# COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 5, 2022

# \*Audio recording of full meeting will be available on line on the city's website\*

Niles City Council held its regular meeting on January 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Niles McKinley High School in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Robert Marino Jr., and the Clerk, Nicole Bacak, called the roll:

Depasquale-P, Julian-P, Lastic-P, Devorich-P, Marchese-P, Smith-P, Sollitto-P, Marino-P

President Marino welcome both Mr. Depasquale and Mrs. Devorich to city council.

It was moved Marchese, seconded by Smith to accept the minutes from the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

It was moved Julian, seconded by Lastic to accept the minutes from the December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings and place them on file.

Motion carried.

# REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**FROM-** Niles Police Department Annual report for 2021 It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Devorich to accept and place it on file. Motion Carried.

# MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

(Public comments began at 2:05 into recording)

Jeanette Jackson: Mrs. Jackson asked if everyone would please hold their comments until she was done speaking. Mrs. Jackson had a letter prepared and read the letter in full to council in which she brings up concerns regarding the mayor. A copy of the letter was given to the clerk to be placed on file once it was read.

Next, Mrs. Jackson stated that she has received several letters sent to her harassing her. She is being told that her name is being given out to people that it is her fault that people are getting

citations. She does not feel that her name should be mentioned at all. She would also like to see the permits because they are public knowledge. Mrs. Jackson had a question about the traffic light on Robbins that was taken down. It was supposed to have been discussed in a safety meeting and it was not. She is stating that she was called a liar.

Mrs. Jackson wanted to know where the city was with the overnight parking and are people being ticketed for this because it is still happening on her street. There are new council members and new voices, and they should do right by the citizens.

Ms. Marchese said the issue with the traffic light is a dead issue and she never called Mrs. Jackson a liar. Mrs. Jackson said it was on social media. Mrs. Jackson and Ms. Marchese discussed conversations that took place about the light and different meetings where it was talked about. Ms. Marchese said they have the officer's report stating what needed to be done.

President Marino informed council that Mrs. Jackson's time was up, and they would need to grant her an additional three minutes if they wanted to continue this discussion.

It was moved by Depasquale, seconded by Devorich to grant Mrs. Jackson an additional three minutes.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Jackson said that it was put out there that she was incorrect. Ms. Marchese stated that Mrs. Jackson was not at the last safety meeting and Mrs. Jackson did confirm that she was not there, but she did watch it. Ms. Marchese explained that they had to go by what the traffic officer said and this councilwoman tired to solve the issue. Ms. Marchese said there a lot of people who do not live in that area that are involved now in the issue. Mrs. Jackson said that her point is it was put out there that she was incorrect when the minutes show otherwise.

Mr. Sollitto said everyone that lives in the city of Niles in involved in an issue. And anyone who sits on council is involved in any issue in Niles. To say that a citizen or council member who don't live there cannot be involved, is incorrect. Mr. Sollitto said no one should shortchange the citizens. Ms. Marchese said no one is doing that.

Lastly, Mrs. Jackson said the city building that is closed is paid by the residents. It is their city building. It needs to be opened. Mr. Sollitto said there will be a Public Grounds and Utilities meeting next week and that will be one of the topics.

Mayor Mientkiewicz stated the city building has been open since July of 2020. It is open via the west entrance. People are to come in and sign in and use the intercom system to reach the department they desire. The west entrance is always open for people to come in and reach their department.

Dee Seeben: Mrs. Seeben wanted to ask why the board of control paid for dirt to reline the baseball fields and the dirt has been sitting for two months. She wants to know when it will be spread.

Mrs. Seeben said she used to come to city council because she was told by a good friend (Ms. Burns) that if she ever had a problem, she could address it at city council. She has voiced many concerns and it goes to a dead end. She said coming January 2022, she was never coming to council again that means she was giving. She is not giving up and she is going to continue to ride every council member. She voted for them, and they need to look out for the citizens, and she will remember this during the next election.

Next, Mrs. Seeben wanted to know if Mr. Cantola's legal fees been paid. President Marino clarified that she was asking if the city has reimbursed Mr. Cantola and Mrs. Seeben said yes. President Marino said no they have not. The reimbursement of the fees is the will of council. Ms. Marchese said it has not been brought up to council. Mr. Sollitto agreed.

Mrs. Seeben said Mayor Scarnecchia has not been in office for at least 2-3 years. When he was in office, the building got remodeled. Now with Mayor Mientkiewicz, the building is being remodeled and she wants to know how much money is being spent. President Marino asked if Auditor Merlo could explain the whole bond issue and remodeling. He asked Mrs. Seeben to ask her other questions first. Mrs. Seeben said the city went with RITA and we pay them a lot of money. She wants to know why they do not get statements every quarter now. President Marino asked if she has spoken to the Treasurer's office, and she said she has called down there and gets no answer.

Mrs. Seeben also wants to know about the law passed for parking. She lives on a busy street and across the street from her is a funeral home. Her driveway fits two cars in it. She cannot park in the street because she will either get hit by another car or semi. If she owns her home and pays her property tax, why does the city of Niles dictate to her where she can park at? President Marino asked if she is asking if she could park in her front yard? She said yes. She wants to know why they can tell her where to park. They are not paying her taxes.

President Marino informed council that Mrs. Seeben time was up, and she asked for three more minutes.

It was moved by Depasquale, seconded by Marchese to grant Mrs. Seeben an additional three minutes.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Seeben brought up the appointed boards that the city has. She said there are 15 of them and she wants to know if there are meetings for them and are they open to the public and are they open to the public. Law Director Zuzolo said all of the meetings are open to the public. Mrs. Seeben wanted to know why they are not published in the paper. Law Director Zuzolo said he cannot speak to that. He is just stating if there is a meeting then they are open to the public and the press needs to be notified at least 24 hours in advance. She said she has never seen anything for any meetings. Mayor Mientkiewicz said the newspaper is notified per the Ohio Sunshine law. President Marino explained that the press might not publish it, but they are notified.

Mrs. Seeben wanted to know why the same people are on the committees. She wants to know why there aren't any citizens on there. Mr. Sollitto said he is not sure of the screening process,

and she would have to ask the mayor. President Marino said some of the positions are set by statue and others are appointments by the mayor and approved by council. Mrs. Seeben asked why there aren't citizens on the committees. Mayor Mientkiewicz said they are citizens from Niles on the boards. There is a variety of citizens on the boards. Mrs. Seeben does not feel this is right.

Mark Cane: Mr. Cane is here to follow up with the sewer pump issues on Brown Street. He would like an update on the pump stations. Mayor Mientkiewicz explained that the initial assessment has been completed and is currently with the engineering firm. The city is waiting for the final report from the engineering firm, and a cost estimate. Mr. Cane asked for a copy of it and Mayor Mientkiewicz said as soon as it is completed, it will be sent to council, and he could also send him a copy as well.

Mr. Depasquale asked if he was still getting sewage in the basement. Mr. Cane said not recently because there have not been any bad storms. Mr. Depasquale asked if the sewer vac truck has been out to try and clean those lines. Mayor Mientkiewicz said the lines have been jetted. Mr. Depasquale said it is a slow process but hopefully when they get the information from the firm, they can get started on a plan. Mayor Mientkiewicz explained the next part will be the RFP and the public bidding process. There is still some work to do but the ball is rolling on it. Mayor Mientkiewicz said when they spoke in August and said they will identify the issue, that is still the plan and himself and council are committed to doing this.

Lori Decker: Mrs. Decker said she was here on December 1<sup>st</sup> for a meeting and President Marino told Mayor Mientkiewicz and Law Director Zuzolo to schedule a meeting with Mr. Crowley, Police Chief Holland, and all the concerned citizens about the problem of Difford Drive. They still have not had a meeting. Mr. Sollitto thought there was already meeting. Mayor Mientkiewicz said he did meet with Mr. Sollitto, Police and Fire chiefs. Mrs. Decker said the concerned citizens were not there. Mayor Mientkiewicz said that Mrs. Jackson was there. Mrs. Decker stated that they were told they could not attend the meeting. Mayor Mientkiewicz said he was under the impression that Mrs. Jackson was the citizen. Mrs. Decker explained there are three neighbors that are afraid to go outside when certain people are home.

Mayor Mientkiewicz wanted to clarify that the meeting he had was not about that issue, and it was about the parking issue. Mrs. Decker said the issue has escalated. President Marino said he would like for Mr. Sollitto facilitate scheduling a meeting, and he would be happy to attend it also. Mayor Mientkiewicz asked if he could get Mrs. Decker's information because he doesn't have a way to get a hold of her. President Marino said Mr. Sollitto will coordinate getting everyone together within the next two weeks for this issue.

Mrs. Decker said this has escalated to where the law director and police have been to the house. President Marino said Mr. Sollitto will schedule this meeting and it will be addressed. President Marino asked if she wanted police and fire there and Mrs. Decker said yes, because the police have dropped the ball a couple of times. President Marino said he will ask for Police Chief Holland to be there and he knows he does a good job. Mr. Sollitto said part of the problem is the fire department recommended one thing, and police said another, so they are not sure who has

the jurisdiction. President Marino said that is the purpose of the meeting. He has faith in the Fire Chief and Police Chief, and he has worked with them for many years.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### NONE

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Sollitto to adjourn into executive session pursuant to ORC section 121.22- G4 for collective bargaining.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Council adjourned into executive session at 6:29 P.M.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Lastic to reconvene from executive session.

Council reconvened from executive session at 6:45 P.M.

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

(Legislation began at 28:56 into recording)

ORDINANCE NO. (Draft No. 166-21)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND CONFIRMING THE PARK PLACE VILLAS STREET DEDICATION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 723.03 AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Devorich to give a second reading to this Draft No. 166-21.

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 2 (Depasquale and Lastic)

This Draft No. 166-21 has received its 2nd reading on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

President Marino clarified that the two abstain votes are due to one council member living in the development and the other having a relationship with the developers.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_(Draft No. 01-22)

# AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AS REQUIRED BY THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND/OR NILES CODIFIED ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Sollitto asked why the legislation being declared an emergency and President Marino explained that as Law Director Zuzolo said yesterday is so that it can take effect upon on the signature of the mayor instead of waiting the 30 days.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Lastic, seconded by Smith to adopt this Draft No. 01-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 01-22 has been adopted on the 5th day of January 2022.

# ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_(Draft No. 02-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Depasquale to give a first reading to this Draft No. 02-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 02-22 has received its 1st reading on the 5th day of January 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_(Draft No. 03-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NILES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Smith to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Smith to adopt this Draft No. 03-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 03-22 has been adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. (Draft No. 04-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW POLICE CRUISERS THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Sollitto to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 04-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 04-22 has been adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. (Draft No. 05-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Depasquale to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Smith to adopt this Draft No. 05-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 05-22 has been adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

# **RESOLUTION NO.** (Draft No. 06-22)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEW COUNCIL RULES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Julian to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Sollitto to adopt this Draft No. 06-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 06-22 has been adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

President Marino informed the audience that the rules have been updated and will be posted on the city's website.

ORDINANCE NO. (Draft No. 07-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PARK BOARD TO PURCHASE THROUGH SOURCEWELL (STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE RESTROOM (GUNNISON SINGLE VAULT) FOR KENNEDY PARK AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Depasquale to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Depasquale, seconded by Devorich to adopt this Draft No. 07-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 07-22 has been adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

Mayor Mientkiewicz stated this is the first of the budgeted restrooms for the restroom upgrades for the parks. He is looking for sponsorship for the double vault restroom at Waddell, hopefully for next council meeting.

Auditor Merlo wanted to speak before the next piece of legislation. He explained to council that since a first reading was given to draft 02-22, the fire department will not be allowed to sell this item. Also, the police department will not be allowed to sell anything from the impound lot. He asked if council would reconsider passing 02-22.

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Julian to reconsider draft 02-22 for suspension.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Motion carried. Draft 02-22 is now up for reconsideration.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_(Draft No. 02-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Depasquale, seconded by Smith to adopt this Draft No. 02-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 02-22 has been adopted on the 5th day of January 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_(Draft No. 08-22)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF A FIRE TRUCK TO WIT: A 1990 PIERCE LANCE, VIN NUMBER 4P1CT01D5LA000510, TO BE SOLD BY INTERNET AUCTION ON GOV DEALS AS THE TRUCK IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Smith to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

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| Rules are suspended. |  |  |  |
|                      | It was moved by Depasquale, seconded by Devorich to adopt this Draft No. 08-22.  |  |  |
|                      | YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0  |  |  |
|                      | This Draft No. 08-22 has been adopted on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.  |  |  |
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|                      | ORDINANCE NO(Draft No. 09-22)  |  |  |
|                      | AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO CONTRACT FOR LIABILIT INSURANCE WITH USI AGENT FOR PEP INSURANCE AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY |  |  |
|                      | It was moved by Depasquale, seconded by Julian to suspend the rule requiring three readings.   |  |  |
|                      | YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0  |  |  |
|                      | Rules are suspended.   |  |  |
|                      | It was moved by Depasquale, seconded by Lastic to adopt this Draft No. 09-22.  |  |  |
|                      | YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0  |  |  |
|                      | This Draft No. 09-22 has been adopted on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.  |  |  |
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|                      | ORDINANCE NO(Draft No. 10-22)  |  |  |
|                      | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 124-21, KNOWN AS THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH ORDINANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY                   |  |  |
|                      | It was moved by Smith, seconded by Devorich to suspend the rule requiring three readings.  |  |  |

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Sollitto to adopt this Draft No. 10-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 10-22 has been adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

| ORDINANCE NO. ( | Draft No. 11-22) |
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AN ORDINANCE UPDATING COMPENSATION SOURCES ONLY FOR THE POSITIONS OF MAYOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, WARD COUNCIL MEMBERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE, THE LAW DIRECTOR, THE AUDITOR AND THE TREASURER FOR 2022; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Sollitto to adopt this Draft No. 11-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 11-22 has been adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_(Draft No. 12-22)

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING OF PARCEL 25-264500

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Sollitto to give a first reading to this Draft No. 12-22.

Mrs. Devorich wanted to confirm that this was the parcel for 1500 McKinley. President Marino said yes.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 12-22 has received its 1st reading on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_(Draft No. 13-22)

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING OF PARCEL 25-674400

It was moved by Marchese, seconded by Sollitto to give a first reading to this Draft No. 13-22.

Mayor Mientkiewicz asked that it be noted in the record that he did not have any discussion, deliberation, and has abstained from any and all conversations about this parcel.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 13-22 has received its 1st reading on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. (Draft No. 14-22)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NILES AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA) REGARDING A NEW LABOR CONTRACT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Devorich to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Smith to adopt this Draft No. 14-22.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 14-22 has been adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

## MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 49:16 into recording)

President Marino wanted to remind council that as the chairperson of a committee and you are sponsoring an ordinance, they will be looking to that person to make the motion on the ordinance. The clerk will make sure the members sponsoring the ordinance are listed and he will be looking at those individuals to make the motion. President Marino will do this because council asked for this in the meeting on Tuesday. He also reminded council to get their sponsorship into the law director in a timely fashion that was agreed to yesterday.

Lastly, President Marino reminded council when they are scheduling their committee meetings, to notify the clerk as soon as possible so the notices can be sent out. Council is responsible for taking their own meeting meetings at their committee meetings and they need to be provided to the clerk so they can be kept on file in a timely manner.

President Marino asked Auditor Merlo if he had the information for Mrs. Seeben. Auditor Merlo said he did. Auditor Merlo stated that back in 2017, there were issue with the administration building and the city hired a firm (under an emergency through city council) to address all city buildings. They provided the city a report of all city buildings and broke down what was an immediate concern. They also provided plans for 1-2 years, 5 years, and 10 years.

Immediately, the city went out for a bond for \$1.6 million in 2017 to start addressing the issues. This bond covered the safety service complex, city administration building, fire station 8, park building and cemetery. Over the years, the city is still using the bond to address issues.

The first go around of updates was mainly restoration and roof issues. Most of the money spent in 2017-2018 were spent on roofing repairs and interior repairs caused by water damage from the roof not being sealed. Mr. Depasquale was employed at the city when this happened. Auditor Merlo was out of town and received a call from Mr. Depasquale and President Marino explaining to him that there was water pouring into the building. This is when they went out to get the bond to do repairs in the city building. There were issues in the treasurer's office, the basement, etc. Mr. Depasquale pointed out that there was mold growing in the building also from this.

The areas that were fixed already, were not touched in the next phase of the remodeling, which is happening now. Things that are happening now are part of the bond and part of the forecast that needed to be done according to the firm. There is a lot of stuff that the city is doing on all of the buildings based on the recommendation they received back in 2017. Auditor Merlo said he doesn't have the specific dollar amounts for these things. Auditor Merlo and Mr. Depasquale believe the roof was somewhere near \$300,000.00 and the interior repairs were over \$100,000.00 and the repairs happening now are about \$500,000.00.

At this time, Auditor Merlo said there was a lot of discussions with city council on what do they do and where do they move forward with this building. Do they look at putting the money into the building or do they look at moving? No one who was serving on council at that time wanted to move the building from downtown. The city is just moving forward now with the direction of council. Mr. Depasquale also added that Phillips/Sekanick was and is the architect and did an assessment on the building and said the building was structural sound.

Mayor Mientkiewicz wanted the record to show that the comments that were made earlier about his ability to serve as mayor and his character are false and inaccurate and in the opinion of one individual. He has no intention on resigning and will continue to move Niles forward and he will continue to serve the constituents of Niles in an open and honest manner.

Next, Mayor Mientkiewicz recognized three city employees who will be retiring from the city this month. Nick Altobelli (Water/Sewer improvements inspector), Sam Mollica (Street Superintendent), and Bob Woodward (WWTP Maintenance) are all retiring, and Mayor Mientkiewicz wanted to thank them for their service and dedication to the city of Niles.

Law Director Zuzolo wished everyone a happy new year.

Auditor Merlo wished everyone a happy new year.

Chief Stevens wanted council to know that they should be putting the new truck in service tomorrow.

Mr. Depasquale thanked everyone for the support and is grateful for the opportunity to serve as a council member.

Mr. Julian wished everyone a happy new year.

Mrs. Devorich said she is happy to be here and full steam ahead.

Ms. Marchese wished everyone a happy new year.

Mr. Sollitto said everyone needs to try and be better than they have been and be transparent. Everyone needs to get out there see people in the different wards and see if they need anything.

## **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Devorich, seconded by Depasquale to adjourn the meeting.

Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council

Robert Marino, Jr, President of Council