacation pay for up to a maximum of 25 working days.

An employee that qualifies for "Family Leave" to care for a spouse, son, daughter or parent with a "serious health condition" may request in writing a one-year advance on vacation time. Said request may be approved by the Manager after reviewing medical certifications. Said advance shall be granted only once per "serious health condition". Said vacation advance shall not entitle the employee to payment upon employee's termination of service, whether voluntary or involuntary. (For the purposes of this Ordinance, the terms "family leave" and "serious health condition" shall be defined as provided in the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.)

Section 8: Employees may use sick leave upon approval of the City Manager or his/her designee and may use sick leave segments of one (1) 8-hour day, unless prior approval is granted.

- A. Sick leave shall be defined as an absence with pay necessitated by: (1) illness or injury to the employee or his/her "immediate family" as defined in subsection C below; (2) exposure by the employee to a contagious disease communicable to other employees; or (3) serious illness, injury, childbirth by the employee or the employee's spouse; or (4) medical, dental and optical examinations or treatment which prevents the employee from performing his/her assigned duties.
- B. All full time employees shall earn sick leave at the rate of five (5) hours per pay or ten (10) hours per month or one and one-quarter (1-1/4) days per month and may accumulate such sick leave to a maximum of 2000 hours or two hundred fifty (250) work days; provided, however, that an employee shall not earn sick leave for any month unless he is in full pay status for at least twenty (20) work days during such monthly period.
- C. When the use of sick leave is due to illness or injury in the immediate family, "immediate family" shall be defined to only include the employee's spouse, children or parents.

- D. Upon the death of an Employee who has at least five (5) years of continuous full-time service, or upon the retirement of a full-time employee who has at least ten (10) years of continuous service with the City of Canfield, such employee shall be entitled to receive a cash payment equal to their hourly rate of pay at the time of retirement multiplied by one fourth (1/4) the total number of accumulated but unused sick hours earned by the employee, as certified by the Deputy Finance Director, providing that such resulting number of hours to be paid shall not exceed five hundred (500) hours.
- E. The accumulated sick leave hours of an employee who transfers from one department to another will not be impacted because of his/her transfer.
- F. The City Manager may require an employee to furnish a satisfactory medical excuse, in writing, for absences of three (3) days or greater, that indicates that the absence was the result of one or more of the incidents described in Section 8, A.. Any abuse of sick leave shall be just and sufficient cause for discipline as may be determined by the City Manager or his designee.
- G. An employee that qualifies for "Family Leave" to care for a spouse, son, daughter or parent with a "serious health condition" may request in writing a one-year advance on sick leave. Said request may be approved by the Manager after reviewing medical certifications. Said advance shall be granted only once per "serious health condition". Said sick leave advance shall not entitle the employee to payment upon employee's termination of service, whether voluntary or involuntary. (For the purposes of this Ordinance, the terms "family leave" and "serious health condition" shall be defined as provided in the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.)

Section 9: A sick day bonus of six (6) hours of pay per quarter (defined in table below) will be paid on May 30th for the first half and November 30th for the second half of each year to those full-time employees who have taken no sick days in the respective quarter. Each quarter will be evaluated independently for use of sick time. For example, if an employee uses sick leave in the first quarter and no sick leave in the second quarter, they will receive a bonus of six (6) hours of pay on May 30th. Payment will be made by separate check.

Quarter	Begin Date	End Date
1	November 16	February 15
2	February 16	May 15
3	May 16	August 15
4	August 16	November 15

Section 10: Each full time City employee shall be granted two (2) Personal Days per calendar year with the following stipulations:

- A. Each employee identified in Section 1, A, (1), and 1, A, (2), must have their Personal Day approved in advance by the City Manager or his/her designee.
- B. Personal Days must be taken (or lost) by May 30th of the succeeding year.

Section 11: A full time employee shall be granted time off with pay (not to be deducted from the employee's sick leave) for the purposes of attending the funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family. Immediate family shall be defined to only include the employee's mother, father, spouse, former spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparents and grandchildren. The employee may request up to a maximum of four (4) work days for each death in the immediate family.

An employee shall be granted time off with pay (not to be deducted from the employee's sick leave) one (1) day to attend the funeral of an employee's aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or other relative living in your household under your care.

Section 12: An employee of the City of Canfield who may be injured in the course of duty in the employment of the City shall, upon filing with the Industrial Commission Workers' Compensation Division, a claim for such injury, receive from the City of Canfield injury leave with pay at their regular salary or hourly rate based on forty (40) hours per week.

Any compensation received in lieu of wages under Workers' Compensation Act or other insurance, the premiums of which were paid by the City, shall be reimbursed to the City or deducted from the employee's pay.

The maximum limit for injury leave with pay shall be ninety (90) days.

In case of an injury to an employee, the City manager or his designee shall cause a report of injury to be made to an appropriate physician within two (2) days. This physician shall be asked to submit a report to the City Manager, within ten (10) days after receiving the City Manager's report, stating what the employees' disability is, if any, and what action has been or will be taken to correct the cause of any disability and the estimated time the employee will be absent from work, if any. The injured employee shall not return to duty until a written certified statement from his physician authorizing the return to work is received by the City Manager.

Section 13: The terms and conditions under which a full time City Employee can request a leave of absence without pay will be governed by Section 8.05 of the Civil Service Commission of the Municipality of Canfield, Ohio's Rules and Regulations adopted November 14, 1973 and subsequently amended. For the first three (3) months, any employee granted a leave of absence without pay by the City Manager with the approval of City Council, shall continue to receive all benefits they are entitled to by their employment contract or this Ordinance. In the event that the Civil Service Commission grants a leave of absence to an employee for more than three (3) months, the Council of the City of Canfield will determine on a case-by-case basis if said employee will continue to receive their benefits after the third month of the leave of absence.

Section 14: An Employee who has been employed by the City of Canfield for at least twelve (12) months and has worked 1250 hours during the previous twelve-month period is an "eligible Employee" for family leave.

Family leave is twelve (12) weeks (60 working days), is unpaid and shall be granted to an "eligible employee":

- A. Because of the birth of a son or daughter of the Employee and in order to care for such son or daughter.

- B. Because of the placement of a son or daughter with the Employee for adoption or foster care.
- C. Because of a serious health condition of the Employee that makes the Employee unable to perform the functions of the job.
- D. Because of the need to care for the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent with a "serious health condition".

An eligible Employee shall be granted, when requested, a total of twelve (12) weeks of family leave within the first twelve (12) months after a baby's birth or placement or for the need to care for the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent with a "serious health condition".

Said leave may be taken by either parent.

During family leave, the eligible Employee shall first use all accumulated vacation, compensatory time and sick leave. However, the Employee may request to reserve some portion of vacation, compensatory time and sick leave, not exceeding 5 days. Then the Employee shall take the balance of family leave as unpaid leave.

Leave for the birth or placement of a child must be taken in one block of time, unless approved by the Employer.

Leave for the "serious health condition" of the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent may be intermittent.

An Employee is required to request leave in writing thirty (30) days prior to commencement, if possible.

The Employer may request medical certification regarding the "serious health condition" and the probable duration of care.

If both parents are employed by the same Employer, the total amount of leave provided shall not exceed twelve (12) weeks (60 working days).

During the unpaid leave, all health care and life insurance benefits will be paid by the Employer.

If an Employee elects not to return to work after the expiration of the family leave, the Employer may recover from the Employee the cost of medical premiums paid during the unpaid portion of the leave.

Section 15: Holidays: The following thirteen (13) Holidays shall be observed by all full-time employees covered by this Ordinance: 1. New Year's Day, 2. Martin Luther King Day, 3. President's Day, 4. Good Friday, 5. Memorial Day, 6. Juneteenth, 7. Independence Day, 8. Labor Day, 9. Veteran's Day, 10. Thanksgiving Day, 11. Day after Thanksgiving Day, 12. Day before Christmas, 13. Christmas Day. When the holiday falls on a Saturday, Friday will be observed as the holiday day. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, Monday will be observed as the holiday day. Only the individuals who are required to work to maintain the minimum service that is necessary shall be scheduled to work the holiday. This schedule shall be determined by the City Manager or his/her designee. Employees

identified in Section 1, A, (2) shall be compensated at a rate of time and one half for actual work on a holiday.

Section 16: Insurance: The City of Canfield shall provide and pay a portion of the costs of a group hospitalization, surgical insurance, and major medical plan for all full-time employees during their employment with the City except as otherwise excluded in this Ordinance. The employees shall contribute the following amounts toward payment of the premiums as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	
Single	13%	13%	13%	% per pay of the annual premium divided by 24
Employee/Child	13%	13%	13%	% per pay of the annual premium divided by 24
Employee/Spouse	13%	13%	13%	% per pay of the annual premium divided by 24
Family	13%	13%	13%	% per pay of the annual premium divided by 24

The City may elect to provide optional Vision and Dental plans and coverage. All employees desiring the aforementioned insurance shall make proper application with the Deputy Finance Director of the City of Canfield.

The City will also pay the full premium for all full-time employees for a convertible term life insurance policy in the face value of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000).

Section 17: Professional Liability: The City of Canfield will provide professional liability coverage for employees whose job may require such coverage as determined by the City Manager.

Section 18: Jury Duty: Any full-time employee who is called for jury duty, at either a Federal, County or Municipal Court, shall be paid his/her regular salary or his/her regular hourly rate for this lost time.

Section 19: Compensation for all work performed by City employees is scheduled to be paid semi-monthly on the 15th and 30th of each month, with the exception of February where the second pay shall be made on the last day of the month. If the 15th or 30th falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the employee will be paid on the last scheduled workday preceding the 15th or 30th or holiday.

Section 20: Mileage reimbursements for use of personal vehicle on City business shall be at the current published rate established by IRS. All expenses conforming to the City Travel Policy will be reimbursed, in a reasonable period of time, when requested and authorized by Purchase Order.

Section 21: Sick/Vacation Leave Cash Buyout Plan. When an employee chooses to retire, he/she will be afforded the opportunity to avail themselves of a pre-retirement Sick/Vacation Leave Buyout Plan as follows;

- A. In addition to the severance pay allowable by this Ordinance, employees who have a minimum of 23 years' service credit with OPERS may request an early payout of their accumulated sick leave and/or vacation leave hours.
- B. This **Sick/Vacation Leave Cash Buyout Plan** shall allow for the early payout of accumulated sick and/or vacation leave and shall be limited to a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours of sick leave each year prior to retirement or a maximum of two hundred (200) hours of vacation leave each year prior to retirement, or any combination of both up to a maximum combined total of two hundred and forty (240) hours each year prior to retirement. These early payouts will be paid to a retiring employee during a maximum of three (3) years prior to the employees' retirement date. The payment value of these sick/vacation leave hours shall be calculated using the hourly rate in existence at the time the employee gives notice of retirement. Each payment shall be subject to normal payroll deductions. Enrolling in the **sick/vacation leave cash buyout plan** will not interfere with the employees' eligibility to earn a sick leave bonus.
- C. In order to participate in the **Sick/Vacation Leave Cash Buyout Plan** the employee must give written notice to the employer of his/her intention to retire in 3 years or less from the date of the written notice. Within 90 days, following the date of the employee notice, a letter of understanding, that identifies the date of retirement and the payout option listed below, that fits with the retirement date, must be signed by both the employee and the employer.

If the retirement date is:

Option 1:

Three years from the date of the signed letter of agreement, then the accumulated sick and vacation entitlement shall be paid out in equal installments, on scheduled pay dates, over three (3) years and paid at the current value of the entitled hours in existence at the date of the agreement.

Option 2:

Two years from the date of the signed letter of agreement, then the accumulated sick and vacation entitlement shall be paid out in equal installments, on scheduled pay dates, over two (2) years and paid at the current value of the entitled hours in existence at the date of the agreement.

Option 3:

One year from the date of the signed letter of agreement, then the accumulated sick and vacation entitlement shall be paid out in equal installments in one year, on scheduled pay dates and paid at the current value of the entitled hours in existence at the date of the agreement.

All payments of **Sick/Vacation Leave Cash Buyout Plan** benefits will be made on regularly scheduled payroll payment dates.

- D. When the letter of understanding agreement has been signed, - the total buyout hours identified in that agreement will be deducted from the accumulated sick and/or vacation leave hours in effect immediately before the signing of the agreement and only the remaining balance of accumulated sick and/or vacation leave hours shall be available for normal use by the retiring employee during his/hers remaining years of employment before retirement.
- E. If the employee, subsequent to the signing of the letter of understanding agreement, experiences a documented long term or extenuating catastrophic illness, then, but only after a complete review of the circumstances by the Employer together with the approval of the Canfield City Council;
- the letter of understanding agreement between the employee and the employer shall be suspended and
 - the hours of sick and/or vacation leave, identified in the letter of understanding agreement, shall be added back to the employees current accumulated sick and/or vacation hours and the hours paid to the employee, under the **Sick/Vacation Leave Cash Buyout Plan**, shall be deducted from that same current balance of accumulated sick and/or vacation hours.
- F. A retiring employee may only apply for the benefits under the **Sick/Vacation Leave Cash Buyout Plan** once during his/her employment with the City of Canfield unless his/her participation in the plan was suspended as indicated in Sec. 21 E.

Section 22: 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: _____

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a tax budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Council together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Council, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten-mill limitation;

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

Section 1: The amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification and the same are hereby accepted.

Section 2: That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said City the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten-mill limitation as follows:

Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Inside 10 Mill Limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Outside 10 Mill Limit
General	\$323,625	-0-	1.00	-0-
Road and Bridge	\$647,250	-0-	2.00	-0-
Police	-0-	\$797,816	-0-	3.90
Total	\$970,875	\$797,816	3.00	3.90

Section 3: The Clerk of Council be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Section 4: 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 _____ 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 Resolution was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO
AUTHORIZING THE MAHONING COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO ASSESS
PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF CANFIELD

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield desires to authorize the Mahoning County Auditor's Office to assess properties within the City of Canfield; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning County Auditor's Office requires a Resolution to be passed in order to assess properties for tax year 2024/calendar year 2025.

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

Section 1: That City Council of the City of Canfield authorizes the Mahoning County Auditor's Office to assess properties within the City of Canfield for various reasons, attached hereto.

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 _____ A.D., 2024.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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30-176	\$ 3,528.00	72
30-177	\$ 1,890.00	42
30-178	\$ 3,008.00	47
30-182	\$ 690.00	15
30-184	\$ 1,020.00	15
30-185	\$ 3,675.00	75
30-186	\$ 1,449.00	23
30-190	\$ 1,170.00	26
30-191	\$ 1,050.00	30
30-192	\$ 600.00	15
30-193	\$ 1,200.00	24
30-345	\$ 1,932.00	46
30-346	\$ 1,170.00	18
30-512	\$ 1,400.00	28
30-515	\$ 1,200.00	30
30-516	\$ 875.00	24
30-517	\$ 1,200.00	24
30-518	\$ 850.00	17
30-519	\$ 1,300.00	26
30-535	\$ 4,176.00	96

MINUTES
CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2024-5:30 P.M.

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

Under **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**, there were none.

Under **MINUTES**, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 17, 2024 were approved as presented.

Under **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**:

MRS. OLIVER: Does anybody have any communications to share? Hearing none.

MRS. OLIVER: I actually have two. So, one, people are asking why are they removing all the trees in front of St. Michael's because we are Tree City. I was really surprised when we were driving by and I saw that myself. Now, it's out there on social media, people are asking why are they removing all the trees, when we are known to be the City of Trees. Does anybody know what's going on with that?

MR. D'APOLITO: I have no idea. It's private property. They're free to do whatever they want with their trees.

MRS. OLIVER: I agree but people were just asking. They were not like they were going to fall on the church. People were curious and I didn't know anything about that either.

MR. D'APOLITO: I'm sure Father Lavelle would tell us.

MR. NEFF: Are they near power lines?

MRS. OLIVER: No, it's right on the front lawn.

MR. DRAGISH: Just decorative trees. I'm sure they're either going to expand or do something.

MRS. OLIVER: That's why I was wondering if they were going to do something. The other question is, and this would be a question for Mr. Rapp, on our streets where our sidewalks are where the water is, where they have access to our water for the city. It comes up out of the ground or the sidewalk. I discovered this today while walking on one of the sidewalks in our neighborhood, dead in the center and I discovered it because I tripped over it, the water main is sticking up out of the sidewalk about this far, I took a picture for you. If someone was walking

and it was dark, they might now see it. The sidewalk must have settled. Some of them are flush and this one is sticking way out. What do we need to do to correct that?

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Usually, anybody that has an issue like that, they just call the office and they put in a work order. We'll send a crew out to evaluate it and we'll make the repair. We'll probably have to cut it out. You're right, the sidewalk probably settled.

MRS. OLIVER: That's what I was thinking, it settled around it. That would be on Pine Cone behind us. I took a picture for you.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: We're up there doing a curb anyway, we're waiting on the contractor to do the concrete. It might be a good time, if you want to forward me that information and we'll take care of it.

MRS. OLIVER: I will do that.

MR. D'APOLITO: Our process is for everything to have a call from the residents to here at City Hall so that the work order can be created. We'll have record of it.

MRS. OLIVER: So, that will create the work order by me reporting it to you?

MR. D'APOLITO: Yes.

MRS. OLIVER: Okay, good to know.

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

MR. TIECHE: I think that all members of council received a copy of the Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Board Minutes. It says, July 9th at the headline. It should be August 6th.

CLERK: I changed it. Lex did it and I didn't notice it.

MR. TIECHE: Thank you, that's it. Wait a minute. There was one other thing, down in the Minutes, we have changed our meeting dates to the first Wednesday of the month, that is to accommodate the city manager and public works, so they can attend the Parks Board Meeting. That will start at the September 4th meeting.

MRS. OLIVER: You guys do that in the morning?

MR. TIECHE: That is correct.

MR. D'APOLITO: Mr. Tieche did you say that starts on the 14th?

MR. TIECHE: Did I say the 14th? It's the 4th.

MR. D'APOLITO: I heard the 14th.

MR. TIECHE: It is September 4th.

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. Neff.

MR. NEFF: Planning & Zoning had a meeting on August 8th and unfortunately I had it in my phone wrong, I got there for the adjournment. I will let Jodi respond to our Planning & Zoning.

MRS. OLIVER: Mrs. Flinn, I'll just wait until we get to your report. Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: Madam President, Design Review met August 6th. There were two items on the agenda, one was a shed at 62 Court Street. The other being a request from Terrill Vidale for 10 Manor Hill; which is the old Auto Zone building, there is a one door entrance, to make it a two-door entrance. He wants to have two suites. He has a tenant coming in one of the suites and that gives him more private access.

MR. TIECHE: So, we are going to see some activity in that building?

MR. GRAHAM: Yes.

MR. TIECHE: Okay.

MR. GRAHAM: Kind of a boutique/coffee shop.

MRS. OLIVER: There is a lot of movement in the former IGA Plaza; which is really exciting. They have pending tenants and things like that. I got an update on that today. It's pretty exciting stuff. It looks so nice. I can't wait to see it. Mr. Mayor.

MR. DRAGISH: I have my Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council. The funds or other monies collected or received. The total net collections to the city is \$836.01.

MRS. OLIVER: I am on the Fire Board and I had a hearing I had to attend last night and I asked Chief Hutchison for the report, to report back to you guys, for the month of July and I did not receive that. I have reached out and asked him for it again, so now I still have not received that. I checked my email. If by chance, I receive that before our meeting is over, I will update everybody. I apologize because I have not received it. I just got a message back. I'll have it in a couple of minutes. So, we'll move on and then I'll circle back. Let's move on to our Public Works Superintendent, Mr. Rapp.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Good evening. City crews have been busy with storm drain repairs/sink holes. We've had a lot of calls on those.

Also, water meter replacements, still on point for that. We'll stop doing that at the end of September due to leaf season. The dates for leaf season will begin October 14th and we'll do a final sweep the week of December 2nd thru the 5th, weather permitting.

Lead and copper, we're going to do a second round of that of 40 samples. Luckily, we have a lot of volunteers to choose from. But just to let everybody know, we'll be making calls and asking for another sample, sometime in September.

Also, USG Water is begun the rehab on the Hilltop water storage tank. It's going according to schedule. It took us a little while to secure that funding, so we got a couple of weeks delayed start. They're looking at sometime in October to be completed with that. That's all.

MR. TIECHE: Have we had any water pressure problems as a result?

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: No.

MR. TIECHE: Good job.

MRS. OLIVER: I don't like hearing that time of the year already. Summer is going too quick.

MR. D'APOLITO: On one tank, we're doing it.

MRS. OLIVER: Let's mov on to our Finance Director, Mrs. Clayton.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: All council members should have received an email today with the draft audit report for the city. I just want to remind everybody that it is confidential, it doesn't become a public record until it's released by the state; which will be in another 2 to 3 weeks. We are planning to waive the exit conference because they don't have anything to tell us. The State Auditor's were here today to do an audit for the Canfield Community JEDD for 2022 and 2023 and that audit was also fine. Finally, I'm working with Tyler our new software company to convert our last module; which is fixed assets. It's been a long year.

MR. DRAGISH: That's wonderful.

MRS. OLIVER: You've done a fantastic job.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Our Zoning Inspector, Mrs. Flinn.

MRS. FLINN: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. An update for Planning & Zoning that happened last Thursday on the 8th, the committee approved a recommendation to council for a replat at 35 Scott Street. It's on your agenda tonight. A public hearing was set for 9-12-24 @ 5:15pm for an

adjustment for an accessory building and a pool on a corner lot, in the Preserve. There was discussion in regards to a solar energy ordinance, that Planning & Zoning is working on. For Zoning, the month of July, we issued 17 garage sale permits, 25 zoning permits totaling \$8,906.00. One of them are a new home in the Preserve. So, total permit for the year is 123 with a total valuation \$5,500,000. I believe, Mr. Graham mentioned the Old Advanced Auto and also I have a permit submitted for an addition at MCCTC. There will be some construction going on there, as well.

MRS. OLIVER: Our City Clerk, Mrs. Bernat.

CLERK: No report this evening.

MRS. OLIVER: We'll move on to our Chief of Police.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Thank you. This is complicated and I'll probably screw it up but I'll do my best. I had to hold off on reporting these, we had a few burglaries, going back to May and June, recently we had one in August. We feel the one's in May and June are connected. The first one was on Tony Ann Place. The second one, I shouldn't categorize it as a burglary, a potential burglary, a house that people are sitting on. In May, Tony Ann, the house was broken into, the two individuals that broke into the house, were completely covered from head to toe. They knew what they were doing, from the shoes all the way up to their face/head, wearing gloves. They were doing everything they can from being identified. They knew where they were going, they knew where the safe was and they got into the safe. Then we had a call about someone possibly stealing a package from a front porch on Pine Cone. It turned out, it wasn't actually somebody stealing a package from a porch, they were removing a prop camera that they had set up by a tree and they were removing the GPS from a car. They were obviously watching the house, tracking the car, tracking their movements and everywhere they go, and then probably ultimately come back to burglarize the house. We feel that that's what happened on Tony Ann Place. We didn't talk about it for quite a while because we didn't have clearance, the FBI is involved with this. Ultimately, what it comes down to is, these investigations highlighted a national trend in which Asian business owners are targeted by South American theft groups and detectives are currently monitoring national FBI directed intelligence emails regarding these. They're all throughout the country. We're working together with the FBI. Recently, the Mercedes that we identified on Pine Cone was pulled over and arrested by an agency in Philadelphia. They're part of a bigger investigation. We're working together with everybody, sharing all of our intelligence. We had something similar on a much smaller scale happen last year. It was Asian businesses were targeted by another Asian group, who ultimately funded these people. They were targeting their own people. They knew where they kept the money, kept the cash. We're working together with federal and state authorities to try to identify the people and we're see where we go. But it's a national crime wave. Tony Ann was victimized and Pine Cone would have been. It's interesting. I hope I gave you enough understanding, it's complicated. We had a break-in on August 7th on Fairground Blvd. and Surrey Lane. There was an apartment that was broken into, not related to these, we don't think it has anything to do with it. We don't have any video surveillance but we do have good evidence that we submitted

to our crime lab and we're waiting to get back, so hopefully we'll be able to identify the suspect. In this case, we think it was targeted and the person knew what they were going in there for. It was a younger person's apartment.

Some highlights of what we've been dealing with this summer. A couple of traffic stops that I want to give you highlights on. On June 21st, Officer Ellie Davidson stopped a vehicle and as soon as she got up to the vehicle she noticed the burnt smell of marijuana and gave the driver a field sobriety test and he failed the test. He was arrested for operating a motor vehicle impaired, under the influence of marijuana. Marijuana is legal but burnt marijuana will allow us to get in the car and search. You're only allowed so much marijuana, 2 ½ oz, but you still can't drive while smoking marijuana. Officer Davidson arrested him and also found a loaded handgun in the center console, so he was also charged with improper handling. Not a resident of the city.

June 30th, Officer Kougher, this is interesting, Officer Kougher stopped a vehicle on Lisbon Street, again, smelled the odor of burnt marijuana, gave the individual a sobriety test, failed, he admitted to smoking marijuana and using crystal meth, we found crystal meth in the vehicle. He was charged with operating a vehicle impaired. No alcohol but the drugs impaired his driving. This one stung a little bit because he was arrested for the OVI, we then located a newborn baby in the vehicle and he was charged with child endanger. The baby was turned over to somebody.

On July 17th, Officer Dominguez, he is one of our new officers, he observed a traffic violation and he stopped the vehicle. Again, smelled burnt marijuana coming out of the car. We're noticing a lot more lately than we ever have; probably because it's legal and there is confusion on what can or can't be done inside a car. He got the driver out and when he was searching the vehicle, Officer Lamping was talking to the female driver and she dropped a bag on the ground that contained a large amount of crystal meth. She was ultimately charged with possession of drugs (felony), possession of drugs (misdemeanor) of drug paraphernalia.

Finally, I'm getting somewhere, there was an officer that made a traffic stop on August 3rd, his initials are Chuck Colucci. I stopped a vehicle on East Main and Fairground Blvd and we all know that skunks are out and about, I wasn't sure if I was smelling skunk. He was smoking marijuana. I got up to the vehicle and he said, it's all cool, it's legal now. No, you can't drive and smoke marijuana. Sgt. Young backed me up and he called Aaron Young because he found on the passenger seat, just under a pound of marijuana. The point is, you're allowed to possess 2 ½ oz of marijuana legally. You can't be smoking it in the car. I didn't get impairment on him, so we didn't charge him with OVI. But we did charge him with felony possession of marijuana. It was just under a pound of marijuana; which is significant. It's the largest marijuana seizure that I've had in all the traffic stops I've had in 29 years. He was over bulk amount. He was charged with a felony. He also had a warrant for aggravated menacing. Those are just a few of the highlights of what we've been dealing with. Our officers are well-trained, well-schooled, they know the laws. It's tricky with marijuana. It's new to all of us.

MR. DRAGISH: I was going to say, so the charge for that is OVI?

CHIEF COLUCCI: If they're impaired while under the influence of marijuana, yes.

MRS. OLIVER: What would be the intent to distribute, how much marijuana would they have to....

CHIEF COLUCCI: So, he did have a lot of baggies on him. We didn't go that route. That will come through interviews and interrogation. It's still not over. We can still charge up to 6 months.

MRS. OLIVER: So, you're seeing an uptick since they passed this law, is what it sounds like to me.

CHIEF COLUCCI: It seems like a lot of vehicles, there are marijuana in them. More than we've ever had at least our department.

MRS. OLIVER: I think it's everywhere. When I drive, I smell it, at the mall, anywhere I go.

MR. DRAGISH: It's up and down 224. That's pretty much what I travel. Now, it's nice to have the windows open and you smell it, like at the corner of Market Street and 224. It blows my mind. I see it every day.

MRS. OLIVER: The smoking designated area outside the food court, I took my daughter to the mall the over day, they had just come in from doing it right there, as if they were smoking a cigarette.

MR. DRAGISH: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: My stats have come in. Would you like me to give those before you go, Mr. D'Apolito?

MR. D'APOLITO: Sure.

MRS. OLIVER: For the Fire, total calls were 234, 109 ambulance transports, no fire losses. We received a grant from FEMA for \$65,111.00 for an exhaust system at Station 3. For some reason, unbeknown to me, I was not given the stats for how many calls we provided aid for or received aid for. So, when I have my fire board meeting, next Monday, I will get that information and I will update us at the next meeting. I have asked for that more than once, so I apologize for that. We'll move onto our City Manager, Mr. D'Apolito.

MR. D'APOLITO: I don't know if anybody heard but apparently, Chief Colucci made the arrest. In other news, the City had a great response to an event on the Green on July 26th; Outback Ray. I know Mrs. Oliver was there. There was over 600 people that attended. It was a huge success. People were really grateful to the city for that. I just want Council to be aware that there is work being done at Cardinal Drive and W. Main by the gas company. They had to do

some repairs, replace a gas line and paving. It may coincide with the opening of school. They're attempting to get that done in advance. As for road paving, our road paving project is scheduled to begin on August 19th, which is also the start of school. Fortunately, it's not where the schools are. It should take about a week and should be done in time for the Fair.

In some unfortunate news, the County Commissioners have decided to reject our application for ARPA Funds. We were attempting to get several items. One would be the Vac Machine, internet access out to the Green and Parks, and construction of our Pickleball Courts. However, are we attempting to get the grant from ODNR with a 25% match for the Pickleball Courts. Also, with the Pickleball Courts, I've been approached about an event for Breast Cancer Awareness. They want to hold the event at the Pickleball Courts and one of the sponsors is offering to pay for two of the courts, they actually wanted to do one but I told them if they were going to do it, they'd have to do two courts, the two middle courts to be resurfaced and paint them pink and put the breast cancer ribbon on it. I am considering that. I don't know if Council would have any opposition but I think it's a good idea. They would have an event up there a fundraiser, sometime in October. Finally, I want to recognize and acknowledge our Public Works Department, specifically our supervisor, John Rapp and our Coordinator, Anthony Snovak. The EPA came in last week for an inspection for the grant for our generator and they say, we are absolutely a model city, the way we keep our records. They found no violations. Public Works does a great job with the hands-on work but administratively John and Anthony are truly outstanding. I just wanted to recognize them. The EPA said they wish every city in the state was like this. Finally, I have a letter addressed to myself but it's really more about city council, this is from Enid Maldonado from the 4th of July Committee thanking council. A most sincere thank you for the financial assistance from the city for the 4th of July Fireworks because of the city's support we were able to provide the community, once again, another fantastic fireworks show. A sincere gratitude to the police department, fire department and our public works department for all of their work on that.

MRS. OLIVER: How many days are you at?

MR. D'APOLITO: According to Mr. Tieche, 277.

MR. TIECHE: 227.

MR. D'APOLITO: 227, I'm sorry. It just felt like 277. I stopped counting.

MR. GRAHAM: Did the Commissioner's need to provide any explanation as to why they denied the funds?

MRS. OLIVER: They ran out of funds. But that's the next question, since I spoke to one of those commissioner's regarding that, and we also talked to Congressman Rulli about it, he's the one that directed me to Commissioner's and when I talked to Commissioner Ditzler, he had another avenue to we can apply to. Are we going to pursue that?

MR. D'APOLITO: We can. Right now, we're going to do this ODNR Application that we just submitted. It's due by the 15th. I think that if we decide to do the Breast Cancer Awareness that will be helpful. We prepared a letter today with MS Consultants and we'll attach that to our application.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. And that event on the Green was amazing. The kids loved it. The residents were coming up and thank me for it and I said, we appreciate that but you need to thank our city. The City Manager and the people that work in the city. I made sure that they knew you guys did that and it was wonderful.

MR. TIECHE: Pickleball Courts, they will be then, permanently pink?

MR. D'APOLITO: I will be unless we actually funded a resurfacing project for this year that we did not implement because we thought we were able to repair the two middle ones this year. Hopefully, with the blessing of our finance director, I would like to use the funds, if we don't get the grant, to resurface them for next year. They do need an overhaul. It would just be the fall.

MR. TIECHE: The only question I'm raising, when we're talking about color, we've had some discussion on the Village Green about color and different things. Is that going to put us in a "pickle" (laughter).

MR. D'APOLITO: Our courts are blue, so I think it would look complimentary, to be honest with you. I do think it would only be temporary, the rest of the fall. By next spring, we'll probably be redoing the courts.

MR. TIECHE: And the pickleball folks are aware?

MR. D'APOLITO: They're not, until this moment. I don't think they care about the color, just so the lines are there. The courts aren't really visible unless you're on the court.

MR. TIECHE: I understand. You understand what my concerns are.

MR. D'APOLITO: I do.

MR. TIECHE: Very good. Second question, who did the fireworks the night before last?

MR. DRAGISH: Michael Bruno.

MRS. OLIVER: It was a big fireworks show. We heard it. Sam kept going, what's that noise? We muted the TV and we figures out it was fireworks. Did you have a question, Chief?

CHIEF OF POLICE: I do. I'm not sure if anybody picked up on this but the city manager has been here 227 days. The Chief of Police made a traffic stop.

MRS. OLIVER: That brought you back to your younger days, didn't it?

CHIEF OF POLICE: Oh, yeah. Now, that I'm doing my job only, I can do that. I forgot to mention that this Saturday on the Green is the Choose Joy for Melina event. It's from 11:00am to 4:00pm. It's for an amazing cause. The people that have put this together for years and years, do an amazing job. We work together with them and the fire department. So, 11am to 4pm, if anyone wants to stop down at the square and support that awesome cause.

MRS. OLIVER: It is a wonderful cause. It's running head-to-head with meet the team at the school. It starts at the same time. Hopefully, the people from there will end up making their way to the Green. But it is absolutely a wonderful cause. Does anybody have any updates for council? Hearing none. Does Council have any questions on any of these reports?

Under REPORTS QUESTIONS:

MR. NEFF: I wanted to ask the Chief, great job on this. Do you get many calls from scams from the internet? Does the PD respond or give advice?

CHIEF OF POLICE: It's kind of calmed down. I know the spam calls are still very active. I think our community, in general, seems to be doing much better with those scams. They're not giving out their information as freely as they once were. They're still happening. The bottom line is, if you don't know the person and it don't sound right, hang up. Feel free to call us. We'd be more than happy to help. It's so hard to track those numbers. We're taking less reports but I know it's still going on.

MRS. OLIVER: They're texting now. I was at the post office the other day and the gentleman in from of me was asking them about a text message he received from the post office and she let him know that we don't do that. We've been getting our Spectrum bill is due, click this link and we know we don't have Spectrum. There are text going on.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Don't open the link, delete it. The same with emails. We actually bought software a few years back to educate our people on opening emails and clicking on links. We get reports on who is opening them and who is clicking on them. We're doing really well. So, absolutely, we're still taking the calls, but not as much.

MRS. OLIVER: Any other questions on Reports from Council? Hearing none. Residents any questions? Hearing none.

MR. D'APOLITO: Mrs. Oliver, one thing. The Chief is supposed to be at a Chief of Police Event tonight at the Maronite Center. He asked me about it and with Council's permission, if he could be excused. If you don't have anything further or the citizens.

MRS. OLIVER: I know which event that is. We're good as long as you make sure you tell that person why Christine and Sam are not there.

CHIEF OF POLICE: For sure.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: There is something I'd like to address. I didn't mean to interrupt.

MRS. OLIVER: Can you please come to the podium. Is this a question on the reports or are you signed up to speak?

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN: I'm signed up to speak.

Under Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council:

JANET HILL: Janet Hill, 10 Charleston Court. I'm here because my neighbor (Carrie Morrow) mentioned that she was pulled over for driving a slow motor vehicle that is registered, licensed and insured. It brought me here because it kind of perplexed me. In our neighborhood, we live in Stonebridge and we have a huge issue with E-bikes, E-scooters, mini bikes, ATV's, Go-Karts, Dune Buggy's, and regular golf carts not the slow moving. They are going up and down our street drag racing, through the yards, they are racing in the cul-de-sac on Alabaster. You can see them racing through the park with their lights through the trees. A lot of these kids don't have the proper gear, they're being wrecked less, some of them are too large for the tiny mini-bike or whatever they're driving. Likewise, there are little kids on ones that are too big. I'm out with a walker, I'm disabled. I walk every day. If I'm on the sidewalk and one of those decide to come through the yard or up the sidewalk, they're shouting at me to move. It's a sidewalk. I just can't hop out of the way because of my disability. The safety thing, last week, about 10 days ago, there was about a 14 years old on one of those tiny mini-bikes that looked like it was for toddlers. She couldn't get on it right, her knees were out to the side, and talking on the cell phone while she's riding one-handed. She comes down Alabaster, almost wipes out the cul-de-sac, turns around, goes up to the intersection of Lake Wobegon and Timber Run, didn't stop, drove right out into the intersection. Not one but two cars were there and she just kept going. One of the drivers seen me in the yard and she came down and asked me who that girl was. I said, no, I seen it. I don't know who it is. I'm a little frustrated because a responsible adult who is driving her slow-moving vehicle for 16 years gets pulled over but this issue going on in our neighborhood where these kids, they should not be allowed on the streets. Just yesterday, we had a Go-Kart, the same girl that almost got hit, the two of them were driving down Alabaster whipping around and then racing themselves up, going faster than the speed limit that we have to drive our cars, 25 MPH. I have 3 grandchildren, 5, and two 2-year old twins. These children taking their mini-bikes and cutting through people's yards and darting out in front of cars as they come out of the yard, they go over the sidewalk and into the street. It's a huge issue because I don't want anyone to get hurt. The safety and welfare of not only me but these children and the parents are going to be responsible. A child thinks like a child. They think, I'm in trouble and they go, some might stop. If they damage someone's yard, landscaping, kids think like kids. But when you have a responsible adult ...

MR. D'APOLITO: Did you call the police, ma'am?

JANET HILL: No.

MR. D'APOLITO: You should.

JANET HILL: Because

MR. D'APOLITO: They'll respond to the area.

JANET HILL: I have great respect for them. We see them throughout of neighborhood. I'm not complaining about the police.

MR. D'APOLITO: No, I'm not saying that. That's the only way to stop it.

JANET HILL: For them to come. They do when they see an adult or something, then they know, so they'll cut behind someone's house. They would never get a chance to get there.

MRS. OLIVER: Our department, I definitely believe that they'll get there in a timely manner. But those kids will still be going through the neighborhood. It's going to catch up to them.

JANET HILL: I don't want to cause trouble for the parents or for anyone here.

MRS. OLIVER: No, you're helping to prevent somebody from getting hurt.

MR. DRAGISH: In my opinion, my son also has an E-bike, so I understand exactly what's happening. I feel that my son is responsible on it. I'm sure those parents do too. If they're two streets over, their parents don't necessarily see it. My opinion would be, like he said, call the police, let them know who the kid was or they'll find where that kid lives and speak to those parents. I think, if the parents knew that the kid was being irresponsible or wreck less with that vehicle that they're on. Then we'll have more of a chance to stop them and talk to them and teach them a lesson. It's the same thing that happens with young kids and driving cars. The young kids are the one's speeding up and down Brookpark. Those kids haven't seen what could happen possibly. But now, it's the younger kids with the E-bikes and things.

JANET HILL: Would you let your child out at midnight with that little red light?

MR. DRAGISH: I don't let my kid out at night.

MRS. OLIVER: We have a curfew.

JANET HILL: That was at midnight.

MR. D'APOLITO: Tell the police, they'll find out who they are. Like the Mayor said, I'm sure the parents have no idea.

JANET HILL: I think my question is, if you have a vehicle insured and plated, a motorcycle, dune buggy, a car, whatever, why are all these one's that aren't allowed on the road, let alone speeding?

MR. DRAGISH: I think the E-bikes have become very popular before anything has hit, like a law. They have become popular really quickly. I don't think it's caught up to it yet.

JANET HILL: I agree with you. But the drag racing, they did it 5 times on Alabaster yesterday between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00pm.

MR. DRAGISH: With the golf carts, unless they're tagged, you can call the police. Those are not allowed on the streets.

JANET HILL: I didn't think so. Then when Carrie got pulled over for her slow-moving vehicle that can't go more than 25 MPH, she has the lights, she has the windshield, she has driven it for 16 years without incident.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Is it a golf cart?

JANET HILL: No, it's a slow-moving vehicle.

MRS. OLIVER: I have Carrie signed up to speak.

MR. D'APOLITO: If you don't mind, we'll just do it ...

JANET HILL: That's what kind of perplexed me to come today because she got stopped. Then I see the regular golf carts, the two-seater ones. I'm not a golfer, so I don't know what to call it. I see them go up and down the streets. Those are usually adults and they do drive responsibly. They don't have plates on it. I even seen a car the other day, a boy took all 4 doors off the car and was driving down 46 towards Canfield. I couldn't believe he did that. I'd rather have somebody who is responsible and insured driving those things.

MR. DRAGISH: I'm not trying to speak for anybody but in the past when there were speeders back in that particular area, obviously it's off the beaten path, there aren't necessarily cops there 24/7, I know they go through there. It's kind of the same thing with the speeders, those people didn't want to believe that those people were their neighbors. They were thinking they were from the township cutting through. Well, it was their neighbors. The reason why we know is, we set up a cruiser to sit there and we told them you're going to get a ticket if you get pulled over, you're not just going to get a warning. Well, it stopped. Kind of the same thing.

JANET HILL: I know they're always going to respond. I have great respect. But by the time they get there, not that they wouldn't respond quickly, it's just the kids would be gone.

CHIEF OF POLICE: I know everybody here respects, I thank you for bringing it to our attention. We've received more calls this summer, E-bikes, Go-Karts, Scooters, on the streets. They're looking for them. They are absolutely not allowed to operate. I can't tell you how many ran from us but we catch them. It's not a pursuit type of thing but they don't stop. I think we're all equally perplexed that a parent is not on top of that. I'm trying to figure out and I'll talk to the city manager in the morning. Maybe we can attack it a little bit through social media. Maybe let parents become aware that this has become a problem. It's illegal to be on the street and the safety. They are definitely looking for it. Not to get anybody in trouble but to sit down and talk to them and educate them on why it's so dangerous. I was sitting at the square and a little girl on a pink scooter, it looked like one of those Vespa scooters but smaller. She went right through the square and didn't even look. Thank goodness there wasn't any traffic coming.

JANET HILL: It's scary. The police can't be there to watch every minute. When my kids were growing up you had to be in the drive or your yard. I was responsible and made sure that I was there if something happened. I can't get over, like you said, how many this year.

CHIEF OF POLICE: More than ever. Last week we caught Go-Kart on Brookpark, Glenview, we found them behind the house. We're looking for it. We're as perplexed as you. Thank you for coming in.

JANET HILL: Thank you for hearing me.

MRS. OLIVER: Please make sure in the future to call, so we can help alleviate the problem and try and prevent someone from getting hurt.

JANET HILL: I didn't want to be a bother, they're busy.

MRS. OLIVER: No. We don't know if you don't let us know.

JANET HILL: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: I have Carrie Morrow on the list. I also have Mike listed.

CARRIE MORROW: He brought my special needs son outside, so he wouldn't be disruptive. My name is Carrie Morrow, I live at 106 Alabaster Avenue. I have a low speed vehicle; which is street legal. It has been licensed and plated for over 20 years. Sixteen of those I have lived in Canfield and have been driving my special needs son to and from our house to the pool or to the elementary school to use the playground without incidents. I have had no issues, until recently, I've been pulled over not once but twice in a small timeframe telling me that I cannot drive this on the road. It's not like there are other golf carts that have a slow-moving vehicle,

like a tractor sign on it or no license plate. Mine has a vin #, license plate, turn signals, seat belts.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Is it an actual car?

CARRIE MORROW: When you look at it, it looks like a stretch golf cart. It's a 6 passenger, it has seat belts, lights, windshield. But it has a vin#, so that makes it different, it's a low speed vehicle, it's considered. It goes on any road that is 35MPH or less. I drive it specifically within a residential area, just in my neighborhood to and from the pool and maybe to the playground. I'm not going on 224 or 46. I had it up in Geneva for several years and drove it up there. It is street legal. I've been pulled over and they suggested that I come to one of these meetings. They told me to call Mr. D'Apolito; which I have. They also wrote down Ordinances 4511.215 and 4511.215. They told me to look those up. I've looked them both up and they both clearly state that you are able to operate your low speed vehicle within any area that is 35MPH or less. Then they suggested that I come here to see if there was any type of Ordinance that all of a sudden Canfield is willing to implement for these things. Mr. D'Apolito thought I called and spoke with him before. I have not. Other people may be coming down and asking how to get their golf cart legalized to drive. I don't want to implement anybody having a free for all, just people that are responsible that have a license and insurance, so if there is property damage, it can be paid for and driven responsibly.

MR. DRAGISH: It seems to me, if you've never had a problem in the past, it seems to be with the rise of the E-Bike and different things. It's probably the reason you got pulled over. It probably never would have happened.

CARRIE MORROW: I have two different officers that pulled me over. One gave me a written citation, the other one wrote it down. What Janet was addressing, what about these kids, they're on the road, it's not street legal. Three times they went by while I was talking to this specific officer. Five of them on a bike, three of them no shoes, all 5 with no helmets and the other two with (inaudible). There they go again. Nobody is going after them. I'm sitting there for 30 minutes while I'm discussing all we can do to them not giving me a hard time. I've gone about mine legally, I went to the BMV, I've had it driven without issues, I have a clean driving record. I'm not going out and doing anything crazy. My special needs son, that is my only form, you see that he couldn't sit here quietly, something that is soothing for him and take him to the swings to sooth him some more, or the pool to do therapy with him. I'm at my wits-end.

CHIEF OF POLICE: So, if you can call me tomorrow, we can continue this. I will say, golf carts are not allowed to be operated, even if they are road legal.

CARRIE MORROW: This is considered a low speed vehicle.

CHIEF OF POLICE: I understand but you said it looks like one.

CARRIE MORROW: Well, everybody would look at it and think it's a golf cart. It literally, has a windshield, it has a Vin #. It's not like I'm saying hey, I have insurance. It has a Vin#, just like my car. I pay insurance on it. I pay taxes on it. I have a specific license plate and sticker just for this. You can run the tags and see that. I have my insurance card with me. It's plated and licensed to that vehicle.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Who gave you that statute 4511.215?

CARRIE MORROW: Two different officers. Here is this fellows name and he talked to me, he was very pleasant. He actually said, he spoke with you before and said it wouldn't be a problem with cost efficiency and gas. He was very nice.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Municipalities in the State of Ohio have an opportunity or could, if they so choose, allow certain districts where these could be operated. I want to make sure that I understand totally what your vehicle is before I give you an official answer. Golf carts, right now, you can't operate them on roadways. I have a golf cart that is 100% road legal, windshield, everything. There are only two communities in Ohio, I believe and that's Sebring and maybe it is Geneva, somewhere up on the lake. Chuck, do you have anything?

MR. TIECHE: Sebring I know.

CHIEF OF POLICE: What would have to happen is, they would have to pass an ordinance that would allow it. It would be certain districts where you're allowed. If it is Stonebridge. What the Mayor said is no doubt why you got the Canfield Police attention because we've been seeing kids on golf carts and E-Bikes.

CARRIE MORROW: E-Bikes are new. I've been...

CHIEF OF POLICE: Where are you driving to?

CARRIE MORROW: I'm driving to the Canfield Swim Club, 99.9% of the time. Maybe to the elementary school; which is on the way. On the back roads, 20 MPH. I'm not going up 224 or 46. If I had every crossed over; which you're allowed to do, I would be on a road that is under 35MPH or less. I have been following all street rules and regulations. When Bernie Kosar was the Mayor, he lived across the street from me, we've had multiple talks, at length for years, I would take him and his wife for rides. The Rich Center for my special needs son, this is great that you have this, it's great that you're encouraging him to do so.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Give me a call tomorrow. We'll spend some time talking. I'll do some research. We'll get some resolution, one way or the other. I have no doubt that you're getting the attention because it's been such a problem this summer. I'm surprised that it hasn't made it to this floor sooner.

CARRIE MORROW: I haven't had any specific issues myself where anybody has given me a hard time. Since I've been pulled over, where I had never had a problem, I know he obviously had other calls. I've seen other people putting license plates on. Whatever you're saying, I have done everything else. If there is some type of Ordinance, how do you go about doing that? If I leave this meeting, today and I call you, it's just a matter of somebody writing an Ordinance that allows my specific, because it's legal, not just a free for all.

MR. DRAGISH: I think we'll come to a resolution.

CHIEF OF POLICE: I'd say step one is, let me do some research. I want to see what you're talking about.

CARRIE MORROW: That's not a problem.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The highway patrol is real knowledgeable on this as well. Let's just go from there. That would be step 1. There is a gentleman that bought a golf cart that wanted it legal, wanted Council to pass an Ordinance last year up on Hilltop/Talsman area. He never followed through with it. I was looking at bringing it to Council to see what we wanted to do.

CARRIE MORROW: I had already called the BMV the local one and I called Columbus today and they told me absolutely, there is no reason because I have legal registration in place and it's harder to get it from them, so they don't see why I'm getting a problem locally. I told them I was going to a meeting. They suggested I do so. I also consulted an Attorney today and they said the same exact thing, that I'm within the law. The last step would be coming here and presenting. I've been doing it for 16 years already and you haven't even seen me. I'm low profile. I take her for walks every night on her walker. I'm making all the sick people wedding soup.

MRS. OLIVER: Carrie, do not tell my husband the words wedding soup. He will.....

CHIEF OF POLICE: Give me a call. Call that number tomorrow. It will come to me.

MRS. OLIVER: Let's start there. I do know that there is a neighborhood across from mine where some people have golf carts. I'm sure there could be something that could be brought forward in the future in certain areas. We'll start with our Police Chief seeing what it looks like and we'll go from there. Thank you.

CARRIE MORROW: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Chief Colucci, you're excused. Just make sure that you pass along our apologies. Thank you. I don't have anyone else signed up to speak. Is there anyone? Hearing none.

Under **OLD BUSINESS**, there was none.

Under **NEW BUSINESS:**

ITEM A: An Ordinance Approving the Replat of Lot 83 and Lot 84, Creating Lot 6911 on Scott Street by Title Professionals Group, LTD.

MRS. OLIVER: 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.

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

MR. TIECHE: Second.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Approving the Replat of Lot 83 and Lot 84, Creating Lot 6911 on Scott Street by Title Professionals Group, LTD. I move for passage.

MR. TIECHE: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: Any questions? Any discussion? I think this is what Mrs. Flinn was referring to earlier.

MRS. FLINN: This property is for sale and they are trying to close. There are two parcels right in the middle of the house and they can't do a title transfer until this is resolved.

MRS. OLIVER: It makes you wonder how that happened.

MRS. FLINN: I'm not sure. I looked at GIS and it looks like there is another property across the street diagonal.

MR. TIECHE: There are two properties on Scott Street that have houses put on two lots. They apparently bought two lots, built the house on both lots and must have lived that way for a

long time because both of those have been there since the 1950's. It surprised me that they got recorded then and that the county auditor hasn't picked up on it since then. At any rate, they didn't. I think if I was that property owner, I might have been asking, are you sure this is right for this half of this lot.

MR. DRAGISH: Well, we're fixing it now.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Ordinance passes.
Ordinance 2024-22.

ITEM B: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing its Disposal.

MRS. OLIVER: 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.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with 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. DRAGISH: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing its Disposal. I move for passage.

MR. TIECHE: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: The surplus property, we talked about this previously. Did we have any updates Mr. D'Apolito?

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: September/October, the truck is with the company outfitting the dump, plow and salt spreader. We expect it sometime in September or October of this year. We're being proactive and getting ahead of it, so when the time comes we can rid ourselves of the property.

MRS. OLIVER: Questions from Council?

MR. TIECHE: Who is doing the equipment on the truck?

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Glendhill.

MRS. OLIVER: Questions from residents? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2024-23.

ITEM C: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Applications, and to Execute Contracts and Act as Chief Executive Officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program and Declaring an Emergency.

MRS. OLIVER: 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 Resolution 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.

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

MR. NEFF: Second.

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

MR. TIECHE: Madam President, I have A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit Applications, and to Execute Contracts and Act as Chief Executive Officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant Program and Declaring an Emergency. I move for passage.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. D'Apolito.

MR. D'APOLITO: Mrs. Oliver, this is the application that I referenced earlier in my report for the Pickleball Courts. There is a Resolution required from Council because there is a 25% contribution from the city. That has to be included in the packet; which is due tomorrow.

MRS. OLIVER: That is what constitutes passing it as an emergency. Any questions from Council? Hearing none. Residents any questions? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON RESOLUTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Resolution passes.

Resolution 2024-11.

Under COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MRS. OLIVER: Any comments from council?

MR. DRAGISH: I just wanted to say, ending the summer season here in Canfield and there is a lot going on. It's good to see the activity on the Green. All the activity happening throughout the city is really exciting. I constantly get somebody saying to me, I just drove through Canfield the other day, wow what are you guys doing, there is something on every corner being built. It makes me feel good to see that. It's kind of what we wanted and planned for. I just want to say, I think everybody is doing a great job. Just keep pushing forward.

MRS. OLIVER: I would like to say on September 28th when we have the Back the Blue Ohio, I would like us to have the dunk tank to dunk the Mayor and dunk an officer. It was great and they loved doing it.

MR. DRAGISH: It's not happening this year.

MRS. OLIVER: It was nice and warm last year.

MR. NEFF: I forgot to mention that Anthony Nacarato who is a passed council member approached me and expressed dismay that the audio system on the gazebo wasn't being utilized to his expectations. When that was put in, it's a complicated system and I think that most of the music groups that we've had brought their own system and prefer to use their own

system because they know how to use it. At Monday's concert, we had the concert band from Girard, the Swingtime Group. They were great. But they had like 7 microphones and mixes and so forth that were rather complicated. That is actually a little bit more than the mixing capability that is in the gazebo. I think that maybe next season we're going to have to look at having the city provide an audio engineer who is competent to run a wireless system, if a particular large band needs it. Right now, I think it's set up where you can plug in a microphone feed. One band that tried it that was there was feeding it a line feed; which is a higher power. They didn't get it to work. The Rotary asked for a system that was very sophisticated but simple to use and I guess that's an oxymoron. We'll probably have to attack next season or come up with some ideas of making it work.

MRS. OLIVER: I have to respectfully disagree with that. I think it was very kind of Rotary to put that in there. I have utilized the Green for my event and so has the House Band for several years now. The larger bands do have their own sound person, their own system, they're going to do that. We used just a regular microphone in the past. I think it is very nice that we have that now to use. If it's something that is super sophisticated, those bands will already have their own stuff. I do not believe the city should be responsible for investing anymore money into that. That's how I see that. I think it is very kind that we have it to begin with because we didn't have it in the past. The bands that came always did have their own equipment. We shouldn't have to put any money into that to do that.

MR. TIECHE: Who is scheduling bands for the Village Green now?

MRS. OLIVER: Mrs. Bernat does.

MR. TIECHE: We used to use Del Sinchak.

CLERK: Del retired.

MR. TIECHE: Most of the bands that were there had their own sound systems and they brought them.

CLERK: All the bands, so far, this year, used their own.

MR. D'APOLITO: I spoke with Mr. Nacarato and I also spoke with another member of Rotary and in my understanding of what they want is, they want music played throughout the daytime from the gazebo, not a band. To be able to use Wi-Fi and have music played all day from the gazebo.

MR. DRAGISH: Like Christmas music throughout the day during Christmas.

MR. D'APOLITO: All year long. I've already met with I.T., it is complicated to get that done. We need to get some wire/internet/fiber there. We are working on it. My understanding was not about bands playing, it was about they want music throughout the day.

MR. TIECHE: What is the additional cost going to be to have music playing throughout the day, have the gazebo lit up all night and that kind of thing? What is the cost factor in all that?

MR. D'APOLITO: I don't know. We're still getting the price on what is required to get that to even happen as far as the music. I can't tell you a number on that. As far as the electricity, I don't know what additional.

MR. NEFF: It would be minimal.

MR. TIECHE: To have lights on all night is going to be minimal. I don't think so.

MR. NEFF: Well, not the lights.

MR. D'APOLITO: I don't think those lights are going to have anything to do with it, it's a pretty large bill. We can determine what that all is.

MRS. OLIVER: Please update us because that's completely different than the bands.

MR. D'APOLITO: My understanding is different than(inaudible).

MRS. OLIVER: For the bands, I don't think we should be investing more money.

MR. D'APOLITO: My conversation with Mr. Nacarato was not about the bands, it was about music being played all day.

MR. NEFF: And that's always been the intention but the gazebo has to be able to be contacted by a Wi-Fi System that we don't have. It's coming in the future.

MR. D'APOLITO: Exactly.

MR. TIECHE: I move to adjourn.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: This meeting is adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL