

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2016

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on May 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Safety Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Marino, and the Clerk, Lori Kuszmaul, called the roll:

Lastic-P, Papalas-P, McNaughton-P, Steffey-P, Marchese-P, Mientkiewicz-P, Pezzano-P, Marino-P

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Marchese to accept the Minutes from the May 4, 2016 regular council meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM The Niles Income Tax Department
Monthly Receipts Totals through April 2016

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

Motion carried.

FROM Bo Marchionte, Local 506

Letter regarding union plan

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

Motion carried.

President Marino: Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Thank you, Mr. President. Good evening everyone. First of all, I would like to introduce our new Interim Treasurer, Janet Rizer Jones. Mrs. Jones has extensive background with the Treasurer's Office. She served for many years as the tax manager. She will serve until the precinct committee meets to choose the treasurer. Would you stand up so everyone can see you? We wish you the best. Today is the final day for Mr. Paul Hogan as Safety Director. Paul has served for 4 ½ months. He served with great diligence and integrity. Thank you Paul. You will be missed. The billing office manager and tax director and myself have interviewed for the collection of past due accounts in both departments. The company is Debnet Solutions of Copley, Ohio. We would like their presentation to come to the Finance Committee whenever you can. Need for council to legislate the combination of the Service/Safety Director and also the Mayor's proposal for a 50% pay decrease until January 1, 2017. Also, revisit the ordinance to bring back out part time zoning inspector. We do not know how long our full time inspector will be on sick leave. This is a department in crisis and we do not want anyone to take advantage of the situation as it is. The Mayor, meaning myself, is responsible for any comments from this office. With no disrespect to council, I sincerely apologize for any past misstatements. Council and the administration need to work closer

together in these trying times. Contract negotiations with the remaining 4 unions will be beginning very shortly. Finally, in the same venues, this week I ordered all non-union personnel, court personnel and the department heads to contribute to their hospitalization insurance. This will have to be determined with council in accordance with City Ordinance 163.05. Thank you.

President Marino: Thank you, Mayor. Next order of business is public remarks.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Robert Marino, Sr., 729 Battles Avenue, Niles, Ohio. I would like council – most communities in the area have Purple Heart parking spots and I'm asking council and I don't know what you have to do, but I would like one at the City Building, one at the Safety Service Building, one at the bike trail and one at the Wellness Center. Most of the communities are doing that and so you know, Mr. Mayor, it is not going to cost you a penny. You don't have to worry about that. The VA has the signs and Sean O'Brien, the State Rep. 63rd District, is buying the posts and I would appreciate it if you would do the Purple Heart cause.

Mr. Lastic: Do we need a resolution?

Mr. Dull: Yes.

Mr. Lastic: Council as a whole will sponsor.

President Marino: Would anyone else wish to address Niles City Council?

Wanda Burns, 562 Wyoming Avenue, Niles. What I'd like to talk about this evening is the Recovery Plan. The Recovery Plan was February, I believe, the 18th 2016 so I've gone through the various reference numbers and I have questions about several of them. One of the first things is under No. 4 about the prisoner transport which I understand is a totally different thing than housing, but as we've all read the paper recently we are going to owe or whatever the word it is I don't know housing for Trumbull County Sheriff. That was from 2012 to 2014 so 2014 to current I'm sure there's going to be another bill and as of today moving forward I'm sure there's going to be another bill so there's going to be some kind of a deficit there that's going to have to be worked into this plan. Then under No. 5, it says installation of water meters generates \$695,000.00 and it's going to be at a cost of \$600,000.00. How does it generate income?

Mr. DePasquale: It generates income because they are more efficient meters. Residential will be minimal but commercial will be different. Our guys are doing it, Wanda. The \$600,000.00 would be if we contracted that out to the Neptune Company where we bought the meters and I recommended not doing that. I thought I guys could do that even quicker and it would be done better and we wouldn't have to go back and do it and it wouldn't cost us the \$600,000.00. To date, we have 318 installed. They're still 6300 in the pool, but that's more than what's been installed in the last six years so we're moving forward with it.

Wanda Burns: Okay. How are we going to generate additional revenue? How do you know that these meters are not going to be more accurate and my bills not going to be as much as it was? How do you know it won't be more if it's more accurate?

Mr. DePasquale: No. It is a direct hook up to the computer. It has fail-safe system if there's a leak. It's just more accurate than before.

Wanda Burns: But it's not going to generate –

Mr. DePasquale: It's not going generate a large amount of -- commercial ones will. Residential will be minimal.

Wanda Burns: Okay. Moving onto – well, we all know now that we're not going to generate two million out of the increased income taxes. For these six months it is \$575,000.00, but I think we've addressed that in the year end \$130,000.00?

President Marino: Correct.

Wanda Burns: And then moving on to the Wellness Center. No. 21 bidding out the workforce of the Wellness Center, again March 1, 2016, would generate \$18,333.00. Has this been accomplished?

Attorney Dull: What I understand, Wanda is there has been – I've made a request for bids to be brought in. I'm not sure of the current status of those communications. I believe there are going to be telephone calls in addition to the notices made to the various companies that possibly want to bid on it. Beyond that, I'm not sure.

Wanda Burns: So for March and April we've not done that and in all likelihood we are going to be able to get it for May because we haven't done bids yet so we're behind in that, correct?

Attorney Dull: In terms of progress, yes.

Wanda Burns: Then moving onto increasing the fee structure at the Wellness Center by 25% and to my knowledge it has not been increased yet.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Wanda, we have a committee within the Wellness Center that is supposed to be looking at that and then we also have our Councilwoman who is looking into that too; right Linda?

Ms. Marchese: Yes. We're looking into directors and getting a year-round program.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Government moves slow. I wish it didn't, but it does.

President Marino: Wanda, so you know, I inquired about those two days ago; about the Wellness Center and the issues that you're bringing up. I want everyone to know that we as council are paying attention to these things and following up with them with the administration.

It is on our radar and doesn't come up at these meetings because the Mayor has appointed two committees; one for fundraising any money and the other was a Personnel Committee. I was asking when the next meeting would be so we could get a report.

Wanda Burns: Some time ago we asked for a list of committee members. Have you gotten anywhere with that?

Mr. Papalas: What committees?

Wanda Burns: The Mayor's appointments that he made to various commissions.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Just call the office Wanda. We have it.

Mr. DePasquale: The secretary can give you all of that.

Wanda Burns: Okay. Of course, naming rights I don't think we are going to get anywhere there. My point to this is as I've added, as it stands if we do not – oh, the other thing is the police rate concession for that agreement. That has not been accomplished. So right now we are \$155,000.00 off on this Recovery Plan. Add the \$130,000.00 that we're working on and I just –

President Marino: I would be reluctant to use numbers without our Fiscal Supervisor and our Auditor here. Until the books are reconciled and we have a solid good number and what that number is, I would be very reluctant to throw out a number until we know definitively. We had a conversation with our new Treasurer and I'm fully confident that Janet is working diligently to get things put in place to address – well I saw the story in the paper, so she is working on that.

Wanda Burns: So we are addressing this along with the \$130,000.00 from Friday night?

President Marino: The Mayor and administration are keenly aware of what needs to be done both from Council, the Fiscal Commission, the Fiscal Supervisor and the State Auditor's Office.

Wanda Burns: Thank you very much.

President Marino: Bill?

Bill Santell, 233 Mooreland Drive, Canfield, Ohio. I'm the President of the Local 320 Firefighter's Union and first I want to say thank you to Mr. Hogan for his 4 ½ months as our Safety Director. He has an idea of what it meant to the guys to actually have a Safety Director who understood how safety forces operate. Since you're retiring again for the second time, I hope you still come back and visit as you did all these years before you became the Safety Director. You're one of us. Once a firefighter, always a firefighter. Another thing I want to talk about is our Dispatch. Somebody asked why the firefighters weren't standing up for our Dispatch. I personally didn't think I needed to because I think the job they do stands for itself. We gave a good Dispatch Center here. I expressed that when they were looking at being moved to the county and I talked to almost every member of our local. Paul, Jimmy and I sat down and talked. All the needs were being addressed. Things are going much better (inaudible), but things

are getting worked out. The only other thing that needs addressed is the Acting Chief has to figure out the two one line (inaudible) I just wanted to say as Lieutenant on the Niles Fire Department, if we have a choice where that Dispatch is, I want it here. I'm not willing to take a chance with the county. Mr. Mayor, I hope – it is admirable that you gave up half your salary and I just hope that that half of your salary doesn't go paying the legal bills to Clemons Nelson. As far as the department in crises that you were talking about, the Fire Department is also a department in crises. Two of our inspectors are laid off and there's multi-million dollar buildings that are waiting to be inspected. We need our guys back. We've got to get these guys back. Mr. Cafaro wants to open his headquarters but that's not going to happen unless there's a fire inspector there to do it, so I have a problem with you bringing back part-time people that are laid off. I've got three firefighters. Everybody in the fire, police and dispatch have been asked to sacrifice. We're being blamed for the drain on the general fund and it's not. We wasted 2.5 million dollars every year for the last five years and this was your predecessor on technology in this City.

President Marino: That didn't come from the general fund.

Bill Santell: Wherever it came from, we wasted it. Mr. Dibble does the job. The problem is we need to quit spending money in this City. Plain and simple. Thank you.

President Marino: Anyone else which to address Council?

Robert A. Lemley, Sr., 106 Neal Street, Niles, Ohio. We have a lot of semi-trucks going down Neal Street. Neal Street is only 3 blocks long. They get all the way down and you get to the end and you get to Holford. Holford is not very wide at all. Some of these semis are going up into yards. There was one just a couple of hours ago took out a telephone line and it took out cable vision. There were two police cars there and considering that they were shorthanded, they responded very quickly and there was also a light truck there. This has been going on for three years and I keep calling about it. They put up some new signs, but these truck drivers are using their GPS and they can't read a traffic sign and enough is enough. Neal Street is not a very good street. It was not built very good.

Mayor Scarnecchia: They are cutting through right?

Robert Lemley: Yes, they put a new sign up for no trucks.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Do we arrest them, Chief?

Robert Lemley: That's another thing I want to know. Do they get arrested?

Acting Chief Holland: (inaudible)

Mayor Scarnecchia: Very good. Thank you.

Robert Lemley: I couldn't hear him.

Chief Holland: He was cited in court this morning. He was a driver from Canada.

Robert Lemley: Ok. Was that because of (inaudible)

Chief Holland: We got a call (inaudible)

Robert Lemley: And that's one of the things I would like to know too; and that is were they cited.

Chief Holland: He was.

Robert Lemley: What was the fine on that?

Chief Holland: That's up to the court, the judge.

Robert Lemley: Does any of that go to the Police Department or does it just go to the court?

Chief Holland: Most of it goes to the court. We get a little bit of it for traffic, but not that much. The majority of it goes to the court.

Robert Lemley: That's what I thought. What I'd really like to know is if those truck drivers are cited.

Chief Holland: The one this morning who was from Canada, yes.

Robert Lemley; Like I said, this has been going on for the last three years.

Chief Holland: He was cited this morning.

Robert Lemley: That's what I needed to know.

Mayor Scarnecchia: I'm sure the Chief will have his department stay very attuned to that now, so whenever that happens they will be cited.

Robert Lemley: Ok. Can I go into the police station and find out if they are cited? I'm not looking for names or anything like that.

Chief Holland: If there is a call generated for the truck, you can have a copy of that.

Robert Lemley: They're all 40 footers that are going down there. That's what I can't understand. Most of them were steel trucks.

Chief Holland: I understand. The guy this morning said he was following his GPS.

Robert Lemley: That's what I heard too, but they are relying on the GPS's and not the street signs and I know there were street signs put up, but it's getting ridiculous.

Chief Holland: If we get a call, we try to get there like we did this morning.

Robert Lemley: Okay. Thank you.

President Marino: Thank you, Mr. Lemley. Mr. Cantola?

Al Cantola, 208 Warren Avenue, Niles. My concerns today are with the park. I'm curious as to where we are at with our funding for year '16. From what I understand the parks are going to be out of money as of July 1st and what is our plan? From what I've gathered and what I'm asking and trying to understand is I realize that we have something on the table to move around the employees into different areas and I have concerns over that which I have expressed, but are we still going to continue to pay the Director a full annual salary and a Supervisor of the Wellness Center full salary knowing that we're already broke and we're moving people out of there?

Mayor Scarnecchia: From my understanding, when the money runs out, the Park Director will have no money to operate.

Al Cantola: His job is eliminated.

Mayor Scarnecchia: We'll have to wait and see what the Auditor comes up with. That's the whole thing. I wish he was here tonight to answer that, but I'm hearing alarming things that may happen when he runs out of money. Of course, this tax that was passed doesn't come in until January 1st, so when the money runs out until then – I know we don't have any money in the general fund. That's why we're asking for this ordinance transferring his people over until – then we can get minimum wage college students in there to take care of the parks until that money runs out. That's why we're asking for this, so I don't know what's going to happen. It's something that council and the administration are going to have to work out and the Auditor.

Al Cantola: I understand that and I appreciate the answer. My thought process on that is we had enough thought to lay off the fire and police but in all honesty moving them to another fund and draining that fund is probably still not the right answer, but we're still playing shell games with the funding. Until we can't find any money anywhere else except to come back to the residents of the City, that's what I see occurring. We laid off police and fire but we're working diligently to moving hourly park employees into union enterprise funds how that really balances in the direction that we are going –

Mayor Scarnecchia: We are trying to bolster the general fund so we have money.

Al Cantola: It would be if they were laid off is the thing. We're going to increase the cost to the enterprise funds by employing additional people and we're going to reduce the cost to the general fund.

Mayor Scarnecchia: The position in the enterprise fund are position openings. They are up to Council now.

Al Cantola: I understand, but we operated without – these aren't positions that just came available and putting park employees into potentially skilled trade enterprise jobs. I can't find the balance. If those jobs came available then these individuals would have been able to bid on them six months ago or I would have.

President Marino: They were not funded. They could not have bid on them.

Al Cantola: I understand. They are still not funded, but what I'm saying is if there are jobs and we're putting people into them, there has to be funding for them somewhere.

Mr. DePasquale: Not yet there isn't.

Al Cantola: That's what I'm trying to convey to Council today is that I am not in favor of this at the moment.

President Marino: Thank you. Anyone else wish to address council?

Kelly Hall, 548 Stanton Avenue, Niles, Ohio. Mayor, thank you for taking the pay cut. That just shows your heart is with the City. You mentioned that any non-union employee was going to contribute to their health insurance. How many employees was that?

Mr. DePasquale: There are 29 I believe.

Kelly Hall: Okay. How soon until the other employees pay their insurance?

Mayor Scarnecchia: We have to negotiate for four unions and I am hoping that we be on the table.

Kelly Hall: Will it be in the file or will it be (inaudible)

Mayor Scarnecchia: No. We have to settle these contracts as soon as we can.

Kelly Hall: And then see – the water meters that have been connected to the computers, does that mean we will have a bill that is a standard 30-day bill?

Mr. DePasquale: We're getting closer. We are still short-handed in the billing, we're short-handed with meter readers.

Kelly Hall: Okay. Thank you.

President Marino: Thank you, Kelly. Anyone else wish to address Council?

Amy Cantola, 208 Vienna Avenue, Niles. I just want to find out about the impound lot. It has been up and running and I was wondering how we are doing with it and what happens to the people – is there a timeline for like 30 days that it sits there? What is the process?

Mr. DePasquale: First of all, we have been open about 7 weeks and we've made about \$6500.00. There's 14 cars sitting in there right now. As far as what happens in 30 days, I'll throw that to the Chief.

Chief Holland: We have to do a title search on each vehicle to see if there are liens first, then we send certified mail to each lienholder to give them a chance to (inaudible). If we do not receive any response from the lienholder (inaudible) Clerk of Courts of Trumbull County (inaudible)

Mayor Scarnecchia: In the meantime, what does it cost a day?

Chief Holland: \$35.00.

Mayor Scarnecchia: \$35.00 per day we're adding onto the bill.

Amy Cantola: So then in a month or two you'll probably be having an auction.

Chief Holland: I would wait until I had at least four or five until I had an auction.

Amy Cantola: Four or five before you have an auction? Okay.

Chief Holland: To make it worth my while.

Amy Cantola: Thank you.

President Marino: Thank you. Would anyone else wish to address Council?

MaryAnn Miller, 209 Cherry Avenue, Niles. I have some questions about a supervisor, a foreman, and an assistant foreman, whatever. I don't understand (inaudible) and we were told at the last council meeting that if these supervisors or foreman are taking City automobiles home at night and they are called out for an emergency they could go right from their homes and if they didn't have that vehicle they would have to go down to the city building, clock in and get their vehicle and leave from there. If they clock in, they get four hours of overtime. I need to know are these supervisors salary, non-salary, are they hourly?

Mr. DePasquale: They are salary and their overtime is based on their salary. That's the way their contract is written. They are salary, but they break it down to 2080 hours in their salary and they pay overtime on those call-outs.

MaryAnn Miller: That would be time and a half on that call?

Mr. DePasquale: It's an automatic four hours on an hour if they go out for a callout, if they do that. A lot of times they do not do that. They go straight to the job a lot of times.

MaryAnn Miller: If they don't have their vehicle home then they have to clock in.

Mr. DePasquale: I did an article in the paper to explain it. There's very minimal gas usage when they take their car home. The miles –

MaryAnn Miller: I'm not talking about gas.

Mr. DePasquale: I know that. If they take their truck to the job they don't punch in. Most of the guys go straight from the house to the site and then call out a truck from there. If they're not needed on the job they go back home and there is no cost to the City by leaving their house and going to that job. If they don't have the truck, they are going to come to the garage punch in, four hours automatic, pick up the truck and go to the job. It's going to cost \$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00 extra in overtime every year and response time will double.

MaryAnn Miller: Okay then answer this question for me. A supervisor is on salary. He's on salary and I thought when you are on salary like at General Motors or wherever, --

Mr. DePasquale: It was that way for years and back in the 80's, the foreman got together and went to the administration and because they were working so much overtime that they asked and received overtime and it's been that way ever since.

MaryAnn Miller: Okay. So I guess we will just keep paying overtime.

Mr., DePasquale: No, you're not listening. I told you a lot of times they don't even punch in because they have those vehicles. Ok. Taking those vehicles will cost more money. The fact is the money is the money. It will cost more money to have those vehicles sitting and them coming down like I explained.

MaryAnn Miller: Okay. Thank you.

President Marino: Would anyone else wish to address Council?

Pete Mollica, 471 Bonnie Brae, Niles. I represent ASCME 506 and ASCME 506 had a long list of people they you would like to see go but one of them was not Paul Hogan. He's one of us over there and we appreciate you. I was at that roundtable on Friday and I heard Mr. Steffey say there's a need for an apprentice, there's a need for lineman, there's a need to get police and fire back, there's a need to save the general fund. Everything he said was exactly what we thought and that's why we had that plan. Then he ended it off with he didn't like the way he was being strong held or whatever the word was.

Mr. Steffey: Leveraged.

Pete Mollica: Leveraged. He was being forced to do this or that. Even if that was a fact, which it isn't, it was wrong.

Mr. Steffey: Well, I'll tell you what I said.

Pete Mollica: It stands to reason that if this didn't come, it would be personal. The light department jobs have been filled every year. I've been here 18 years and they have been filled every year for 18 years and all the sudden they don't fund it at the end of the year because they aren't needed all the sudden. To not even bring that to a vote. I thought Council was about voting. Sure you can vote no, don't do it, but how can Council decide at a meeting when no one is there? This should have come here, should have -- one thing on the Agenda. This City the way it is and there's just one thing. You should have voted today. If you didn't want it, vote no. If you felt like we threatened you, which we didn't, then fine, but it should have been voted and it wasn't. None of these people saw that. I saw it. I don't know what this is about. I thought this was about voting on whether we should do it or not. I didn't know a roundtable was going on and not voting. This doesn't make sense. So we weren't strong holding you. We weren't leveraging you. We need those jobs and you said we need them. The need of the City you agree with. You should have went with it and said I don't agree with them but they need them. I heard you say need. Then obviously you guys voted against it because you didn't like being strong held by a powerless union. That's all I've got, but I think it should have been voted on and if you didn't want it, you should have voted no. It shouldn't have been decided on Friday night when no one knew about it.

President Marino: I definitely agree with that. It shouldn't have been scheduled on Friday night at the last minute when some of us couldn't be there because I can assure you that I would have told you what I thought there. Right?

Pete Mollica: I know.

President Marino: You know I would have.

Pete Mollica: You would have put us in our place.

President Marino: No, I would have --

Mr. Steffey: It's about an exchange of communication. What I explained during that meeting was that I met with the Auditor two hours before the last council meeting and was given a sheet with a solution to these transfers and the sheet that I was given two hours later in this room was nothing like the document that was approved by the State Auditors. It was a three-page document versus a one-page document. I provided the Mayor with a copy at that meeting and asked why the Auditor signed off on a one-page document that had nothing to do with funding of those jobs. It had everything to do with the transfers that you refer to, so we are not going to be pushed into ambushed meetings and I am not going to be answering questions until I have all the information. So when they were unable to provide an answer to me why the document that we were coming into this room wasn't the document that we were presented to vote on --

Pete Mollica: Who is they?

Mr. Steffey: The administration.

Pete Mollica: You blamed it on the union. You didn't say anything about the administration.

Mr. Steffey: You were in the hall. I don't know how clearly you heard it.

Pete Mollica: I heard you and I agreed with everything you said. You were perfect and then all the sudden you just blamed it all on the union. You didn't say nothing about the administration.

Mr. Steffey: I never said anything derogatory at all. Period.

President Marino: Okay. At the last council meeting, so the folks in the audience know, I, too, took exception to the funding of those positions because of the way in which that document was presented to us. I, too, spoke to the Fiscal Supervisors of which I speak to regularly and they shared with me what was agreed to. What was agreed to, and I think if you check the Minutes I did agree, was transferring those positions into enterprise fund positions into part-time in the first part of the plan. What I took exception to, and I think some of my colleagues took exception to, was the second part that was added to that document which was the funding of the Light Department positions, which I agree need to be funded, but they cannot be funded until the Fiscal Supervisors take those salaries and benefits and run them through the five-year forecast. After they have done that, Pete, and they come back and say, yes, this is not going to be a detriment to the five-year forecast in addition to buying two light trucks at \$500,000.00, buying a chipper and the other things that the City is considering purchasing, then we can assure that the Light Department is not in a deficit spending situation. That's where all of this came from; when the document from the Auditors changed from the time Mr. Steffey and I spoke to the State Auditors to the time we came into these council chambers. I don't know how it got changed, who changed it, but it was different. I'm not going to argue about this anymore. I'm just telling you these are the facts.

Pete Mollica: I have no hard feelings. We are not strong. That's my point. I wish we could stronghold, but we can't.

President Marino: So to clear the air here there's no animosity toward us.

Pete Mollica: I still think this should have been handled in council not in private.

President Marino: Pete, they cannot in good conscience bring an ordinance out without the Fiscal Supervisors from the State Auditor's Office looking at the funding and the implications of funding those positions in our five-year forecast. You come to Fiscal Commission meetings and you know Mr. Potter, Mr. Davis, Mr. Camerino, Ms. Coates, myself and the folks from the State look at those documents. We –

Pete Mollica: Merlo told us everything was fine.

President Marino: Well, John is not here so we're not going to –

Pete Mollica: We were told that – it was our understanding that the Auditor approved it. That's what we were told.

President Marino: I was talking to the Auditor during the meeting.

Pete Mollica: I understand that, but what are we supposed to believe?

President Marino: I'm telling you the truth.

Mr. Lastic: The mistake we made was coming to the meeting without the Auditor.

Pete Mollica: This is not a slow fix. We need to do something now.

President Marino: Okay. Your name and address for the record.

Robert Ward, 1006 Washington Avenue, Girard, Ohio. I'm the Vice-President of ASCME Local 506 and my question is if we do not act on this and the Fiscal Committee meeting next week that we have (inaudible) what's going to happen when here we are stuck again, not moving these jobs out of the general fund, which we are trying to help. What's going to happen? We're bending over backwards left and right. That's why we're starting to get angry because nobody understands what we have to go through. We're the three guys, me, Pete and Bo, that have to go to the guys and tell them, you're laid off. Nobody knows that feeling. To have to deal with Clemons and Nelson, have to deal with everything and you know what, it's gotten to the point where we're done. We are done. We are tired of everything. You know what, you people do not know the feelings that we have to deal with every day. When you're guys come up to you every single day and say, am I going to get laid off? Am I going to lose my job? Nobody knows that. And finally, I'm tired of it because I never say nothing. Well, you know what? I'm sick of it. I have had enough and either somebody's got to start doing something or you know what, we'll lay everybody off. Then there won't be anybody in the City and when everybody has to explain to every citizen in this town, why isn't my street plowed, why isn't this getting done, why isn't this done? Well, there's your answer. Thank you.

President Marino: Thank you, Bob. Anyone else?

Paul Davis, 44 Hartzell Avenue, Niles, Ohio. I have a questions. The \$6,500.00 we got paid by the impound lot, is that cash in hand?

Mayor Scarnecchia: Cash in hand.

Paul Davis: You already collected the money?

Mr. DePasquale: The Chief deposited the money.

Chief Holland: I deposited \$1,475.00 on Monday.

Paul Davis: That would mean we are doing about \$900.00 to \$1,000.00 per week? \$50,000.00 per year. Isn't that about half of what we told the Commission we were going to make on that lot?

Mr. DePasquale: We expect to do more than that. The first year's projections the way it's going was \$50,000.00, Paul. The next year for a full year I think it will be (inaudible)

Paul Davis: We think. The facts are we're doing \$1,000.00 a week.

Mr. DePasquale: That's pretty good. We weren't anything two months ago. Now we're doing \$1,000.00 a week. That's pretty good.

Paul Davis: The Commission voted on the plan based on \$100,000.00 a year.

Mr. DePasquale: We believe that will happen.

Paul Davis: I believe it will too.

Mr. DePasquale: It's going better now than what we thought right now.

Paul Davis: Thank you.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Mr. DePasquale real quick, correct me if I'm wrong, that money is earmarked for the cash advance for the start-up fee, correct? The \$15,000.00?

Mr. DePasquale: Yes, that has to be paid back.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: So once that is paid back --

Mr. DePasquale: It's all profit then. We are very close to paying off the general fund right now.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Good.

President Marino: Anyone else wish to address Council?

George Kuriatryk, 1206 Mason Street, Niles, Ohio. Am I allowed to ask the Treasurer a question? The new one?

President Marino: Yes.

George Kuriatryk: How long have you been here, three days?

Janet Jones: Three days.

George Kuriatryk: And you have found \$155,000.00 in checks that hadn't been deposited?

Janet Jones: Yes. Well, they weren't found.

George Kuriatryk: They were just sitting here for over a month, \$155,000.00 in uncashed checks?

Janet Jones: Yes.

George Kuriatryk: In 2012, none of the books were reconciled for a whole year. Did you know that?

Janet Jones: I'm aware of that.

George Kuriatryk: Okay. For a whole year it wasn't done. 17 months ago, they weren't done and four months into this year, they're still not done. Don't you think that's cause to lay off this Tax Department and save \$200,000.00 and that \$200,000.00 could be for fire and police officers? Right?

President Marino: George, you have to direct your questions to council.

George Kuriatryk: You get your fire and police back by doing it and the union saying they cannot force jobs, (inaudible) they don't have a leg to stand on with this. That Tax Department they make \$60,000.00 a year, all three of them and they can't do their –

Mr. DePasquale: They don't make \$60,000.00 a year.

George Kuriatryk: I'm not talking to you. Don't you open your mouth. Don't you open your mouth.

Mr. DePasquale: That's a lie.

President Marino: Hey, that's enough. Sit down Jim. George, George, you are to direct your comments to me please. Focus on me.

George Kuriatryk: The union cannot even file a lawsuit against the City and sue them. (inaudible) You can't even – there's no lawsuit. They would lose. That's how bad this Tax Department is. As for as the impound lot you stated you've taken in \$6,500.00. As of today, it's \$4484.00 and some change. Not counting the money you have to pay back.

President Marino: George, look at me, not him.

George Kuriatryk: That's \$200,000.00 in the Tax Department that we don't need. This gentleman here said about the Park Department director. \$60,000.00 and he works four months out of the year. Four months. The parks are closed for eight months. What does he do for eight months? What's he do? Somebody, what does he do for eight months? Somebody has to have an answer. Don't you guys pay him? Nope. Nothing. And why are you, Mayor, taking a cut in pay? You're the Mayor. You don't ask the department heads to take a cut, you tell them the department heads they are taking a cut. You're eliminating their positions, their \$60,000.00 per year position. One department has a superintendent, an assistant superintendent, a working foreman, assistant working foreman, and a foreman.

Mayor Scarnecchia: George, I'm doing --

George Kuriatryk: No, no.

President Marino: George. George. George. Stop.

George Kuriatryk: You're the only one who is sacrificing.

Mayor Scarnecchia: No. Everybody will be sacrificing, believe me.

George Kuriatryk: When?

Mayor Scarnecchia: Just trust me in the future.

George Kuriatryk; I trust you. I don't trust the guy behind you.

Mr. DePasquale: Don't talk to me like that.

President Marino: All right, George, enough. Sit down.

George Kuriatryk: Can I ask one more thing?

President Marino: You have one more and that's it.

George Kuriatryk: I had a list.

President Marino: I know you did. One more and that's it.

George Kuriatryk: \$60,000.00 for the director and that's our parks. (holding up picture) The worst in Trumbull County. They're shit holes.

President Marino: George. Sit down.

George Kuriatryk: I have one more about the trees. Who gave the order to cut the trees down on private property last week?

Mr. DePasquale: I did.

George Kuriatryk: Why?

Mr. DePasquale: Because there were two branches on a house service that had to be cut off.

George Kuriatryk: No, there wasn't. You're wrong.

Mr. DePasquale: Yes, there was.

President Marino: George, that's enough.

George Kuriatryk: No, wait.

President Marino: George, sit down. You're done. You're done.

George Kuriatryk: Called a roundtable. You ordered him to do it.

President Marino: George. George. Enough.

George Kuriatryk: You told him –

President Marino: George. Enough

Mr. DePasquale: Shut up.

Chief Holland: Jim, sit down.

President Marino: Jim. Jim.

President Marino: George. George. All right. In the opinion of the chair, that concludes the public remarks. Next order of business, Committee Reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

President Marino: Being no Committee Reports. Would the Clerk please present tonight's legislation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. _____(Draft No. 51-16)

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MANDATORY TRASH SERVICE FOR RESIDENTIAL UNITS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Pezzano: Mr. Dull contacted me and being that Mr. Burke is no longer with the City of Niles and now we have Trumbull County and there was resolution for picking up trash within the City so we have to make this into an ordinance.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

It was moved by Pezzano, seconded by Steffey to adopt this Draft No. 51-16.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 51-16 has been adopted this 18th day of May 2016.

President Marino: That concludes tonight's legislation. Miscellaneous remarks.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

President Marino: Members of the community, the Chair did not do a very good job this evening and is very upset with himself because of what transpired in this meeting. I have no problem with the members of the public coming and asking questions and asking very pointed questions. We need to have open dialogue regarding the business of our community. I think it's important that we can agree to disagree, but not be disagreeable. With all due respect, I'm very upset. I've served in this body for 20 some years and I've always prided myself on my professionalism and I've always tried to emulate my mentor, Mr. Camerino and what I saw this evening was very disappointing to me. We need to hold ourselves to a higher standard. All of us. We're in the newspaper every day and it's not very flattering what's in the newspaper and that's reflective of us. I want my kids to live in this town. I want my grandchildren, if I have any, to live in this town. I want all of us to live in this town. We need to elevate our conversations to agree to disagree, but not be disagreeable and screaming and hollering doesn't solve anything. That just creates more issues for us, so I can assure you moving forward we will take a much heavier hand in terms the way we oversee these meetings. I can assure you of that. The only other thing I wanted to mention is that I did communicate with the Mayor last week concerning employment of new personnel in the City. I asked the Mayor to consider when new employment is an option, when we have vacancies that are funded, that the Administration consider giving a civil service like exam. Some kind of test to all applicants and that City Council be given a brief on the number of applicants for all positions and the number of candidates interviewed. Then before the individual is hired, that that individual's resume and application be provided to Council. The previous administration didn't do the civil service like test and I think that moving in that direction will allow us to be more transparent in terms of employment. I think that needs to be in the record and that's the conclusion of my remarks.

Mayor Scarnecchia: I agree that is a good idea. I just have to say I've been here for 4 ½ months and I haven't been able to hire anybody, so when I do I will be happy to give a civil test. That's all. Thank you.

President Marino: Mr. Hogan, for years of service prior to council and as Service Director I meant what I said as quoted in the paper, you will find no better public servant than Paul Hogan and I mean that. You are a true gentleman and an asset to this community. For the last time, sir, any comments?

Paul Hogan: Yes. I want to thank the Mayor for giving me the opportunity to serve and I was looking forward to serving longer, but as I stated in the paper, I have health issues that I have to deal with. Thank you for everything.

Chief Danielson: Just a couple things. The AT's are up and running in the trucks. (inaudible) Second thing is the new fire truck is on the assembly line so it should be done by the end of June. The last thing we had an exploratory meeting with Lane Ambulance and they are looking at moving their facility (inaudible) They might be interested in moving out in that area. I haven't heard back from them. They might possibly build on the back (inaudible) and they would not use our quarters at all. (inaudible) if they don't feel that that property is good enough for their location (inaudible) that would be between our lawyer and their lawyer and there would be additional revenue coming in for the general fund. Like I said, it's very preliminary and I haven't heard back.

Jeff Crowley: I'm Jeff Crowley, the House Enforcement Officer and I want to thank most of the people in this room that have been attending our public meetings pertaining to the Neighborhood Housing Assessment Program. You are making history because there is no other town that I know of that has attempted to do what we are going to do which is to get a complete inventory of our housing done by volunteers. So our kickoff is on June 4th, which is a Saturday at the Wellness Center. The t-shirts have been ordered. All the maps are in. I'm really excited about the program so if you can find time on that Saturday to attend a kick-off meeting, that would be great. It doesn't mean you have to do your personal inventory that day. You'll have a month to do them, but it would be helpful to get your inventory sheets that day and go for training. If you're not quite sure what that is, I'll stick around afterwards and I'll meet with anybody that does have any questions. It is June 4th at 10:00 at the Wellness Center. Thank you.

Janet Jones: I'm looking forward to working with the Administration and Council and the Auditor and I thank you for this opportunity.

Mr. Catanzarite: On the Wastewater project I just wanted everyone to know we are still two to three months ahead of schedule because of the mild winter so there was very little down time. We are getting ready to dig the basement of the second building and we'll have one more building after that. On the water side of things, as Mr. DePasquale said, we are continuing to work on the water meters and the hydrants and we have fixed most of the caps that were frozen tight. Those have been pretty much handled. We are doing inventory of the parts we need to do the next set and get them up and running. Some of you will see the Ridge Road tower that tomorrow we will be draining that tower, take it out of service, it is just a routine cleaning. It will be drained and examined and light repair work if necessary. If anybody happens to see work going on up there, don't worry, it's not a problem. It won't affect your water at all. We also got the report back on the other tower, and it does not contain lead based paint inside. I was very happy to hear that because that was a \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00 savings when it comes time to

get it done and taken care of. We'll be draining the Ridge Road tower next week or so. There should be no problems with water pressure. You shouldn't see any effects at all.

Mr. Lastic: For a brief moment, I thought we were back in school.

Mr. Papalas: I have some comments. A couple meetings ago, we discussed grants. Jim, you said you had talked to somebody about Eastgate and you said there was no money available.

Mr. DePasquale: I have a representative that I send there because I'm not able to go. I don't have the time to go so I designated Kevin Robertson, LPA to take Mark's place for the time being and he is meeting with Mark there and Mark is kind of showing him the ropes as to Eastgate. So far, I have nothing in front of me, but I am working on some grants with CT Consultants and I had Ms. Marchese in my office yesterday from the 3rd Ward and that looks very promising there. As far as Eastgate, I'm looking for help with Mark and for Kevin to walk into the position little bit and learn it a little bit.

Mr. Papalas: Okay. I'm glad you're doing that. The only thing I wanted to tell you is that I've gone to some of the meetings and I haven't see anybody from Niles there.

Mr. DePasquale: Do you know Kevin Robertson?

Mr. Papalas: Someone pointed him out to me, yes. He was there at one meeting that I was.

Mr. DePasquale: He's a draftsman. Well, he may have missed one, but when I get notified, we're on the e-mail list, he does go. He tries to make it. Mark is still involved in Eastgate so we're making an effort to do it. I've been in contact, and I've told Mr. Pezzano, with the County with Linda Bell on that and she has told me we are on the list, but there are no available funds. We are working on it and being that I'm the Service Director for full time and now part time Safety Director and part time grant writer and part time Drug Enforcement Rep. for the City at no extra pay, I might say, it is a little time consuming for me to handle all these jobs, Mr. Papalas.

Mr. Papalas: Well, I think you'll be okay because in other Administrations --

Mr. DePasquale: I'm glad you think I will.

Mr. Papalas: In other Administrations, Joe Cicero's Administration and Mark Perice's, they had the same thing.

Mr. DePasquale: Yes, sir, but there was one difference, they were compensated for it.

Mr. Papalas: No, they got less than you. I think --

Mr. DePasquale: I don't expect -- I offered to take a cut in pay and Mr. Steffey knows this and some councilmen do. With the Mayor, I offered to take a 50% cut and Mr. Steffey doesn't think

that my service could go part time. He thinks I need to be there full time. In fact, I was willing to go 28 hours and drop my insurance.

Mr. Papalas: I have the floor. I just wanted you to know that the Police Chief and the Fire Chief will be able to help you very well so you won't have to worry about that.

Mr. DePasquale: I'm sure they will.

Mr. Papalas: I did some research in neighboring communities that have impound lots. They have fewer policemen. They are doing pretty good, but like you said it might take some time to get ours going.

Mr. DePasquale: I think we are doing pretty well. That's \$6,500.00 that we wouldn't have had.

Mr. Papalas: Yes, and maybe I'll look at some other communities that are doing this and see.

Mr. DePasquale: I think it's going to get done.

Mr. Papalas: I'll give you that.

Mr. DePasquale: When we get our traffic officer back, I think you'll see it double. I think the Chief will agree.

Mr. Papalas: Good. I was looking at the Minutes for the last council meeting which I did not attend and I thank everyone for excusing me for my absence. It couldn't be helped. I notice that a lady had asked about the dispatchers and the possibility of saving money if we had moved them to the County. Looking through the various remarks from the Mayor and our Police Chief and one of our firemen tonight discussing how we desperately need them here, I just want to reiterate all of this for those of you who may have missed it in the past or forgotten about it. Those dispatchers of ours would have gone to another building and still would have answered only Niles calls. Same dispatchers. The same dispatchers who know Niles would have been answering that telephone. They would have kept their jobs. They would have kept their jobs and we wouldn't have had to lay off police and firemen at that time. We had voted on that and passed it under the first plan when the Infante administration was in operation and then it was changed. I have to tell you, I have never heard of any community and I have talked to other police chiefs who are as bewildered as I am where a police chief and now an acting police chief want to keep the dispatchers at the expense of their own men. Where did that ever happen? And now I see we have a couple of firemen who feel the same way. I'm sorry, but we would have saved a lot more money had the dispatchers gone to 911 and wouldn't have put any stress on our utility departments. I want to stress this as well that 911, Ernie Cook, does not charge for referring calls. There's no charge. No assessment and in the future when this three-year contract does run out, there's a five-person board and it's made up in part of the Mayor of the largest community in Trumbull County and the Mayor of the second largest community in Trumbull County. That's us and we would have a say in whatever happens. So we are missing the boat. The door is still open and it could be done. I strongly urge the Administration to sit down with Ernie Cook. That hasn't been done yet. I talked to Ernie Cook today. Contrary to what some of

you think, we are not best friends, we don't pal around. He has nothing to gain from me and vice versa, but I do believe in getting as much information as I can. You ought to try talking to Ernie Cook, otherwise, you guys can sit here and complain. Just remember, you sacrificed your own guys.

Chief Holland: I resent that.

Mr. Papalas: Well, I resent what you did.

Chief Holland: You are attacking my character. I don't have to --

Mr. Papalas: You're not being attacked. I'm just calling a spade a spade.

Chief Holland: I resent that. What did I do that you resent?

Mr. Papalas: You support the dispatchers while we have two guys who are laid off.

Chief Holland: I was never offered any -- if you told me my three officers would be back tomorrow if we go to 911, I'll sign it right now.

Mr. Papalas: Well, we had that in the plan.

Chief Holland: No.

Mr. Papalas: Yes, we did.

Chief Holland: No one ever said to me that if I sign this paper --

Mr. Papalas: Sorry Chief. That's the way it is.

Chief Holland: Put a document in front of me saying --

President Marino: All right. Move on. Move on. Chief, that's enough. Steven, move on.

Mr. Papalas: I just thought maybe we ought to let some of the City employees see where we really stand here. What the situation really is.

President Marino: I agree with letting them know where we stand. I don't agree making it an argument.

Mr. Papalas: Finally, not finally because I have one more after this. As far as I'm concerned when it comes to the budget, everybody in here needs to understand this, there is no room for anything unless the State Auditors endorse it. Nothing unless the State Auditors endorse it. Finally, Mr. Marino, I would support anything you would do as far as bringing some people under control. I know keeping everything under control is not easy. I've had to sit there sometime as you know. If I were you, if you want to get rid of somebody in here, I'll support

you for the first time. Jim, you and I both have something in common. We both have a temper. Don't let some people bring that out of you. It's just not worth it.

Mr. DePasquale: Can I speak now.

President Marino: Sure.

Mr. DePasquale: We have one idiot that disputes this Council every two weeks. He needs to go. We have to get rid of him. He has no idea what he's talking about. His information is always incorrect. Anything I say can be documented with the Auditor, the Mayor, myself, Police Chief, everything is written down. He's got to go.

Mr. Papalas: I'm just telling you politely don't let people get to you.

Mr. DePasquale: Bob, he's got to go.

President Marino: Well, as long as I'm President of Council, for however long that might be, we will allow people to come and speak before this body and we can agree to disagree and not be disagreeable. That's the position I'm going to hold as Chair. We don't have sign-in sheets. What we require is the name and address be read and you get five minutes. You are not to impugn character, you're not to speak derogatorily, and you're to ask questions and if you so choose, make comments. That has been since I was sitting over there and Steve, you and Fremont have been here much longer than I, that will continue to be the manner in which I conduct Council and I will do my level best so long as I sit in his chair to do that. That's how it is. Those are your rules that I have to enforce.

Mr. Papalas: Absolutely.

Mr. McNaughton: First, I want to thank you, Mr. Hogan. Your level of integrity is something that every single one of us needs to model and I do regret that I will not serve with you longer. Thank you for your service to the City of Niles. You have set the bar very high for the rest of us and I will chase it for as long as I can. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Hogan: Thank you.

Mr. McNaughton: The level of discourse in this City of embarrassing. What we have seen tonight has been going on on-line for way too long. I'm trying to remember my history, Thomas Jefferson said dissention is the greatest form of patriotism. Does that sound right? You're the history buff.

Mr. Papalas: Of the mindset.

Mr. McNaughton: Certainly we have a lot of patriots in this town, but tonight changed that for the City of Niles. Be better. You, me, us, be better. We're cannibalizing each other right now. With all due respect, Mr. Mollica, every meeting you come here and you're badmouthing us. That's a bad look for a city employee. We're trying to help you. There are no easy answers, but

when you – we have a long list of people we want to see go – what good is that going to do us? I'm sorry, but this isn't your first rodeo coming here and then you make comments like this. Talk to us in private. We'll talk. I believe Bo knows where our hearts and minds are, but we all need to be better. Embarrassing. Now, in regards to the conversations about pay cuts, Mr. Mayor, I commend you for your deeds. It's not the right answer. I know it's been stated that Council should take a pay cut and I'm willing to do my part. I did some math and I am no mathematician. \$130,000.00 needs saved. That's general fund money. 60% of City Council salary comes out of general fund and the other goes elsewhere. We make \$7,000.00 per year. I been questioned how much money I make. Certainly, we are not doing this for the money so I did some math. If we were to take a 50% pay cut starting June 1st, cut it in half multiply it by 7, our personal savings to the general fund, I think I'm in the right ball part, is \$1,225.00 out of \$130,000.00. That equates to .0094%. Not even one tenth of one percent. You can take all of us total, it's close to three quarters of one tenth of one percent of general fund savings. We're still cutting off the head of the dandelion and not taking the root. Now, I'm willing to do my part. I'll take a cut, but it will be commensurate with what everybody else in the City will do. Five percent, ten percent across the board and if we're going to do a short term fix, we're all going to do a short term fix, but it still doesn't address the long term issue. So, there's a reason why I threw out some numbers. My proposal, I will work with anybody in this Administration side by side. We disagree on what plays are being called but we're wearing the same uniform. It is my opinion this is a fluid document, Recovery Plan. Every single point in this needs to be looked at because what we voted on several months ago, this City is in much worse shape than it was then. Things that were not of our doing through no fault of this Administration have developed. The financial situation of Niles is much worse now than when we voted on it. We can revisit it at any time and it is my belief we need to revisit it and I will help you in any way possible. I will sit down and talk to you about it. I don't know how my colleagues feel about that, but two weeks ago I said it takes a little bit of humility to realize when things aren't working. Things still aren't working. Let's make them work. Let's work together and make the City work. I am done. Thank you.

Mr. Steffey: I would also just like to thank Mr. Hogan. I appreciate you and the words of wisdom that you shared with me over the last few months. I definitely appreciate them. I would like to thank Jimmy. When I have gotten ahold of you a couple of times to take care of neighborhood issues you were quick to react and I appreciate that. Acting Chief Holland, I received several phone calls within one day from several neighbors that were actually watching a drug operation go on. This house has a six foot privacy fence that they removed part of it so they could drive cars into the backyard, which is actually a drug drive through. That's actually what it is. Without giving away anything, I let the Chief know what was going on and he e-mailed all of his officers. Within an hour, some of those residents that had called me, called me back and Acting Chief texted me that they had made arrests. They don't have a drug unit, so they have to use a little ingenuity. They pulled over a car that the driver doesn't have a license, he had heroine warrants that are out there, so they are going and taking care of it as quickly as possible using whatever techniques we can at the time. I do know that those residents felt that their needs were being heard so for that I really appreciate that, Chief. That's all I have. Thank you.

Ms. Marchese: Yes, I would also like to thank Mr. Hogan for all your service as a fireman and as our Safety Service Director and I wish you the best of luck. Now, I have to address Mr.

Papalas' comments and I have a problem with outsourcing jobs in Niles, Ohio to Trumbull County. We've outsourced the Health Department and I have so many people that cannot afford doctors and take their children to get shots. They're upset about it because now they have to go to Trumbull County. Now, we have outsourced our jail. Shut it down. Now, we're in another problem with staff cutting back to bite us and now we want to get rid of dispatchers that help us. There's three girls. Three girls and part timers who aren't getting any insurance. I've heard them when I've had policeman and a bad accident in the front of my house. I've heard them going back and forth. I've heard them telling where they were when they were running through the yards. I had a drug house next to mine that I'm still having trouble with to this day. When it happened that the road shut down, I had an elderly uncle that lives next door. I heard our police and I heard them as they came door to door to tell us to be ready to go. Do I want our dispatchers to be gone? No, I don't. I know you have a problem with it, but this has got to stop. It's not a solution sending our jobs to Trumbull County. I'm really getting tired of it. We need to find a solution? Yes, we do by all means, but sending people who are working here needs to stop. We need them here. We need them all here. No one should go. We need more policemen back. We need our firemen back. We need to get on the right road to recovery, not shipping jobs out. I have a problem with that.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Mr. Hogan, thanks for your service. We truly appreciate you and appreciate what you have done in your time here. I want to welcome our new Treasurer. I know you have your work cut out for you up there. Mayor, one last thing, please relay a thank you to your secretary, Mrs. Kerr. She was very helpful in relaying information to Mike Burke these past few weeks about nuisance properties that I've had in the 2nd Ward, so please give her a thank you. E-mails were going from my phone to her computer left and right and she was very responsive.

Mr. Pezzano: A couple things. Mr. Hogan, thank you for your job well done. Also, I had the pleasure tonight of attending my first Mahoning Valley Sanitary District board meeting and I want to thank Mr. Hale for his first night. He did a fantastic job. Second of all, ladies and gentlemen I just want Mr. Marino to know that I have your back concerning handling the public hearings. I attended a Warren Council meeting this past week and unbeknownst to me, I wanted to speak in public, but however, I found out the hard way that you have to sign in and give a topic. However, sitting in the audience for numerous years, it's been well organized except for tonight. This is the first incident that I've seen like this so granted we have a great way of doing it and hopefully we can continue doing it this way, but if not, we may have to sign in and give a topic and be cut off at a certain time. The next thing I have to say is I would like to call with Mr. Steffey and myself a Safety/Finance meeting for Monday at 4:00 if that's possible for everybody.

Mr. McNaughton: I can only speak for myself, but 4:00 is real tough for me.

Mr. Pezzano: Can you do it at 5:00?

Mr. McNaughton: Typically, yes.

Mr. Pezzano: Chief, both Chiefs? Anybody else?

Mr. Dull: Believe it or not, I actually have to be in court at 5:00 that day.

Mr. McNaughton: If the time works for everybody but me, don't rearrange it.

Mr. Pezzano: I would really like to have Mr. Dull there. 4:00 work for everybody else?

President Marino: Make sure the City Auditor is there.

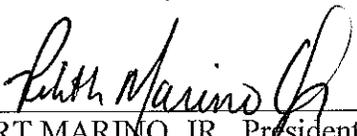
Mr. Pezzano: Giovanna already said he'll be there. The meeting is at 4:00.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Papalas to adjourn the meeting.



LORI KUSZMAUL, Clerk of Council



ROBERT MARINO, JR., President of Council