

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2017

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on November 15, 2017 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, Nicole Bacak, called the roll:

Papalas- P, Lastic- 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 November 1st meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM – Ohio Division of Liquor Control
Clearys LLC DBA Clearys

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Pezzano to refer to the Police Chief and Safety Director for their review and recommendation.

Motion carried.

FROM – Auditor's Office

Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense - October 2017

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

President Marino: John, what are we on par to end the year with general fund?

Auditor Merlo: Preliminary, we're looking at about a million dollars.

President Marino: A million. Are there any utility accounts that we ought to be concerned with as we approach budget hearings?

Auditor Merlo: I would look at all three of the enterprise funds. Water, light and sewer.

President Marino: The.

Auditor Merlo: I know the recovery plan has water meter installs as part of the recovery plan. Once that goes into the recovery or into the budget to put those in, that's going to put a strain on the water fund, which we all knew about that would happen.

President Marino: Right.

Auditor Merlo: The state is aware, council is aware, administration is aware.

President Marino: So beyond.

Auditor Merlo: And we have the water tower.

President Marino: Maintenance.

Auditor Merlo: Maintenance agreement that we have next year going into play as well along with the repayment to the general fund.

President Marino: So outside of the water, which we know we have to put the water meters in quickly, hopefully, the sewer fund okay? You mentioned looking at all three. I just want to.

Auditor Merlo: The sewer fund, we need to look at revenues. We need to make sure that the rate increases that we were anticipating are hitting. And the light fund as well with revenue.

President Marino: And the light fund?

Auditor Merlo: Yes.

President Marino: Same thing?

Auditor Merlo: Correct.

President Marino: Revenue. I would be interested to know how many employees over the past few years we have moved from general fund obligated funds to enterprise accounts. Because I believe this chair has remarked on a time or two about the concerns about moving employees into enterprise accounts. If that's contributing to it, I would be interested to know that. I know my time is short, 47 days, however I'm working until the last minute because that's how I'm made. I would like to know that during budget hearings, if possible John.

Auditor Merlo: I will do my best to put that together for tomorrow.

President Marino: I know.

Auditor Merlo: Thanks Bob. I appreciate it.

President Marino: Well, I asked a while ago John. I'm just trying to be nice up here because I love ya.

Motion carried.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Samie Ellwood: 415 Vienna Ave. I'm here tonight because when I pulled into my driveway today there is a 2X4 in front of my garage. And the landlord next door has a rental property and apparently she had it surveyed today while I was gone. They spray painted over my \$1800.00 steps that I just put in last year. I cannot even get in off of 46 to my own driveway. I just want to know am I okay if I just pull out thing and pull in my garage or am I going to get into a bunch of trouble? Because I don't know what to do.

President Marino: Counselor?

Samie Ellwood: I can't get to my own house.

Law Director Swauger: You have a lot of legal issues that you need to resolve and that's a matter for you and your attorney. There are laws regarding shared driveways and properties and easements by necessity and things like that. It's a very complicated law involving real property. Unfortunately, I can't be your personal attorney and tell you what you can and cannot do. However it is your, you do have a garage that you've been using for many years.

Samie Ellwood: 30 years.

Law Director Swauger: So there are laws involving what's called adverse possession so you've got a whole bunch of issues that you need to consult with your own attorney. I can't tell you legally what you can and can't do but from a prosecutorial perspective, I'm not going to charge you with theft for removing a board so that you can go into your own garage. Okay but other than, you got to get a lawyer. There's a whole bunch of legal issues involved there.

President Marino: Wish we had better news Samie.

Samie Ellwood: Thank you.

President Marino: Good seeing you.

Samie Ellwood: You too.

President Marino: Anyone else? Thanks Beth for getting my attention too.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 151-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR REPAIR WORK OF WATER AND SEWER LINES FOR 2018; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Mientkiewicz to give a third reading to Draft No. 151-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Papalas to adopt this Draft No. 151-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 151-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 156-17)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO THE MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL CONTRACTED LABOR ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 2 (Marchese and Pezzano)

Rules are not suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by McNaughton to give a 2nd reading to Draft No. 156-17.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 2 (Marchese and Pezzano)

This Draft No. 156-17 has received its second reading on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (Draft No. 157-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE FIRE HYDANT AND CATCH BASIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM PROJECT A-F-16-2CW-1; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Pezzano, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 157-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 157-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (Draft No. 158-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED STREET FUND TO THE STREET FUND'S STREET GRANT ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Ms. Marchese: Yes I have a question on this. It's saying in here that the it's going out to another company. I thought it was our city workers that picked up these tires.

Mr. Steffey: Well the tires go to the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District. That's where the tires go.

Ms. Marchese: So then our city workers that picked them up will be taking them there? Is that? Or is this a total separate company that will be picking this up?

Mr. Stredney: We had a bin down here that we were putting them into. It was a semi-truck or trailer and then when they take them, they take them wherever and dispose of them. And this is just a reimbursement. This money is going to come back in.

Ms. Marchese: Oh okay. Okay.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to adopt this Draft No. 158-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 158-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (Draft No. 159-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED WATER FUND TO THE WATER METER ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Andy, this is for parts for commercial and industrial meters?

Mr. Catanzarite: Yes.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Just as everyday maintenance?

Mr. Catanzarite: Just back up parts, replacement parts, things like that.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay thanks.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 159-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 159-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 160-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED LIGHT FUND TO LIGHT DEPARTMENT'S REFUND ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Mr. Mientkiewicz: This is for the school refund, correct?

Mr. Stredney: Yes.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: From the overbilling issue?

Ms. Marchese: Howland.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to adopt this Draft No. 160-17.

President Marino: We've rectified whatever caused this error?

Mr. Stredney: Yes.

President Marino: Okay.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 160-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 161-17)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING QUARTERLY CASH TRANSFERS; AND,
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Mr. Steffey: These are just quarterly transfers for the police pension, fire pension for the 1%.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: What's the cemetery for, going to be used for? Is that for wages?

Auditor Merlo: We transfer money in there quarterly for cemetery.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Say that again.

Auditor Merlo: We transfer money into the cemetery from the general fund quarterly.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: So is this going to be for the rest of this year?

Auditor Merlo: Yes these.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay.

Auditor Merlo: These are the best guessed estimates I could come up with for this quarter.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: And that's for operational expenses, wages, benefits?

Auditor Merlo: Operations of the departments.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 161-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 161-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 162-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED CEMETERY FUND TO THE WAGES ACCOUNT IN THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. McNaughton: Before we vote, can I bring something quickly to the attention in the legislation. Just to dot our I's, cross our T's, ten thousand dollars is spelled correctly but there is a zero missing from the numeric value and I want to make sure that if we need to amend to add a zero to marry the two , so.

President Marino: That's in the form of a motion.

Mr. McNaughton: So I'd like to make a motion add a zero.

Motion made by McNaughton, seconded by Papalas to add a zero to the numeric number in the legislation.

Motion carried.

It was moved by McNaughton, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Ms. Marchese: Yes, is this \$10,000 coming out of this \$25,500 that we just passed?

Auditor Merlo: Yes.

Ms. Marchese: Okay.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 162-17.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: That. Mr. President.

President Marino: Oh I'm sorry.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: That will get us through the remainder of the year, correct?

Auditor Merlo: With currently known facts as of today.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: With currently known facts.

Auditor Merlo: Yes. I cannot foresee the future.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Well I hope it does. At this time of the year, there should be little operational expenses outside of burials in the cemetery.

President Marino: The only thing I could see Steven would be for whatever reason, the leaves are not falling off the trees anywhere so I don't know what they would have planned for that. I mean, I've gotten complaints over the years about not only the parks but the cemetery with the uncut, unkept nature of it so I don't know what Ed and the Mayor have planned for that but that might be something that they have to take into account. Just as an oh by the way.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 162-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 163-17)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO THE INCOME TAX WAGES ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: John, can you explain this for the record?

Auditor Merlo: Yeah. Back at the beginning of the year, the administration and council passed policies that were put in place for retirement if we were to rehire someone so that affected wages and benefits for certain employees. One was affected in the income tax. We did not know what was happening with the Regional Income Tax Agency at that time so we did not touch any of those appropriations. So there will be a reduction in health care costs but there is an additional expense in wages.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Savings should be in the health care.

Auditor Merlo: Correct.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Correct.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 163-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 163-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 164-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED MOTOR FUEL FUND TO THE GASOLINE ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to adopt this Draft No. 164-17.

President Marino: Is our fuel down this year, John? Usage? Or Ed or whoever? It's the same? Up?

Mr. Stredney: I don't know exactly Mr. President. I would have to think it's the same but I'm not sure the dollar amount.

Auditor Merlo: We were over 200 last year. We're under 200 this year, about 196.

President Marino: So about the same.

Auditor Merlo: About the same.

President Marino: Thanks.

Auditor Merlo: So, it's not that huge of a difference.

President Marino: That's fine. Thanks.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 164-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 165-17)

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED PARK FUND TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to amend the resolution to read \$2500.00 instead of \$25,000.00.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Steffey to adopt this Draft No. 165-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 165-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 166-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE POLICE & FIRE PENSION ACCOUNTS AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Pezzano, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 166-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 166-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. _____(Draft No. 167-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CASH TRANSFER FROM THE FEMA WAGES ACCOUNT TO THE FEMA UNIFORMS ACCOUNT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by McNaughton to adopt this Draft No. 167-17.

President Marino: Is for the safer? What is this used for? Fire department? Safer grant?

Auditor Merlo: Fire department. Safer grant.

President Marino: Are we in compliance with the safer grant on manpower?

Chief Danielson: We are. We'll be hiring a guy starting the 26th to bring us up to 6.

President Marino: The 26th of?

Chief Danielson: This month. He just finished testing. We just got the medical release yesterday.

President Marino: Okay. Alright. Then we'll be all good. Alright, thanks chief.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Chief, I saw something, I either read it in the paper or saw it on the news, about I think Warren was doing it. If one of their officers or firemen left within a year, they had to repay their.

Chief Danielson: We have that program in place.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: We have it in place.

Chief Danielson: The two guys that left are repaying the city for certain expenses.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay. That's why we're buying new uniforms and that right is because.

Chief Danielson: Well if it goes into the uniform for uniform allowance, that's by contract so. And because.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: But the ones that left are.

Chief Danielson: Right.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 167-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 168-17)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE POLICE & FIRE 1% FUND, POLICE HOSPITALIZATION ACCOUNT TO THE POLICE GASOLINE ACCOUNT AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Steffey, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Pezzano, seconded by Steffey to adopt this Draft No. 168-17.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 168-17 has been adopted on the 15th day of November 2017.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

President Marino: To our council elect Mr. Profato, and Mr. Kearney, I congratulate you and Mr. Cantola. Soon, you'll be sitting here and we know that you're going to do what's best and wise for our community and I do congratulate you on your election. And those of you who will be returning with your re-election efforts, congratulations to you all. I was never so relieved as when November's election day came and went. Right, Frank? Right Steve? So, congratulations to all of you.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Thank you. For those of you who were not present at the beginning tonight, we swore in two new police officers. Chief, how as far as strength, are we up to par with council.

Chief Holland: We're at 34 now with these two. 35 is our authorized strength so we're.

Mayor Scarnecchia: So.

Chief Holland: We're in the process of hiring another officer.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Okay very good. Council's to be commended to for doing that. Then also we have... we have Thanksgiving day coming up and we do have the day after Thanksgiving, the city building is closed. But if any resident has any problems, if you can't get a hold of somebody please call me or Ed at home.

(Laughter and comments)

President Marino: Tom, what's your phone number?

Mayor Scarnecchia: No, do you want my phone number? I don't care.

President Marino: Here let me get the camera on you. Wait, let me just turn it. No, I'm kidding Tom.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Anybody want my phone number? Its 330-617-3696. Thank you. Also, I wish a Happy Thanksgiving to everybody here and we've got to prepare for next year. Our auditor has been working very hard on the budget. Very hard. We're lucky to have him as our budget leader. And other than that, Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. Marchese: Happy Thanksgiving to you too, Mayor.

Mayor Scarnecchia: We'll see ya after right after that following week.

President Marino: See you tomorrow Tom, but anyways.

Mr. Kaniclides: I would like to thank council. I know it might be early but for working with us and trying to bring the police department up to its mandatory not mandatory but projected 36 men. I know it's sometimes tough to do when you're looking at the money and stuff like that but I want to thank you.

Chief Holland: I will echo that sentiment.

Mr. Crowley: I apologize if it was mentioned last council meeting, I wasn't here but we did receive the CHIP grant so a million dollars was awarded to our area. It would be Niles, Girard and Hubbard. Niles's share would be \$400,000. That will go to homeowners in the town that applied and that will be some home improvements in their neighborhoods. So, that's a grant we didn't see last year so we're happy with it.

President Marino: Who's administering the grant?

Mr. Crowley: Neighborhood Partner Services...Neighborhood Development Services in Ravenna.

President Marino: So they'll handle all of the applications and the approval process and make sure it's adhere to by rules.

Mr. Crowley: It's what they do full time.

President Marino: Okay.

Mr. Crowley: It's not a side business.

President Marino: Alright thanks.

Mr. Steffey: Jeff, can I ask that's that amount that we get... that's because we partnered with other communities going after that grant.

Mr. Crowley: Correct Barry. When you go out alone, state doesn't look at it that favorably but when you do a partnership between three communities, you get extra points for that in your application. And we've partnered with those organizations or those cities in the past. It was a breakdown between our former administrator of this and they didn't let anybody know they weren't applying so fortunately for Niles we took the bull by the horn and we did it on our own and those two other cities we able to hop on with us at the end.

Mr. Steffey: Great.

Mr. Crowley: But if we wouldn't have had that spirit, no one would have received that grant.

Mr. Papalas: Who's the former administrator?

Mr. Crowley: CT Consultants.

Mr. Papalas: Okay.

Mr. McNaughton: So \$400,000 ball park, how many homes and residents do you think that will impact?

Mr. Crowley: Approximately 40 depending upon what kind of home repairs are done. There's two different categories. There's a rehab and there's a full home repair.

Mr. McNaughton: Thank you. Well done.

Auditor Merlo: Happy Thanksgiving.

President Marino: You're not going to let everybody know about budget hearings tomorrow.

Auditor Merlo: There's budget hearings tomorrow.

President Marino: What time? The time and place.

Auditor Merlo: I believe council set them for 4:00 P.M. at the conference room.

President Marino: Okay thank you.

Auditor Merlo: At the city building.

President Marino: Very good.

Auditor Merlo: He's on me today for some reason. I have no idea.

President Marino: I think the public should know when the budget hearings are. We did them on Saturday and everybody knew. So I don't think we should be any less transparent this year. Not you but just saying. See Stephanie, I'm an equal opportunity basher. Tonight you get a pass. How you doing Steph? Any comments?

Ms. Ford: No not at this time.

Mr. Catanzarite: Just real quick. Kinda an update on the water towers on Ridge Rd. They are, the one's being painted. It's going to stay grey probably most of winter. Don't think that they are not working. They have a lot of inside work to do. They can't get paint when it gets this cold but they can heat and work on the inside which would be the rafters and all the other repair work that needs to be done in there. It will be painted probably early spring unless we have somehow get about 10 days of warm weather and they can go back and they can get it painted. They're moving along well. The plant is coming along well. We've made a lot of progress at the Waste Water project. The road ways are down so if any council members would like to come down, this is a better time now. It's not so much mud. Still a little bit of stink, Linda, so you probably don't want to come down but it's moving along and it's starting to take shape. Now it's time for the little bugs to work out but we're hopefully we'll put it on-line at least a portion of the plant should come on-line at the end of February. That's our target.

President Marino: Under budget and on time?

Mr. Catanzarite: We're counting on that very much so.

President Marino: Okay.

Mr. Catanzarite: We have a bit of a challenge from the EPA at this point on that. The lady was in and did our inspection and thought we would come in way over budget. And we promised her we weren't going to do that.

President Marino: So why would that be a problem with the EPA?

Mr. Catanzarite: They don't believe me.

President Marino: Oh.

Mr. McNaughton: They like to spend money.

President Marino: Well that's a good problem to have. Good job.

Mr. Catanzarite: We don't want that because we go to a totally different interest rate if that happens.

President Marino: Yeah I know.

Mr. Papalas: I read Kevin's update on Stepney Street, what are we going to do now?

Mr. Catanzarite: It's going to board of control tomorrow.

Mr. Stredney: I believe we'll get the third quote and I believe it's for board of control for tomorrow. We had some other legislation, I'm sorry Andy, we had some other legislation so we delayed board of control today for tomorrow so the catch basin project and that project should both go through board of control tomorrow.

Mr. Papalas: And that's going to solve the problem that's in the lady's backyard with the holes?

Mr. Stredney: Correct.

Mr. Papalas: And everything.

Mr. Stredney: Yeah.

Mr. Papalas: Okay.

Mr. Stredney: And that's addressing all that. I think there's two issues up there so that's.

Mr. Papalas: Okay so then after the board of control, what's the time frame for the equipment and so on to begin the project?

Mr. Stredney: That I'm not sure of. I can have Kevin email everybody tomorrow a detailed itinerary.

Mr. Papalas: Yeah. I'd like to update these people so we need that.

Mr. Stredney: That is not a problem. I can have him send that out to everybody and if you want, I can give Ms. Kagarise a call as well so.

Mr. Papalas: Okay. That's very good. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving. I have nothing else.

Mr. McNaughton: A few things. I would recommend to my colleagues if you have not been down to the waste water treatment site, go. I've been several times. The science and technology and the math behind it are remarkable. It is going to be... it is a remarkable facility and it's going to be something else. Kudos to what Andy's doing and the crew. It's remarkable. I want to commend Jeff and his team, it is my hope and expectation that next term we really start a deep dive in our neighborhoods. We're really starting to generate some good momentum. And now that our finances are starting to get to where they need, it's time we do that deep dive so kudos to the work you're doing as well as the other mechanisms we're doing to alleviate these issues. And finally, listen guys I appreciate your kind words for the authorized strength. I want to thank the residents for the levy last year. That really allowed us to keep things where we're at and continue to hire. So the buy in from the residents of this city was all in, it was fantastic and is my hope

that they see that the city and you folks especially have been tremendous stewards of that money. So thank you for the work you've done. And nothing more.

Mr. Steffey: A couple of things. I'd like to piggyback on Chief. I believe that our police department is challenged beyond what we can imagine every day. I found out today that there's a home in my ward where someone overdosed the last week of October, they overdosed twice on November 10th and once on November 11th. Same person dragging out our safety services. Straining our ability to service anybody else. So, I just I think it's really that's uncanny that one person could overdose 4 times. So this is where we go after for the nuisance complaint. This is a rental home. We're going to go after the landlord and let them know. Do they know that their tenant is bringing our safety forces off of the street for a repeated problem? And it's a situation where the person that is guilty of the crime is also the victim of the crime. But it is a crime. So just hats off to the police department. Earlier today I was in the Mayor's office and across the radio came that a police... I'm sorry an 18 wheeler was going down Hol... what is it Holford and Smith.

Mayor Scarnecchia: Holford and Smith.

Mr. Steffey: Took out some street signs. Went to the end of Maple, wiped out the cement stop sign, I'm sorry, street sign, another sign and kept going. A neighbor ended up following him and they ended the police did get him. He was from Minnesota. The Mayor was pretty fired up. He wanted him arrested and thrown in jail but he was cited, had insurance, was a proper driver but the reason I give you this story is this is an ongoing problem on the west side. We want to business friendly. We want to let these businesses know that we're open for business and we want to support them. I know our traffic officer, Crank, has gone to extremes by his point was let's not tell people where they can't drive. Let's put up signs that tell them where they can. And if you go, a lot on the west side there are new signs up colored. If you want this business turn left here, if you want that business turn right here. So, we've gone above and beyond but there's damage being done to these neighbor's properties, sidewalks, things of that nature. So I just wanted to let you know this is still an on-going problem and I know that we've reached out to the business owners. Officer Crank has gone there, met with them. The problem is a lot of these companies are hiring contractors to do their shipping and these are people that are never here more than once, ever. And then the next time that same delivery comes from a new driver and he's following GPS that maybe is wrong or offering him bad information. But, it is a problem. I went and took pictures. It really tore up these people's corner and sidewalk and you know it's just not right. So, we have to figure out a balance to support our business initiative but at the same time respect the neighborhoods in which they're operating. And that's all I have.

Ms. Marchese: Yes I would like to congratulate everybody on their wins and also wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and a happy shopping black Friday.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Ed, can you make a note for the light department there was a pole down, a fiberglass pole on Sunny Estates last week? It's still down. I don't know if it's on their radar or not.

Mr. Stredney: I'll make sure to update you guys and Bear, I'll make sure you find out. I'll call.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay.

Mr. Stredney: Tomorrow morning.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: And then speaking of the leaves we mentioned earlier is there a plan for our parks, Stevens and Waddell? I mean, there's leaves, branches, everything all over the place. Are we going to do anything as far as a clean-up before the snow falls?

Mr. Stredney: No I moved all of the employees out of the park in October so right now there's nobody left in there. And with the many of the oak trees still having a ton of leaves on there, they won't come down until... they've got a couple of weeks left.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Have we, are we still utilizing county help?

Mr. Stredney: For the summer help program?

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Not the summer youth but the work employment program people.

Mr. Stredney: That's the one... we've signed up, we've been signed up my whole tenure but we've never received any people from them. We've had a couple of meetings with them. I keep getting paperwork but these are the welfare workers. They don't show up so we've been on the list for ever since I started here.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Well I know we've had some in the last year or the last two years since I've been here. You know I'd like for us to continue to reach out to those people out there for this type of help. And I know it's a little bit sketchy as far as who shows up and who doesn't but it is free help.

Mr. Stredney: Sure.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: And then the last thing is the water loop project. I also read Kevin's e-mail, when are the bids going to be awarded?

Law Director Swauger: I believe that's for tomorrow at board of control. Is that the one?

Mr. Mientkiewicz: The water loop is also going to be awarded tomorrow?

Law Director Swauger: Is that the one?

Mr. Stredney: No I think the catch basin one is tomorrow. I believe there is some sort of review period on that.

Law Director Swauger: Oh I'm sorry. I have bids on my desk for that's the catch basin.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: The Carnegie loop.

Law Director Swauger: That went out to bid. I don't know that they've been that the deadline has come in yet on that one. I don't. That should be in the near future. I don't know the exact dates of that but we haven't open the bids on those and I don't know the bid deadline for that one yet.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay I thought.

Law Director Swauger: We have that out. We have the agreement with the property owners. We're working on that one.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: I thought the bids were due at the end of the week. I could be mistaken though.

Law Director Swauger: I thought it was the end of this week. We have two weeks of bidding.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: The end of this week. That's what I mean.

Law Director Swauger: Yeah so we would review them hopefully before next week's board of control.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Okay that's all. Happy Thanksgiving.

President Marino: The funding's all in place for that loop project right?

Law Director Swauger: Correct. It is.

President Marino: Is there another loop project that we're trying to get money for?

Mr. Lastic: There should be two.

Law Director Swauger: We have two loop projects.

Mr. Mientkiewicz: Three sections.

President Marino: Three. We got this one. Is there funding for the other two?

Mr. Stredney: Mr. President, there is three looping projects and we split them into two projects. So the first two loops are being done and through the law office, we're working on how to approach the third one. We had trouble getting signatures so I believe our law department is looking into other legal options for that third loop.

President Marino: Well I saw documents that there were errors on a grant application. What was that for?

Mr. Stredney: I'd have to get back to you. For this looping project.

President Marino: The funding is in place for this. I saw documents that there incomplete information and errors on an application submitted by the city for funding.

Mr. Stredney: As far as I know, and I will double check with Kevin tomorrow, but Swauger I don't know if you know anything different.

Law Director Swauger: No.

President Marino: Alright.

Mr. Stredney: This loop that we're going for.

President Marino: This is all good. Alright. Must be another one.

Mr. Stredney: We have the signatures and paperwork drawn up with the different people for the two that we're going for.

President Marino: Okay.

Mr. Stredney: I will find out if there was an application that was missed though.

President Marino: Well I can send it to you. I have it right here. People very readily share stuff with me for whatever reason. So, I'll get it and get it to you.

Mr. Stredney: Is it one for next year?

President Marino: You what Ed, I don't want to misspeak.

Mr. Stredney: Okay.

President Marino: So I will find out and get it to you. Anything else Steve?

Mr. Mientkiewicz: That's it.

Mr. Pezzano: Yes I want to thank a few people. Chief Holland, I went to you for a few items in the first ward last week. Thanks for you and your officers for a quick response. Jeff Crowley also, come to you many of times. And then also Mr. Stredney and Carol from the engineering department. I asked last council meeting to put that ad in the paper about the storm water and leaves and everything. It came out beautiful. Greatly appreciate that. Thank you.

Mr. Stredney: Thank you Frank. That was spot on and it looked great in the newspaper for sure. I know we've gotten plenty of phone calls on it so.

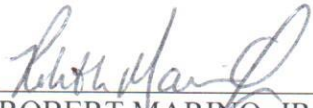
Mr. Pezzano: Thanks.

ADJOURN

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



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



ROBERT MARINO, JR., President of Council