

# City of Seven Hills

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COUNCIL MEETING HELD June 24, 2013

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This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Michael C. Barth at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present and accounted for were Mayor Dell'Aquila, Director of Law Pignatiello, Director of Finance Johnson, Councilman-at-Large Bentkowski, Councilman-at-Large Snitzky, Councilman-at-Large Trafis, Ward 1 Councilman Barth, Ward 2 Councilman Tripi, Ward 3 Councilwoman Lecznar, Ward 4 Councilman Draganic, Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece, and Engineer Papke. Absentee was Building Commissioner Moro.

## **READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 10, 2013, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to accept the Consent Agenda of June 24, 2013, as printed, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION**

There were no Resolutions of Commendation.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development**

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Chairman Trafis stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, June 17, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Trafis stated that the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, July 15, 2013.

### **Public Works**

Public Works Committee Chairman Bentkowski stated that the next regular meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for Monday evening, July 1, 2013. Chairman Bentkowski said, however, that he would not be in attendance at that meeting, so he would reschedule.

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## **Community Services**

Community Services Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, July 1, 2013. Mr. Snitzky stated that the minutes from the previous meeting (June 3, 2013) are on file with the Clerk of Council.

## **Police and Fire**

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Draganic stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, July 15, 2013. Chairman Draganic said that he was out of town and not in attendance at the previous meeting of the Police and Fire Committee (June 17, 2013). He said it was his understanding that Councilman Trafis led that meeting and has submitted minutes.

## **Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Tripi stated that the last regular meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Monday evening, June 17, 2013. Chairman Tripi said, however, that they did not have a quorum for that meeting as two members were missing. Mr. Tripi said some proposed legislation was ultimately approved in the Finance Committee. Mr. Tripi said that the Parks and Recreation Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, July 15, 2013.

## **Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics**

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Lecznar stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, July 1, 2013.

## **Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel**

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Chairman Barth stated that the Finance Committee last met on Monday evening, June 17, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Barth stated that the Finance Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, July 1, 2013.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

There were no appointments or confirmations.

## **COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS**

Council President Barth said he understood that the Mayor had some communications for Council this evening.

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**Mayor Dell'Aquila** stated:

"Thank you, Mr. President and Council, for adjusting your agenda this evening and accommodating my request. On March 20, 2013 the Elks Club conducted a recognition program at which they recognized and granted awards to a number of the outstanding citizens, residents, volunteers, firefighters, and police officers in the various communities that surround the local Elks Club. That list of communities includes Seven Hills. The awards were issued, and I understand the dinner went well. I was unable to attend due to a prior commitment, but I'm told that the formal proclamations were not available that night. So, therefore, although the recognition program went forward, the proclamations were not hand delivered to the recipients. Therefore, this evening, and I thank you for your indulgence in doing this, I have requested and I see in the audience, we have the Elks Club Program Chairperson, Lori Sotosanti, with the proclamations in hand, and we have the various recipients of those proclamations. So I would like to invite Ms. Sotosanti forward to hand out the proclamations and I will list them and call those parties forward to receive their proclamation."

*The following persons were individually called forward to receive their awards, each accepting a round of applause from the audience and everyone present.*

**Citizen of the Year.....George Chandick.**  
**Firefighter of the Year.....Captain Joseph Lecznar**  
**Police Officer of the Year.....K-9 Rocky (with Officer/Handler Dan Kappus)**  
**Outstanding Student of the Year.....Trevor Kessie**  
**Volunteer of the Year.....Rosemary Gulick**

*Mayor Dell'Aquila congratulated all the award recipients and thanked everyone for coming in. Mayor Dell'Aquila again thanked Council President Barth for adjusting the Council agenda.*

**Council President Barth** stated:

"I would like to thank the Elks Club for recognizing some of Seven Hills' finest residents and for the contributions they make, not only to our City but to all the surrounding cities. So thank you, you do a wonderful job. Rosemary is in my ward. Every place I go, whether it's Parma Community General Hospital or St. Columbkille or the Parma Board of Education, there is Rosemary volunteering her time. It takes a special kind of person that gives and expects nothing in return. Rosemary, I know you personally, and I know that you're special. You have dedicated your life to helping and serving others, and everybody up here thanks you for that. It is people like yourself, too, that makes a community strong, so thank you so much, Rosemary. Trevor, we need students like you in Seven Hills, because hopefully some day you will be sitting up here. I'm not sure that's what you want.....but continue your education and you'll be fine."

Councilman Draganic interrupted, "If you do well in school you won't have to!"

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**Council President Barth** continued:

“As far as Rocky, I don’t know dog language. George, one of the first persons I met when I came to Seven Hills was Mayor Chandick at the time. We used to bowl together, and I don’t know if I can still bowl anymore, because that was like 26 years ago. We started talking politics back then, and George is one of the reasons I’m sitting up here. He has kind of been like a mentor to me – I’m never afraid to pick up the phone and call him for advice. When they gave me this short biography, I looked at it and knew right away there was a lot more that you have done for this community. I thank you so very much for the contributions that you have made to me, and the impact you have had on my life, and the impact you have had on all the residents of Seven Hills. So thank you so much. It comes from my heart, trust me.”

**Mr. Bentkowski** stated:

“A couple of things. Is your arm golden in bowling too? Or just in basketball? Probably both – knowing you, probably both. But just really quick. George, again, thank you for all your years of service to the City. Rosemary, thank you so much for your years of service, especially with the School Board. Trever, congratulations – it’s quite an honor. It’s nice to see a young man doing so well. Joe Lecznar, thank you for your service on the Fire Department. Lori, so nice to see old friends – you and Donna and Sal, I think of you often. And then one final thing, Dan, in the back, I just want to point out that the reason we got Rocky was because of Dan’s efforts. Rocky has been a huge success for seven or eight years now, I think, or something like that – eight years. So thank you for that. I don’t know if word got back to you, but down the road when Rocky is ready to retire, I don’t know if it’s proper for you to get the next dog, or work with the new guy, or whatever, but that’s on the horizon. You did so well with the first program that I certainly hope the City continues to use the police dog and gets a new one. By all means if it is doable, I certainly believe you have earned the right to get that second dog as well, because you have been outstanding with Rocky. So thank you for everything.”

**Council President Barth** added:

“Before I recognize somebody else, I made an error. I didn’t recognize the Captain sitting back there – Joe! You’ve been a great friend, and I want to keep it that way.”

Mrs. Lecznar interrupted, “That’s okay – I don’t recognize him either.”

**Council President Barth** concluded:

“I just want to say, Joe, it does my heart good to know myself and my family’s safety is in your hands, and people like yourself. So thank you for all the service to Seven Hills for the many years you put in, for the hours that you worked, for your dedication. When I talk about volunteerism, I see Joe at St. Columbkille all the time volunteering, too. So, Joe, thank you for your contributions to our community. Thank you so much.”

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**Mr. Draganic** stated:

“I had the distinct honor of presenting the awards at the Elks Lodge that evening. I don’t want to rehash everything that Mike said, but it was amazing to me to read through the list they prepared for the evening. I read through all the accomplishments of all the honorees. It was astounding. It was one of those things like I said previously.....it gives you a lot of faith in your community to see how many good people there are and the things they do. George Chandick – I think he’s a fantastic guy, and not just him, but his entire family. Everybody I know that’s related to George is just topnotch. Rosemary Gulick – I’ve known her for quite some years, too. She’s the sweetest lady, always active, always doing something for our community. Trever is actually the only person on the list I hadn’t met before. But I was equally impressed with his resume at his young age. So, Trever, just keep up the good work. Our Police Dog, Rocky, and Sergeant Kappus back there do a very good job for the City I understand, too, and he didn’t arrest me or anything at the event, even though Rocky was kind of looking at me funny. Then, of course, Captain Lecznar over here. Joe doesn’t just impress me as a fireman, he impresses me as a father and a husband. I think I made those comments that night at the Elks Lodge. The thing that strikes me most about Joe is his relationship with Caryl. The many times you see Joe coming up here out of his way to pick up Caryl from a Council Meeting, and I see their posts on facebook, and the things they do together and the little time they share, and how they are as a couple – but that tells me a lot more about his character than the uniform he wears or the service he gives to the City. So that’s always been very impressive to me. Nonetheless, I was honored to be a part of that evening. It was the first time Seven Hills had been included in that ceremony if I’m not mistaken. It was a very nice event – thank you very much to the Elks Lodge for all they do as well.”

**Mayor Dell’Aquila** added:

“I would like to request that the three-page list of the resumes of the parties who received the awards be included in the minutes of tonight’s meeting.”

*(The Elks Club Recognition Program award winners listing from March 20, 2013 is appended to these minutes as a three-page exhibit.)*

**Mr. Trafis** stated:

“Very quickly, congratulations to all the award recipients. The work that you have done and will continue to do for the City of Seven Hills is just tremendous and very much appreciated by everybody up here. Trever, I look forward to seeing what you come up with in the future. Mayor Chandick, you know how I feel about you, you’re like a second father to me. You’ve been the bedrock in this community for a very long time. Congratulations, very well deserved, love you. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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**Mrs. Lecznar** stated:

"I, too, would like to reiterate what everyone else has said. Congratulations to you all. It's a very great feat for you guys to get this award. It doesn't come lightly. You have done a lot of service. Mayor Chandick, I have never known you to not say a nice word about anybody or always have an encouraging word. It's always great to talk to you. Rosemary, like Mike said, I always see you at church – here, there, and everywhere. I don't know how you do it. Trever, good luck, and aspire high. That's the best way to go, always up. Sergeant Kappus, we really appreciate all you and Rocky have done for the City. You have done a lot of good police work and you have gotten a lot of bad things off the streets for us, so we really appreciate that. Thank you very much. Lori, thank you very much for bringing Seven Hills into this. We really appreciate it. It was a great honor for us to be there, and I'm sure next year it will be even bigger for us, so thank you very much for including us."

Council President Barth said, "You forgot the Fire Captain – like I did!"

Mrs. Lecznar replied, "Joe will get appreciated later."

**Mr. Tripi** stated:

"Ditto on everything everybody said, so I won't go into all of that again. Rosemary, I think you were teaching back 26 years ago or something when we first moved into Seven Hills. You were the first teacher one of my two kids had, I can't remember which one, but it was a good experience and a good year. We've known you through school affairs ever since then, and I see you in church also. Joe, I think you won the biggest prize of all sitting to my right here. And keep up the good work."

**Mr. Snitzky** stated:

"I have to make it a full house and congratulate all of you. Everyone has already given you all the accolades, but volunteerism and being involved in your community is the keynote of democracy. Public servants – Joe and Sergeant Kappus – you can't put a price tag on these things. Without it, there is no community, there is no democracy. So thank you all for your involvement, for your service, and trying to do better for your community."

**Council President Barth** thanked Mayor Dell'Aquila for bringing everyone in. Mr. Barth said anyone who wished to stay for the remainder of the meeting was welcome to do so, but did not have to. He said Council would go through their normal business, so if anyone wished to leave they should feel free to at this time.

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**Rosemary Gulick** asked if she could make a few comments:

“I want to thank all of you for your service to the community. You do public service the way I am on the School Board, I know the price you pay. I just came from a School Board meeting, and I was watching the clock, and watching the clock, and wouldn't you know it, they had a lot of long-winded people. What I would like to do some day is bring my fellow School Board members here to watch you folks, because you have fun during your meetings. And I really appreciate that. You are all smiling at some point. Now I know it's not always that way. But I do want to thank you so much for the recognition. I am going to excuse myself because it has been a long day. Thank you.”

*There was a short break in the meeting at this time (8:19 p.m.) while members of the audience exited Council Chambers. Mayor Dell'Aquila requested to be excused and also left Council Chambers briefly.*

## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

*Mayor Dell'Aquila returned to Council Chambers at 8:21 p.m.*

**Ordinance No. 57-2013** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH COURTVIEW JUSTICE SOLUTIONS OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COURT GBS SOFTWARE AND THE RIGHT-TO-USE LICENSE AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$1,890.00) FOR SAID SERVICE.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Ordinance No. 57-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 57-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 57-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 57-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

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**Ordinance No. 59-2013** – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, A CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL, SECTION 3, QUALIFICATIONS.

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to table Ordinance No. 59-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Ordinance No. 59-2013 was tabled.**

**Ordinance No. 60-2013**—AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, A CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL, SECTION 4, SALARIES AND BONDS.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to read Ordinance No. 60-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 60-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to pass Ordinance No. 60-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 60-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 61-2013** – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE V, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, SECTION 9, RECREATION BOARD.

**MOTION** by Mr. Draganic, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to read Ordinance No. 61-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 61-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Draganic, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to pass Ordinance No. 61-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 61-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

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**Ordinance No. 64-2013** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT THROUGH THE JOINT MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2014.

**Ordinance No. 64-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.**

**Ordinance No. 65-2013** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT AND FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE INFANT SWIMMING RESOURCE OF NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SPECIALIZED CERTIFIED SWIM INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN AGED 6 MONTHS TO 6 YEARS OLD AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX.

**Ordinance No. 65-2013 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Ordinance No. 66-2013**—AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SEASONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH RONALD ROSE, FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMMISSIONER, ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION COMPLEX FLAG FOOTBALL SPRING AND FALL 2013 LEAGUE.

**Ordinance No. 66-2013 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Ordinance No. 67-2013**—AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH IMAGE BUILDERS MARKETING, INC., OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$925.00, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION COMPLEX IN THE 2013-2014 PARMA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOOKLET.

**Ordinance No. 67-2013 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

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**Resolution No. 8-2013** – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to read Resolution No. 8-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 8-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to adopt Resolution No. 8-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-2013 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 10-2013** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

**Resolution No. 10-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.**

## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Mrs. Lecznar** had no miscellaneous comments.

**Mr. Tripi** had no miscellaneous comments.

**Mr. Snitzky:**

I have one comment I'd like to make. I'd like to thank somebody for being so very supportive and special in my life. Today I've been married thirty years to my wife, Marta. I'd just like to note on the record that it was the best decision I've ever made in my life and I want to thank her for all of those thirty years.

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**Mr. Trafis:**

I have six variance requests from the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting of June 5, 2013, so please bear with me.

At the June 5, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, the Board made the following motion regarding a variance request heard:

“That the Board grant Michael Kulick (Broadburn LLC), as the owner of the property located at 7393 Broadview Road, a variance to Ordinance No. 976.07, Yard and Setback Regulations, to allow the construction of an office building with a side yard setback at the South property line of 10 feet.

Motion Carried”

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 5, 2013, in granting the variance request of Michael Kulick (Broadburn LLC), 7393 Broadview Road, concerning the construction of an office building with a side yard setback at the South property line of 10 feet.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

At the June 5, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, the Board made the following motion regarding a variance request heard:

“That the Board grant Austin Kemski, as the owner of the property located at 6491 Bonroi Drive, a variance to Ordinance No. 963.02(a)(1), Private Unattached Garages, to allow the construction of a second private garage on the same lot with the main building.

Motion Carried”

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 5, 2013, in granting the variance request of Austin Kemski, of 6491 Bonroi Drive, to allow construction of a second private garage on the same lot with the main building.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

At the June 5, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, the Board made the following motion regarding a variance request heard:

“That the Board grant Austin Kemski, as the owner of the property located at 6491 Bonroi Drive, a variance to Ordinance No. 963.02(a)(3), New or Existing Homes, to allow a second garage (unattached) on the same lot with the main building that has a garage attached to the main building.

Motion Carried”

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**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 5, 2013, in granting the variance request of Austin Kemski, of 6491 Bonroi Drive, to allow a second garage (unattached) on the same lot with the main building that has a garage attached to the main building.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

At the June 5, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, the Board made the following motion regarding a variance request heard:

“That the Board grant Austin Kemski, as the owner of the property located at 6491 Bonroi Drive, a 13-foot variance to Ordinance No. 963.02(b)(1), Accessory Buildings-Storage Sheds, to allow the construction of a second garage (accessory building) 23-feet from the side yard lot line.

Motion Carried”

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 5, 2013, in granting the variance request of Austin Kemski, of 6491 Bonroi Drive, to allow the construction of a second garage (accessory building) 23-feet from the side yard lot line.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

At the June 5, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, the Board made the following motion regarding a variance request heard:

“That the Board grant Mark Mraz, as the owner of the property located at 805 Ridgeview Drive, a 256-square-foot variance to Ordinance No. 963.02(a)(1), Private Unattached Garages, to allow a private garage on the same lot with the main building in excess of 800 square feet.

Motion Carried”

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 5, 2013, in granting the variance request of Mark Mraz, of 805 Ridgeview Drive, to allow a private garage on the same lot with the main building in excess of 800 square feet.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

At the June 5, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, the Board made the following motion regarding a variance request heard:

“That the Board grant Mark Mraz, as the owner of the property located at 805 Ridgeview Drive, a 3.6-foot variance to Ordinance No. 987.02, Exceptions, to allow an accessory building to be 18-feet, 6-inches in height (exceeding 15-feet in height).

Motion Carried”

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**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of June 5, 2013, in granting the variance request of Mark Mraz, of 805 Ridgeview Drive, to allow an accessory building to be 18-feet, 6-inches in height (exceeding 15-feet in height).  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

On another note, I do want to thank everybody once again for the legislation that created the ordinance allowing for St. Mark's to apply to put the honorary street name on McCreary in honor of His Holiness Pope Shenouda III. Yesterday was the dedication ceremony. It was just a wonderful event. The parishioners at St. Mark's are very grateful to the City and they've been a terrific partner for us and I look forward to seeing their involvement with us in the future again.

**Mr. Bentkowski:**

Two things. Tom, your wife must be wonderful if she is letting you be at a Council Meeting on your 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, and not killing you. So congratulations to you and her. She understands, and we appreciate her and you.

Secondly, the discussion about the second building on Broadview Road. That's more great news for the streetscape. The streetscape is a tremendous accomplishment for the City. It's over \$1 million of free money and free improvements, and now with that new building coming on, let's make sure we're doing whatever we have to do to make sure we realize whatever value that is going to add toward the payment schedule for the streetscape project.

Also good news, the lot next to Dairy Queen is for sale, so once that goes, it will be another thing contributing to the overall total.

Finally, I have asked multiple times over the last few months, and I don't know what the delay is, but maybe there is a plan, we've talked repeatedly about aggressively marketing the old City Hall property. I don't know whose court that's in, but it is certainly something we should be doing, trying to get some development there. I don't know what Council committee wants to take that over, but I know in the past we have had some appraisals done. Maybe it is time to engage a realtor. Whatever it is, I don't want to step on anyone's toes, but I certainly think with the streetscape finished now, that would be a good project for us to turn our attention to that would generate some more money – and the houses behind it may be in play as well. They have been at various times throughout the history. Anyway, just more money coming in to fund the streetscape. There's no doubt we'll make back the \$1 million over time, and basically it was \$1 million of free improvements for our residents, and it's generating new business and new interest. Congratulations, especially to Mark Papke, who played such an important role in that.

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**Mr. Draganic:**

I'll start off with my congratulations to Tom and his wonderful wife. Thirty years of putting up with Tom is no small feat.

I'd also like to speak a little bit about the dedication of a section of McCreary Road and renaming it honorary to Pope Shenouda III Street. I was very fortunate and honored to be a part of that ceremony and present the Council Resolution of Commendation to the church. But I didn't expect it to be as fantastic an event as it was. It was a wonderful service prior to the dedication ceremony. There was a very well staged, very well executed dedication ceremony that went very nice and was well attended. Other government officials were there. We had Congresswoman Marcia Fudge in attendance. State Representative Marlene Anielski was there. A representative from Sherrod Brown's office was there, and then, of course, Mayor Dell'Aquila, Councilman Trafis, and myself. The hospitality and generosity of that church to the City and to us on that day was unexpected and very, very nice. It was a very nice event. The story of Pope Shenouda, himself, is very impressive. All in all, it was just a topnotch event and I'm glad and honored to have been part of it.

**Council President Barth:**

I'd just like to say I was sorry that I missed the event yesterday because of a family commitment, but I want to thank Councilman Draganic for representing the Council. I think everyone up here knows that St. Mark's is a huge part of our community and we are very lucky to have them located here.

We have a legal invoice in front of us that would normally appear on the Consent Agenda, but because of a conflict two of my colleagues, Councilman Bentkowski and Councilman Trafis, will have to recuse themselves from the vote. We, therefore, have been advised to exclude the item for payment to the law firm from the Consent Agenda and that a floor motion be made and voted on.

*At this point in the meeting, Councilman Bentkowski and Councilman Trafis both requested to recuse themselves from the following vote.*

**MOTION** by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to authorize an expenditure, in the total amount of \$15,862.00, payable to Squire Sanders (US) LLP, of Cleveland, Ohio, for professional legal services rendered as special counsel to the City as a defendant, during the period from March 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013, in connection with the Bentkowski litigation matter, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CV13803270 (Invoice No. 8785456). Payment to be made from fund 101.731.58042.

Roll Call: all yea

(Bentkowski and Trafis recused)

**MOTION CARRIED**

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## **REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

**Director of Finance Johnson** had no formal report.

**Director of Law Pignatiello** had no formal report.

Law Director Pignatiello said he would, however, like to add his congratulations to Tom and his wife on their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece** had no formal report.

**City Engineer Papke:**

Tomorrow is our Stormwater Public Outreach and Involvement event. It is going to be here at City Hall and it will entail learning how to lower your water and sewer bill. It will begin here at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. As a part of that event we will be raffling off ten rain barrels as well as four \$25.00 Home Depot gift cards to residents in attendance. Please encourage the folks to attend. It will be a good workshop with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Secondly, I just want to congratulate St. Mark's on a job well done. I think what we envisioned for an honorary street sign, they really came to the plate and lived up to it. I think it honors a great individual, Pope Shenouda III, and I think the City is well served by having that honorary street named, especially as its first one.

Council President Barth thanked Engineer Papke for all his work on that project.

**Building Commissioner Moro** was not present.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR**

**Mayor Dell'Aquila:**

First I also want to express my congratulations to Councilman Snitzky on his 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Thank you for coming and being in attendance tonight. I know how difficult that choice must have been, and it shows your dedication and your service to the community.

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**Mayor Dell'Aquila** (continued):

I also want to extend our greetings yet again to Father Mikhail and Father Marcos of St. Mark's Coptic Church. I also had the opportunity to attend the honorary dedication of Pope Shenouda III Street yesterday in honor of His Holiness Pope Shenouda III. Council President Pro Tem Draganic was there, and did a wonderful job presenting the Resolution of Commendation. Councilman Matt Trafis also was there and had some very kind remarks. I think it was well received by everyone. I think it would be proper to also recognize a couple others in City government who were in attendance. First, Mark Papke, our City Engineer, and without whose contribution none of this would have been possible. He stepped up and made sure that we had all our "I's" dotted and "T's" crossed to make sure that we could prepare the honorary dedication of the street in an appropriate and legal fashion. Also to our Law Director, Richard Pignatiello, who crafted the legislation. I also want to give a shout out to Lieutenant Jeff Gezymalla, who I didn't know until yesterday, was selected by Pope Shenouda as his personal safety force here when he visited town. Apparently he visited Seven Hills and St. Mark's Coptic Church parish more than any other parish in the entire United States -- partly because we are such a wonderful community and partly because he also needed some medical care which he received at Cleveland Clinic, one of the best medical facilities in the world. When Pope Shenouda was consecrated in 1971, there were only three Coptic parishes in all of North America. By the time he passed away last year, that number had arisen to almost 250 parishes in North America -- quite an astounding accomplishment. Forty years of leadership as the patriarch of that church, a holy life of almost 90 years, a strong proponent of Christian ecumenism -- there just simply isn't enough to say about this wonderful man and this glorious life that he led. It was my honor, my privilege, to very humbly participate in the dedication of that street. So, again, greetings and salutations to Father Mikhail, Father Marcos, and all of St. Mark's Coptic Church.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**The June 24, 2013 Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.**

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Michael C. Barth, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEVEN HILLS 2013**

**MARCH 20, 2013**

**Citizen of the Year—George Chandick**

- Pillar in the community for many years
- Played an integral role in the development of Seven Hills from youth sports to politics
- Set up the Recreation Programs, the Seven Hills Rec Board, Home Days, and sat as Council President as well as Mayor
- Continues to bring fresh ideas to the current Administration
- In 2012, he started the Seven Hills Hall of Fame Committee in an effort to recognize talented residents in sports, business, and community
- Sat on the Mayors Recreation Center Advisory Committee as well as emceed the Mayoral/Council Inauguration
- Inducted in 1996 as an Honoree of the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame
- Respected member of the community, who will come to help at a moment's notice
- He was a teacher of elementary physical education for 38 years in the Cleveland Public School System
- His experience and foresight are two traits that make him valuable to any Administration

**Firefighter of the Year—Captain Joseph Lecznar**

- Resident of Seven Hills who is married and has two children
- Served the Seven Hills Fire Department for the past 25 years
- Diligent in his duties at the fire station and works to provide the best for the department and its residents
- Puts the people of Seven Hills first and assures that each resident gets the best customer service
- If the Fire Department is unable to resolve an issue for a resident, he tries to assist in finding someone who can resolve the issues
- Responsible for the Fire Department's Honor Guard—took a class on his own time to assure that the Department can present the most honorable guards as occasions present
- Led the Honor Guard in the Annual Memorial Day Parades, presents the colors at the Annual Memorial Day Services, conducts Honor Guard and Color Guard details for firefighter funerals, and assures that the American Flag is flown properly and respectfully in front of the Fire Station

### **Outstanding Student of the Year—Trevor Kessie**

- 10 years old, attends Green Valley Elementary School
- Outstanding student, Captain of the Safety Patrol, Cub Scout for three years, and plays violin in the school orchestra
- As Captain of the Safety Patrol, he has had to enforce safety rules with his friends and family—in explaining the reasons for the rules, the number of violations has decreased
- Chose to help the kindergarten students and first graders on the playground, rescuing them many times from the rock wall
- As a Webelo One Cub Scout, he and his den members organized an event to gather Toys for Tots.
- This year, he assisted with the adoption of 10 families and obtained donations and wrapped them for delivery for Christmas
- Receives straight As, takes the time to help others understand assignments by teaching and coaching

### **Volunteer of the Year—Rosemary Gulick**

- Well respected resident who is involved in many different Boards and programs which all benefit their residents and students
- Retired from the Parma City School District where she was a teacher and Director of Curriculum and Instruction K-12
- Currently Vice President of the Parma City School Board
- Chair of PCSB Communications and Teaching & Learning Committees
- Vice Chair of the Human Resources Committee
- Parma Teacher of the Year
- Ohio Teacher of the Year
- Active in PTA, CBS, and Parma Area Chamber of Commerce
- Statewide Student Achievement Liaison Team
- Ohio School Boards Association Northeast Region Outstanding Board Member Award
- Award of Achievement
- Lifetime Master Board Member Award
- Parma Community General Hospital Volunteer since 2001 where she has received Service Excellence Award for here invaluable contributions to the Education Department, has donated 2944 hours of service and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Auxiliary, is the Chair of Community Service, Representative for Lifeline Personal Response Team, Clerical Assistant to the Education Department, Former Vice President of the Auxiliary. She received her 10 year pin in 2011.
- Chaired Program Committee
- Contributor on the Art at the Center Committee
- Seven Hills Home Days Volunteer
- Member of several Seven Hills Recognized Organized Groups

## **Police Officer of the Year—K-9 Rocky**

- German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix
- Born in the Czech Republic on July 28, 2003
- Brought to the United States where he was selected by the Seven Hills Police Department to be trained as their first work dog in November 2004
- Trained to find drugs, track suspects or missing people, search buildings, and protect his partner, Officer Dan Kappus
- Loves to play ball and socialize with people
- Makes regular public relations appearances at community events and has assisted in Safety Town of Parma for the past 7 years
- Regularly assists surrounding communities in need of a police dog
- In 2012, assisted in 18 narcotics searches resulting in 5 arrests
- Assisted in 6 tracks for missing / runaway persons, 6 general officer back-ups, and dozens of community relations events