

CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

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The Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio met in Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 for the purpose of conducting a REGULAR MEETING. President of Council David Bortolotto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Matthew Castelli Mayor  
David Bortolotto President of Council  
Tim Ali Councilman At Large  
Dan Sage Councilman At Large  
Bill Meany Councilman Ward 1  
Matthew McGregor Councilman Ward 2  
Michael Ference Councilman Ward 3  
John Zakel Councilman Ward 4  
Mary Ann Meola Clerk of Council

STAFF  
ATTENDING: Santo Incorvaia Law Director  
Jason Stewart Finance Director  
Jim Herron Service Director  
Chuck Bichara Economic Development Director  
Rob Swanson Interim Police Chief

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Ali to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2026 and the minutes of the executive session of March 24, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, MINUTES APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

Notice to legislative authority requesting liquor permit transfer from Meijer Stores, Cleveland Clinic Market to Meijer Stores Middleburg Heights. No objection from Police Chief.

MOTION NO. 2026-11

MR. BORTOLOTTA MADE A MOTION TO RETURN THE LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER FROM MEIJER STORES, CLEVELAND CLINIC MARKET TO MEIJER STORES MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS WITHOUT OBJECTIONS. Seconded by Mr. McGregor

ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. John Kilner, 13749 Bagley Road, referred to a safety issue on W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street as you are going south from Bagley Road. He said as the right lane ends you merge over, but the arrows on the street point straight. Mr. Kilner passed out a photo showing this and said he also had videos that he would also like to show of the conditions.

Mayor Castelli said he would pass this along to the police chief and service department to review this to make sure everything is striped appropriately.

Mr. Kilner also said on Bagley Road between Big Creek Parkway and Pearl Road it is a 25 mph zone. He said as you pass Pearl Road it goes to 35 mph, but there is no speed limit sign for almost a quarter of a mile. Mr. Kilner said before the road was widened, there was a speed limit sign right near the corner.

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2 Mayor Castelli confirmed that a 35 mph sign is what you are asking for.  
3 Mr. Kilner said a speed limit sign is needed near Pearl Road.  
4 Mr. Herron said that is because the school zone starts right there. He said if there  
5 is a conflict between a 35 mph sign and a school zone, the school zone overrides  
6 that. Mr. Herron said he did review the traffic manual, and the way it is posted after  
7 the county did the road is correct. He reiterated when there is a conflict, the school  
8 zone overrides it. Mr. Herron said it is confusing to put a 35 mph sign in a school  
9 zone.  
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11 Mayor Castelli reiterated that we followed the guidelines, and that is why the  
12 county did it that way. He asked Mr. Herron to go back one more time to confirm  
13 that is correct with the chief. Mayor Castelli said that is what the manual says,  
14 then we will keep it this way. He said if it says something different then we can  
15 add a sign.  
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17 Mr. Herron said we actually went back after Mr. Kilner came a few months ago.  
18 He said the sign was moved up past Baldwin Creek, right after the school zone that  
19 says 35 mph. Mr. Herron said that could be a permanent 20 mph zone because  
20 school zones take precedence over everything else.  
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22 Mr. Ron Heffern, 7232 Grant Boulevard, said he is the section of Grant that dead-  
23 ends into the library property. He said there are several issues up there right now.  
24 Mr. Heffern said the first issue is the kids riding motorcycles up and down the street,  
25 and many of them don't stop at the stop signs. He said they run up into the field  
26 and there are many issues there, including tearing up the grass. Mr. Heffern there  
27 is a berm that the city made a few years ago to divert water from that field to make  
28 it go down into the drain. He said that berm is being used as a jumping ramp  
29 disturbing the mound that is there. Mr. Heffern said he didn't want any water  
30 running into the street because it then eventually ends up in their basements at  
31 times. He said several videos have been sent to Matt McGregor, adding that he is  
32 well-versed on what is going on up there. Mr. Heffern said he is asking for a little  
33 more patrol. He said he doesn't know what the solution would be, and didn't want  
34 to take law enforcement off of the roads to look for dirt bikers. Mr. Heffern said  
35 they are not only a danger to themselves for not wearing helmets, but they are a  
36 danger to us. He referred to the water diversion, and said one time there was a lot  
37 of rain and the dirt caved on itself leaving a big hole from the dead-end part of the  
38 street into the field where there are a couple trees. Mr. Heffern said there is a drain,  
39 but about 50 feet back the water drains into the soil. He said since it filled in on  
40 itself, the city from his point of view just put more dirt on this and packed it down  
41 again and will just wait for it to erode again like it's done over the past twenty years.  
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43 Mr. Heffern said piling more dirt isn't a solution. He said the county came out and  
44 they looked up and down and did find some silt in the piping.  
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46 Mayor Castelli said not to divert from this discussion, but asked Mr. Heffern if he  
47 got any water over the last two weeks from the storms.  
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49 Mr. Heffern said no he did not. He said his third request is regarding motorcycles  
50 going up and down 71. Mr. Heffern said he might as well build a house on the end  
51 of the runway at Hopkins. He said they are making so much noise, which sounds  
52 like they are drag racing. Mr. Heffern said if you want to hear it, come between  
53 7:00 and 7:30 and they will be there.  
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55 Interim Chief Swanson said to address the e-bike concerns, we just passed  
56 legislation and they have been stopping a lot of people out there trying to educate  
57 them. He said this is relatively new and many people aren't even aware. Chief  
58 Swanson they have already impounded one, and today three more people were  
59 cited. He said they have started issuing citations for this. Chief Swanson said the  
60 three individuals today were adults, disobeying traffic signals, driving through stop  
61 signs and were being reckless. He said when you see this happening, to call and  
62 they will go over there. Chief Swanson said you are not bothering us.

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1 Mr. McGregor thanked Mr. Heffern for coming up. He said he spoke to Chief  
2 Swanson last night after the committee meetings and he mentioned that Ohio State  
3 Highway Patrol is using drones to do speeds instead of airplanes and helicopters.  
4 Mr. McGregor said Chief Swanson said he would reach out and check on that for  
5 the ones on 71. He said he didn't know if Mr. Meany would agree, but said these  
6 kids are doing this right after the middle school lets out. Mr. McGregor said the  
7 parents aren't home and the kids are jumping on them. He said he talked to the  
8 mayor today to see if maybe we could have a patrolman in that parking lot over by  
9 the middle school as a deterrent. Mr. McGregor said you are correct, in saying  
10 taking the police off the streets isn't making the city safer, but maybe if they see  
11 the police car there a couple times that may help. He said he would like to give  
12 kudos to Chief Swanson and Officer Darnell for the phenomenal presentation that  
13 we had over at the rec center. Mr. McGregor said there were approximately 65-70  
14 people in attendance. He said there were residents and parents from all three cities  
15 in attendance. Mr. McGregor said Chief Swanson said it great, we want to educate  
16 first. He said if we see repeat offenders that is when action will be taken. Mr.  
17 McGregor said this isn't something that is new, all of us were talking about e-bikes  
18 last fall. He said approximately three years ago when this flooded, someone had  
19 called and said drain in the field had collapsed. Mr. McGregor confirmed that the  
20 caps/pans at the very end of Grant Boulevard so the water doesn't go down fast are  
21 still working, and that there is a trap over there too in the field.  
22 Mr. Heffern said the water doesn't make it to the trap. He said twenty to thirty feet  
23 away from the trap is where the water goes down into the sinkhole.  
24 Mr. Herron said the county crushed the pipe last year, and that is why it was sinking  
25 and that's why it was settling out. He said there isn't a pipe over there that goes  
26 anywhere towards Grant.  
27 Mr. McGregor said then the swale pushes it towards the parking lot.  
28 Mr. Herron said yes.  
29 Mr. McGregor said there is raised manhole.  
30 Mr. Herron said there is a manhole/catch basin grate there. He said everything on  
31 that property has been disconnected from Grant Boulevard, so no water is going  
32 toward Grant. Mr. Herron said some final grading is still needed.  
33 Mr. Heffern said it has been a problem for the twenty plus years that he has lived  
34 at the end of Grant. He said where the water goes down, it erodes and has been  
35 there forever.  
36 Mayor Castelli said he would like to have our foreman or superintendent connect  
37 with you or your wife. He said he will have one of them reach out to you so we are  
38 all on the same page. Mayor Castelli said they can re-look at this if it is working  
39 its working, or if some other work that needs to be done we want this to be  
40 functioning properly. He said he will get Mr. Heffner's phone number and  
41 information from Councilman McGregor.  
42 Mr. McGregor said the mayor mentioned three of four years ago, with this new city  
43 park that we are going to look at trying to maintain the water on there. He said  
44 there are four stages or maybe even more over.  
45 Mayor Castelli said even in the first phase, although a lot of the work is more  
46 towards Bagley Road, there is going to be some additional detention. He said the  
47 great lawn area, which is going to be off of Bagley Road, will kind of be slanted  
48 and will look like we set it up like a lawn/amphitheater area but it will also function  
49 as a detention for water that was coming through. Mayor Castelli said on heavy  
50 rain days it will gather there, and then dissipate rather quickly. He said that will be  
51 a functional amenity that will hold back some water. Mayor Castelli said that isn't  
52 going to address all of the stuff that is in the back, but it will help from the big  
53 picture standpoint.  
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1 Mr. Heffern said at the very least, if someone could come out and grade right at the  
2 end of Grant towards the library, so the water doesn't come over.  
3 Mayor Castelli said he wants to make sure that Mr. Heffern is contacted directly  
4 and then we can all look at this together.  
5 Mr. Herron said he wants to be crystal clear, when the old school was there that  
6 sanitary used to connect directly to Grant Boulevard. He said the sanitary has been  
7 capped off, the sanitary from the old property is not connected to Grant. He said  
8 more importantly, we made the sure the storm was separated. Mr. Herron said  
9 everything from that park and that area has been disconnected from your lines.  
10 Mr. Ference went back to Mr. Heffern's first question regarding vehicles,  
11 motorcycles, etc. He said a lot of work was put in to regulating the whole e-bike  
12 situation with the police department to educate residents. Mr. Ference asked if  
13 these vehicles that are causing the problem are licensed motorcycles that are going  
14 off road, or are they e-bike/mopeds/mini bikes.  
15 Mr. Heffern said he doesn't know if the three of them that have been going up and  
16 down are the same ones that were talked about, but they were all motorbikes. He  
17 said there has also been four-wheelers and golf carts up there.  
18 Mr. Ference said that is where the confusion comes in for him, as to how do you  
19 regulate them because there are certain regulations that apply to motorcycles,  
20 mopeds, etc.  
21 Chief Swanson said the ones that were out there aren't legal in any way. He said  
22 one was an electric motorcycle, and one was a gas powered motorcycle. Chief  
23 Swanson said two out of the three should not have been out there at all.  
24 Mr. Ference said these kids are sneaking under the radar.  
25 Chief Swanson said some of these aren't even kids, they are adults.  
26 Mr. Ference said he is confident that the police department will get this under  
27 control.  
28 Mr. McGregor said Chief Swanson identified that in the presentation, and was  
29 specific to the category, engine, helmets, etc.  
30 Mr. Heffern suggested some signs be installed stating no trespassing, no motorized  
31 vehicles beyond this point, etc.  
32 Mayor Castelli said once phase one is finished, additional signage will be installed  
33 to explain what the requirements are to be in the park. He said we can also talk  
34 about some things that can be temporarily done right now too.  
35 Dr. Conrad Lindes, 13375 Old Pleasant Valley Road, referred to the legislation on  
36 the agenda to fund a trucking company for the Indian Creek/Gerald Relief Sewer  
37 Project. He said when he was reading up on this over the weekend, he saw this was  
38 proposed back in 2020 at an estimate of \$3.7 million. Dr. Lindes said six years  
39 later, just the trucking is going to be \$10 million and asked what is he  
40 misunderstanding, why this took so long and why does it cost so much.  
41 Mayor Castelli said this is the whole project, it isn't just the trucking of material.  
42 He said this particular area is going to impact approximately 400 residents. Mayor  
43 Castelli said it is a very large, expensive relief sewer project to help with flooding,  
44 mitigation, etc. He said when this was first proposed, they did not do a full review  
45 of the depth that they would have to go down to put the relief sewer. Mayor Castelli  
46 said with this particular area there is an enormous amount of trenching and depth  
47 that they need to go down for the relief sewer to be effective. He thought about 50%  
48 of the project was paid for through grants and loans and confirmed with Mr.  
49 Stewart.  
50 Mr. Stewart said approximately 70% is paid for.  
51 Mayor Castelli said projects have gone up, trucking costs, oil and gas prices, etc.  
52 He said the pipe is a petroleum based product so that has gone up too. Mayor  
53 Castelli said we are actually going out for additional grant funding for this. He said  
54 even though we are going to be issuing it, we are going to move forward no matter  
55 what. Mayor Castelli said this is a big and important project. He said it is the  
56 biggest flooding area in the city that we have outside of Big Creek Parkway, which  
57 is being addressed with the detention basins. Mayor Castelli said we will be adding

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1 a second basin this year as well. He said we are looking at some alternative  
2 strategies for some of the other smaller flooding areas.

3 Mr. Herron said a very large portion of Indian Creek is concrete, so the whole road  
4 will be redone. He said the entrance to Baldwin Creek Preserve will be fixed up  
5 and be much more presentable for residents to go visit that. Mr. Herron said the  
6 depth of this, has to go down thirty some feet.

7 Mayor Castelli said two years ago we looked at moving forward, and estimates  
8 came in at \$8.9 million. He said we are still going to be asking for money but we  
9 are moving forward, so we will be able to lock in the prices. Mayor Castelli said it  
10 did work out, but that is why we want to lock this in right now.

11 Mr. Ali said right now we have 70% of this project paid for with grants. He said  
12 there is a possibility that it could be 80%-90%, which is incredible.

13 Mayor Castelli said either someone else gets it, or we get it. He said we are trying  
14 to get this.  
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16 APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

17 None.  
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20 ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

21 CITY PARKS, RECREATION & SERVICES COMMITTEE – MR. ALI,  
22 CHAIRMAN

23 No legislation.  
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26 FINANCE, TAXATION & ASSESSMENTS COMMITTEE – MR.  
27 BORTOLOTTO, CHAIRMAN

28 Mr. Bortolotto introduced ORDINANCE NO. 2026-26, AN ORDINANCE TO  
29 MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT  
30 EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG  
31 HEIGHTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AND MOVED TO ADOPT.  
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33 Seconded by Mr. Ference.

34 Mr. Bortolotto said this was discussed last night at the finance committee meeting.  
35 He said \$2,000 was added to this supplemental. Mr. Bortolotto said this has to do  
36 with police officer training, travel and transportation.  
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38 ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-26 ADOPTED  
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40 MOTION NO. 2026-12

41 MR. BORTOLOTTO MADE A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE  
42 DIRECTOR TO MAKE A PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,000 FOR  
43 A GRANT TO QUADAX, INCORPORATION FOR THE QUADAX JOB  
44 CREATION GRANT. Seconded by Mr. Meany.  
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46 Mr. Bortolotto said this was also discussed last night at the finance committee  
47 meeting. He said Mr. Bichara gave an overview and said this is an annual job  
48 creation program which provides businesses to continue to comply with the terms  
49 of respective agreements in regards to job creation and retention. Mr. Bortolotto  
50 asked Mr. Bichara for some highlights.  
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52 Mr. Bichara said these grants are reviewed every years. He said this year for 2025,  
53 we had three active grants. Mr. Bichara said the grants are written in a way that  
54 they always provide a positive return to the city. He said for 2025, for every dollar  
55 spent on the grants, the city receives \$2.15 in return. Mr. Bichara said as you know,  
56 this program does not impact the funding for Berea City Schools. He said in 2025  
57 the job creation grant program is directly responsible for the creation and retention  
58 of 542 jobs. Mr. Bichara said he appreciated city council's consideration on this.  
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60 ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED  
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1 **MOTION NO. 2026-13**  
2 **MR. BORTOLOTTO MADE A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE**  
3 **DIRECTOR TO MAKE A PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,478.58**  
4 **FOR A GRANT TO FAT HEAD'S BREWING FOR THE FAT HEAD'S**  
5 **BREWING JOB CREATION GRANT.** Seconded by Mr. McGregor.  
6 Mr. Bortolotto said Mr. Bichara just explained this.  
7 **ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED**  
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10 **MOTION NO. 2026-14**  
11 **MR. BORTOLOTTO MADE A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE**  
12 **DIRECTOR TO MAKE A PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,801.69**  
13 **FOR A GRANT TO BAGLEY AHI, LLC FOR THE BAGLEY AHI, LLC**  
14 **JOB CREATION GRANT.** Seconded by Mr. Meany.  
15 **ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, MOTION APPROVED**  
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18 **LEGISLATION & RULES COMMITTEE – MR. ZAKEL, CHAIRMAN**  
19 No legislation.

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21 **PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & RELIEF COMMITTEE – MR. MCGREGOR,**  
22 **CHAIRMAN**  
23 No legislation

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25 **PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE – MR. SAGE, CHAIRMAN**  
26 No legislation.

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28 **STREETS, UTILITIES & RAILROAD COMMITTEE – MR. MEANY,**  
29 **CHAIRMAN**

30 Mr. Meany introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27, A RESOLUTION  
31 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER  
32 INTO A CONTRACT WITH CROSSROADS ASPHALT RECYCLING,  
33 INC. FOR GENERAL PAVEMENT SERVICES FOR 2026 AND MOVED  
34 TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. McGregor.  
35 Mr. Meany said General Pavement Services is a program that is employed by the  
36 city now for four years. He said this year the bid was from Crossroads Asphalt  
37 Recycling for \$534,297.50. Mr. Meany urged his fellow councilmen to support  
38 this legislation.  
39 **ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27 ADOPTED**  
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42 Mr. Meany introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28, A RESOLUTION  
43 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER  
44 INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO., INC.  
45 FOR THE INDIAN CREEK/GERALD SANITARY RELIEF SEWER  
46 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1 AND MOVED TO ADOPT.  
47 Seconded by Mr. Sage.

48 Mr. Meany said this legislation is for the Indian Creek Sanitary Relief Sewer that  
49 will extend from Gerald to Baldwin Creek on Indian Creek Drive. He said the bid  
50 is for \$10,284,080 from Fabrizi Trucking. Mr. Meany said he also urged his fellow  
51 councilmen to support this legislation too.

52 Mayor Castelli apologized and said he is pretty good with numbers, but he said he  
53 didn't think the amount at the time for the relief sewer was \$3.7 million. He said  
54 he believes the \$3.7 million was the grant amount that the city was getting. Mayor  
55 Castelli said we were always putting several million dollars from our sanitary fund  
56 towards this, and he thinks it was around six or seven million dollars back then. He  
57 said either way, it is still a lot more but it would have bothered him if he didn't  
58 mention that.

59 **ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28 ADOPTED**  
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ZONING & BUILDING CODE COMMITTEE – MR. FERENGE, CHAIRMAN

No legislation.

Mayor Castelli introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SANITARY SEWER ALONG W. 130<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM WEST SPRAGUE ROAD TO BAGLEY ROAD AND MOVED TO ADOPT. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Zakel. Mayor Castelli said they will be meeting with residents in that area, and said we have an opportunity because Parma is doing a project and they reached out to us to participate, potentially benefitting our residents as well. He asked Service Director Herron to explain.

Mr. Herron said Parma has been working over on Linden Lane and that whole area. He said this is phase three of that project. Mr. Herron said between both cities, this will eliminate approximately 60 household sewage treatment systems. He said W. 130<sup>th</sup> is not in the best condition, so the whole road will get repaved. Mr. Herron said we anticipate the project will start next year. He said we have already submitted grant applications to Cuyahoga County for road repairs. Mr. Herron said we will soon be submitting an application to NEORS for sanitary sewer work. He said we will also be submitting an application to the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, and then to the state through our District One Public Works Grant Program. Mr. Herron said Parma is the lead agency and are very experienced, adding that they have done a lot of sanitary sewer work over the years. He said a lot of homeowners are great and maintain their systems, but there are a lot of them over there are failing. He said we are going to limit this to \$5,000 per household over forty years, with zero percent interest. Mr. Herron said that legislation will be coming soon to get the resolution of necessity to move forward on this project.

Mayor Castelli asked when it would be appropriate to have meetings with the residents, when we would be able to give a good assessment.

Mr. Herron said we are meeting with Parma next week, so he hoped we would get a better answer. He said he is hoping end of May or June to have everyone in.

Mayor Castelli said we want to wait until we can give a good number.

Mr. Herron said the maximum number that would affect each parcel over forty years would be \$5,000.

Mayor Castelli said the reason we are were going to have our own meetings with our residents is because Parma's residents will be paying quite a bit more than ours. Mr. Herron said they charge interest rates, and only do it for 20-25 years. He said Parma does do a very good job too to eliminate impact on their residents, but not as good as Middleburg Heights.

Mr. Ali asked if this will conclude the removal of all of the septic systems, so everything on W. 130<sup>th</sup> will have a sanitary sewer.

Mr. Herron said yes, that is correct from Sprague to Bagley Road.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29 ADOPTED

Mayor Castelli introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY POSITION OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER IN TRAINING and moved for suspension of Charter Section 4.10 (5 day delivery requirement) & Council Rule 3 (24 hour agenda requirement). On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to move for suspension of Charter Section 4.10 (5 day delivery requirement) & Council Rule 3 (24 hour agenda requirement). Seconded by Mr. Meany.

ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, RULES SUSPENDED

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1 Mayor Castelli moved to adopt. On behalf of the mayor, Mr. Bortolotto MOVED  
2 TO ADOPT. Seconded by Mr. Ference.

3 Mayor Castelli said we have a very similar resolution passed by city council when  
4 Keith Foulkes started when Norm Herwerden retired. He said we thought that  
5 would cover the similar situation now that Keith is retiring, and Tylon is starting.  
6 Mayor Castelli said when we went back and looked at this, we realized we just  
7 needed to change the names. He said we have a new piece of legislation that covers  
8 a temporary position for Tylon Hilt who will be our new building commissioner.  
9 Mayor Castelli said Keith Foulkes will be retiring at the end of May.

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11 ROLL CALL: YEAS 7, NAYS 0, RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30 ADOPTED

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13 COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

14 City Parks, Recreation & Services Committee – Mr. Ali, Chairman

15 No report.

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18 Finance, Taxation & Assessments Committee – Mr. Bortolotto, Chairman

19 Mr. Bortolotto said the finance committee met last night.

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21 Legislation & Rules Committee – Mr. Zakel, Chairman

22 No report.

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25 Public Health, Safety & Relief Committee – Mr. McGregor, Chairman

26 Mr. McGregor again thanked Chief Swanson and Officer Darnell for getting  
27 together the e-bike presentation that was held at the rec center. He said there is a  
28 Southwest General delegates meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, which he will be attending.  
29 Mr. McGregor said Mr. Bortolotto is on the board there, so he will get some  
30 highlights to him so he can hopefully bring those back. He said coincidentally, we  
31 have the Berea Municipal Court report, from Joseph DeMio and said the Berea  
32 Municipal Court with Judge Kilbane came to Berea-Midpark High School. Mr.  
33 McGregor said going all the way back to Al Budney, Ray Wohl and Mark  
34 Comstock, they rotated the four high schools that served into municipal court and  
35 held session. He said these were real arraignments and cases. Mr. McGregor said  
36 it was very enlightening and said the students were phenomenal. He mentioned to  
37 the mayor today about asking if Judge Kilbane and the courts could come over to  
38 council to possibly a finance committee meeting in November just to talk to us.  
39 Mr. McGregor said last year there were 13,000 cases that Berea Municipal Court  
40 had heard from the four cities. He said the students really liked this real world  
41 experience and he wanted to share this.

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46 Public Improvements Committee – Mr. Sage, Chairman

47 No report.

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50 Streets, Utilities & Railroad Committee – Mr. Meany, Chairman

51 Mr. Meany said the streets committee met last night and minutes were emailed to  
52 everyone today.

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54 Zoning & Building Code Committee – Mr. Ference, Chairman

55 Mr. Ference said the zoning committee also met last night and the minutes have  
56 already been distributed.

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58 MAYOR'S REPORT

59 No report.

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LAW DIRECTOR

No report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

No report.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

No report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Herron referred to the Indian Creek project, and said either at possibly a streets meeting or maybe a separate meeting will be held at the community center since there is approximately 150 houses on Indian Creek Drive, plus it affects other streets off Indian Creek that will also be affected. He said there will be one way traffic and said we will have a public meeting for that too once we get a better start date and once we issue the notice to proceed for the project. Mr. Herron said either he will work with Mr. Meany and the streets committee.

Mr. McGregor asked Mr. Zakel if he could get the food trucks up there for that day since its ward four.

Mr. Zakel said at the meeting, sure.

Mr. McGregor said Mr. Herron mentioned this before, but he said he didn't know if the residents truly understand. He confirmed that leaf pickup is not done in the spring.

Mr. Herron said we have done some limited. He said it starts to get into grass collection. Mr. Herron said if you have grass clippings, put them in your garbage can or a bag.

Mayor Castelli said our collections in the fall also go into the winter. He said this was an unusual year to have snow early on and leaves were covered. Mayor Castelli said they did come back around one more time in the spring to do a pickup. He said it takes a lot of manpower, and said we are on to cutting grass and repairing streets and things like that. Mayor Castelli said limbs and things like that are done weekly, but leaves and things of that nature will be picked up by the garbage trucks. Mayor Castelli said for tough situations, if residents call we will get it.

Mr. Herron said we are getting closer to the end right now.

Mr. McGregor said he would rather residents just put the leaves in bags. He said we need move our manpower into other things. Mr. McGregor said the last couple weeks, we have had numerous windstorms. He said that was his next question, regarding those being picked up. Mr. McGregor confirmed that Mr. Herron said sticks are being picked up weekly.

Mr. Herron said since the last windstorm, they have gone through the city once or twice.

Mr. McGregor said he had four water main breaks in ward two, and thanked Mr. Herron and Mr. Minch for the communication and the urgency. He said he appreciated this very much because that helps him communicate with the residents.

INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Chief Swanson said the second of our two newly appointed police officers has successfully completed the FTO program so he is out there on his own. He said to look for Officer Cerovac, he completed on time and is functioning well.

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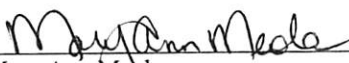
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There being no further business, Mr. Bortolotto made a motion to adjourn.  
Seconded by Mr. Sage. Mr. Bortolotto adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

  
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David Bortolotto  
President of Council

  
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Mary Ann Meola  
Clerk of Council