

# City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD July 8, 2013

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This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tem Pete Draganic 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 2 Councilman Tripi, Ward 3 Councilwoman Lecznar, Ward 4 Councilman Draganic, and Engineer Papke. Absentees were Ward 1 Councilman Barth, Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece, and Building Commissioner Moro.

## **MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to waive the twenty-four hour delivery requirement for "**Ordinance No. 74-2013** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) GRANT (#EMW-2012-FO-03470) ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – OPERATIONS AND SAFETY PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,270.00, AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$3,663.00) FOR THE CITY'S PORTION OF FEMA'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – OPERATIONS AND SAFETY, AWARDED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.", and to amend the Agenda by entering Ordinance No. 74-2013 onto the Agenda as Item No. 9-h-1, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 24, 2013, and to accept the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held July 1, 2013, as printed, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to accept the Consent Agenda of July 8, 2013, as printed, if there is no division of the question.

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**Mr. Bentkowski** stated:

“I’ll be voting ‘yes’. I have been informed that none of the billings regarding Pat DiChiro have anything to do with any of my matters. So, based on that affirmation, I will be voting ‘yes’.”

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 he was absent when the Public Works Committee was scheduled to meet in regular session on July 1, 2013. Chairman Bentkowski said he has, therefore, scheduled a Special Meeting of the Public Works Committee for Monday evening, July 15, 2013, due to the fact that Engineer Papke has a few items he wished to present to the Committee so that they could be forwarded to the Finance Committee before the August recess. Mr. Bentkowski said he would have a short, special meeting to address those things next Monday, July 15, 2013.

### **Community Services**

Community Services Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, July 1, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Snitzky stated that the Community Services Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, September 3, 2013.

### **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.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Tripi stated that the Committee will also hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, July 15, 2013.

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

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Lecznar stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, July 1, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mrs. Lecznar stated that the Rules Committee will hold its next regular meeting on the first Tuesday after the break (Tuesday evening, September 3, 2013).

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

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Barth was not present. Mr. Draganic stated that the Finance Committee will hold its next regular meeting when it normally does – prior to the Caucus Meeting on Monday evening, July 15, 2013.

## **APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

There were no appointments or confirmations.

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

There were no communications, petitions, or claims.

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

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**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. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Ordinance No. 59-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 59-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

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

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 59-2013 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.

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to read Ordinance No. 64-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 64-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to pass Ordinance No. 64-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 64-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**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 second 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 second 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 second reading.**

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**MOTION** by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to amend Ordinance No. 71-2013 by removing the emergency clause in the title and in the body of the Ordinance, and reverting the Ordinance to its first reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Amended Ordinance No. 71-2013** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH EXTEND TECHNOLOGIES, OF BROADVIEW HEIGHTS, OHIO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,089.00, TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, “ROOM B” AND “ROOM C” SOUND SYSTEM IN CITY HALL.

**Amended Ordinance No. 71-2013 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Ordinance No. 72-2013** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH AUBURN ENVIRONMENTAL OF HUDSON, OHIO, FOR POOL WATER AND ATMOSPHERIC ANALYSES FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX IN SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$3,885.00) FOR SAID SERVICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to read Ordinance No. 72-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 72-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to pass Ordinance No. 72-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 72-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 73-2013** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH R.E. WARNER & ASSOCIATES OF WESTLAKE, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING A NATATORIUM VENTILATION SYSTEM STUDY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE VENTILATION IN THE AREA OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX IN SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,700.00) FOR SAID SERVICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to read Ordinance No. 73-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 73-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to pass Ordinance No. 73-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 73-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 74-2013** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) GRANT (#EMW-2012-FO-03470) ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – OPERATIONS AND SAFETY PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,270.00, AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$3,663.00) FOR THE CITY’S PORTION OF FEMA’S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – OPERATIONS AND SAFETY, AWARDED TO THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to read Ordinance No. 74-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 74-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to pass Ordinance No. 74-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 74-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**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.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to read Resolution No. 10-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 10-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to adopt Resolution No. 10-2013.

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**Mr. Snitzky** stated:

“I’m going to vote for this because I definitely want to hold hands with our neighbors and the County on soil and water issues, but I just think it’s getting out of hand with the number of bureaucracies and the amount of money that people in this region are spending on the soil and water and sanitation issues. We have the Soil and Water District, the County Board of Health, the Sewer District, the Water Department, and we have our own local fees for storm and sanitary sewers, and I think it has gotten out of hand. I think it’s too much. There was a lot of money that was spent on underground boring to try to take care of these storm water issues, and that didn’t work out, and now they’re coming back for more money. I’m all for the environment, and I’m all for handling these issues, but I think \$0.5 million un-voted mandate on the people of Seven Hills to basically deal with this is just too much and it has gotten out of hand. I’d like to see a little more innovation from the County and the Sewer District than just coming at us for more money. I’ll vote for it because I want to hold hands with our neighbors and the County, but I just want to express my dismay at the constant coming back to the citizenry for more money on water related issues.”

**Mr. Bentkowski** stated:

“I’ll just add a quick thing to supplement what Tom said, just to clarify. The \$500,000.00 Tom is referring to is a fee that residents will have to pay to the Sewer District. What is most egregious about this fee is that it was essentially an un-voted tax. When they know they can’t get a levy passed, or they can’t get money elsewhere, they disguise it in the form of a fee. So, what’s troubling about that is that the \$500,000.00 amount is about 5% or 6% of our annual budget. So the notion that we, on one hand, could barely get a recycling and garbage levy passed, which is literally a quid pro quo incremental increase to cover the cost of that service, it’s shocking to people like Tom and I that they can come along and take \$500,000.00 in fees – quote ‘fees’ – from our residents, with many of them not even knowing, with many of them obviously not having a vote in it. I agree with Tom. But, at the same time, we don’t really have a choice.”

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-2013 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Mr. Trafis:**

I just wanted to mention that on June 29<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, it was the Baseball Federation's All Star Weekend. The weekend seemed to go off without a hitch. Our Service Department did a terrific job as did all the Board Members of the Federation. I want to thank Mayor Dell'Aquila for allowing me to participate in all the opening day ceremonies.

### **Mr. Bentkowski:**

I just want to acknowledge Lisa Draganic in the audience. Since Lisa – and this is meant to be complimentary toward Lisa and not a knock at anybody else – so I'm trying to think of a way to say this without offending anyone else – but since Lisa has left, I think we all would agree that we've seen some impact on things like our website, and our newsletters, and our City events. I think now that she's been gone a short time, everyone -- more than ever – appreciates the value she brought to us. She was a wonderful City employee, and it's nice to see her in the audience.

### **Mr. Snitzky:**

I just want to thank the Administration once again for keeping their eye on the ball and once again coming up with a substantial amount of grant money for the Fire Department – Ordinance No. 74-2013. The Finance Director, our Mayor, and a lot of other people involved in this grant process should all be commended. I always like doing business with other people's money. So thank you, once again. Good work.

### **Mrs. Lecznar:**

I just want to say that I, too, was at the All Star Games, and I had a very enjoyable time with seeing all the kids and everything. It really brought back a lot of memories when my kids were that small and were in All Star Games. So I, too, would like to thank the Mayor for inviting us.

I also want to say 'Happy Birthday' to our Council President Pro Tem, Pete, on his 54<sup>th</sup> Birthday. No – on his 44<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Mr. Draganic thanked Mrs. Lecznar for the good wishes.

### **Mr. Tripi:**

I will have to add Happy Birthday to Pete. I didn't know it was your birthday. I guess I don't check my calendar well enough.

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**Mr. Tripi** (continued)

I check my calendar well enough, though, to wish my wife a Happy 58<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We didn't expect her to be here for this one, so we're grateful that I'm able to be here and she's able to be here.

**Mr. Draganic:**

I'd like to start out with congratulations to Joe and to his wife on her birthday. I wish the best for your family through everything you're working on.

Speaking on the Baseball Federation All Star Games, this is probably the first year in many years that I can remember that I have not been able to attend. I had other previous engagements that precluded me from attending and presenting awards. So I'm glad that we had Councilman Trafis on hand to present awards, and Councilwoman Lecznar. Again, it was regretful for me that I couldn't attend. I always enjoy hamming it up on the microphone and seeing all our young players here in the City.

## **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.

**Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece** was not present.

**City Engineer Papke:**

Happy Birthday, Pete! They say those that celebrate the most birthdays tend to live longer. So it's a good thing to celebrate your birthday.

**Building Commissioner Moro** was not present.

**Mr. Draganic** added:

Not only is it my birthday today, but I get to be Acting Council President for the day, and screw up the whole meeting. It's been a lot of fun. When you only do it once a year, you get rusty.

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

### **Mayor Dell'Aquila:**

Just very briefly, I want to acknowledge everyone who did participate in the Little League All Star presentation. It's one of the highlights of what we do here in the City, and I always thoroughly enjoy participating in those. And I want to thank Councilman Barth, Councilperson Lecznar, and Councilman Trafis for assisting me in handing out those certificates. They can be a very long couple of days, and it was good to have a breather and allow some others to participate. It's just a great event. It just shows what our City is capable of when people just step up and just out of the goodness of their heart volunteer time to put together a wonderful program for our kids and our residents.

I also want to acknowledge Mrs. Draganic in the audience, and certainly will concur in the sentiment that, at least on the Administrative side, we certainly do miss her skills and abilities. On behalf of the City, as everyone knows, she did a number of things both on and off the clock, which we've had a difficult time finding a replacement for.

Happy Birthday, Pete. We age and we are happy to do so.

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

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**The July 8, 2013 Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

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Pete Draganic, President of Council Pro Tem

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

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