

## **MINUTES**

Niles held its regular meeting of January 16, 2008 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Safety-Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Marino, and the Clerk; Linda A. Yuhasz called the roll:

Lastic-P; Papalas-P; Scarnecchia-P; McCormick-P; Stredney-P; Papas-P; Smith-P; Marino-P

A motion was made by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2008 and place them on file. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

FROM The Auditor's Office

The Estimated VS the Actual Revenues through End of December 2007

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papas to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

FROM The Cemetery Department

The 2007 Sales Report

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papas to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

FROM The City Income Tax Office

The Monthly Receipts Totals for the Year 2007

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

FROM The Niles Municipal Court

The Annual Report for the Year 2007

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Scarnecchia to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

FROM The Building Inspector's Office

The Housing Code Monthly Report for December 2007

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papas to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

## **MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

None

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Councilman Papalas scheduled a Finance Committee Meeting for January 30, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room at City Hall.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 2-08)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION ONE OF ORDINANCE NO. 16-07 TO SET THE WAGES FOR ALL NON-UNION, NON-ELECTED EMPLOYEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2008; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Papas, seconded by Lastic to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalpas, seconded by Papas that this Draft be adopted.

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 2-08 has been adopted on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

**RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_ (Draft No. 3-08)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A PROGRAM YEAR 2008 OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROGRAM,FUNDING THE STEVEN’S PARK WATERSHED STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PHASE 2; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Papalpas, seconded by Papas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Mr. Mark Hess: This is the project that the mayor announced a month ago. They don't use Issue 2 anymore; it is The Ohio Public Works Commission Grant that we received. I passed out a two page information sheet for you to review. The first it is just general information, the second is more specific. This is a three hundred and thirty four thousand dollar grant and the city's share is a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The project is a storm sewer project and it is the second phase of a two phase project. Stevens Park Storm Sewer Phase 1 where currently we have a contractor where we have awarded a bid to and we expect them to get started real soon. That is going to be the main trunk line which is going to go to Jerry Altobelli's property to Spruce Court. These are the sections of the storm sewer that are contributory to the trunk line. They are going to go with the sections on Bonnie Brae, Roosevelt and Rhodes. This ordinance is necessary for us to file the financial obligations by February 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papas that this Draft be adopted.

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 3-08 has been adopted on this 16th day of January, 2008.

It was moved by Papalás, seconded by Lastic to add Draft No. 4-08 to tonight's agenda. The Draft's sponsor will be Council as a Whole.

**RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_ (Draft NO. 4-08)**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF NEWTON FALLS MAYOR PATRICK LAYSHOCK TO THE TRUMBULL COUNTY 911 PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Papalás, seconded by Papas that this Draft be adopted.

**YEAS: 7    NAYS: 0**

This Draft No. 4-08 has been adopted on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

**MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS**

President Marino: I read in the paper regarding Alan Knapp and the county's exploration of green energy, windmills, and etcetera. Jim, I was wondering if AMP Ohio and our community will be participating in those discussions or have already?

Mr. Jim Newbrough: AMP Ohio does have one now in Bowling Green near the lake. In the State of Ohio with our winds patterns the only place to put a windmill is by Lake Erie. The mayor and I have had meetings with a couple of companies on the Biomass Plan that Ohio is involved in. I will certainly pass that article on to someone that (inaudible).

President Marino: I just think that it would be prudent on our part being that we are a municipally owned power company.

Mr. Newbrough: Yes I saw that article too and I planed on passing that on.

Mayor Infante: They asked me to be on that committee, Bob. Jim and I will both be attending.

President Marino: Great that is even better.

Mr. Anthony Vigorito: I just wanted to say that we got four out of thirteen places demolished. We have two more up that they are going to get started on probably the next week.

Mr. Carmen Vivolo: To update the memo I sent the Mayor last week regarding the cemetery and in reference to Lou's point on #9 (of the memo), Lou and Cindy they have put together all the information necessary to complete the electronic mapping. There is one large section Lou is still working on. Once Lou gets the largest section done we will then turn it over to the software people and we should be ready to go with the actual application using the GPS system. I want to identify each plot but that is a whole other phase, but at least we will have a map to show us where these things are.

Councilman Papalás: On Mr. Yovich's letter, the third page of the report, I thought his last sentence was interesting. In bold print "It is interesting to note that since the inception of the housing code the City of Niles has never lost an appeal filed in Common Pleas court by anyone

disputing a board ruling."I would also like to ask Law Director Dull about this case that is included in here on the next page. Has he appealed this?

Law Director Dull: Yes.

Councilman Scarnecchia: I want to thank Lou for the great job that he is doing.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to adjourn the meeting at 6:25p.m. Motion carried.

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Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

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Robert Marino Jr., President of Council