

City of Seven Hills

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COUNCIL MEETING HELD December 23, 2013

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 Barth, Councilwoman-at-Large Lecznar, Councilman-at-Large Trafis, Ward 1 Councilman Bryda, Ward 2 Councilman Fraundorf, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, Ward 4 Councilwoman Ernst, Director of Public Service and Properties and Acting City Engineer Lovece, and Building Commissioner Moro.

Council President Barth stated:

“Before we go any further, I'd like to welcome all the new members to our first business meeting. Welcome and Good Luck!”

READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to accept the
(1) Minutes of the Public Hearing held December 2, 2013;
(2) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held December 9, 2013; and
(3) Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held December 10, 2013
as printed, if there is no division of the question.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to accept the Consent Agenda of December 23, 2013, as printed, if there is no division of the question.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION

Resolution No. 24-2013 – A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO MICHAEL MAHONEY IN OBTAINING HIS EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Barth, to read Resolution No. 24-2013 in its entirety for its final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Resolution No. 24-2013 was read in its entirety by the Clerk of Council for its final reading.

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MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Barth, to adopt Resolution No. 24-2013 as an emergency measure.

Mr. Snitzky made the following comments:

“Congratulations, young man! My son is an Eagle Scout with a Bronze Palm. He was the only Eagle Scout with a Bronze Palm that Troop 263 at St. Francis ever had at that time. I don’t know if your dad got involved with it at all, but I got to be a kid all over again, playing with the Boy Scouts. I was sort of an unofficial assistant leader and it was one of the more rewarding things I ever did. I never made it to Eagle Scout – I almost drowned life saving. I got to Life Scout and almost drowned up at Lake Chautauqua and they wouldn’t let me go any further, so that was as far as I got. But, congratulations – and don’t ever let anybody diminish your accomplishment. A lot of people will because they’re jealous. That’s all it is – pure jealousy. Congratulations -- and good luck to you in the future.”

Mrs. Ernst made the following comments:

“I would just also like to offer my congratulations. That’s a very good thing that you have done.”

Mr. Trafis made the following comments:

“Michael, congratulations on your obtaining the Eagle Scout. I know it takes a lot of work to do what you did, and it’s a terrific thing for yourself and your family. We’re very proud of you here in Seven Hills. Congratulations and best of luck in your future.”

Mrs. Lecznar made the following comments:

“Congratulations, Michael. I heard there are seven other boys that also attained Eagle Scout, so you must have one really great leader. Behind every great leader there are some great Indians, or little men, and you are one of those great men. Take this to the fullest, and congratulations.”

Mr. Bryda made the following comments:

“I just want to congratulate you, Michael, and echo some of the other things people have said. Keep on going after things with the same vigor you have had for Eagle Scouts.”

Council President Barth made the following comments:

“Mike, I’d just like to say I know how tough it is to be an Eagle Scout. Believe it or not, they had the Boy Scouts when I was growing up, and I got as far as Star Scout before they disbanded Troop 29. How many merit badges do you need for Eagle Scout?”

Michael Mahoney, from his seat in the audience, replied, “Twenty-two now. As of January 1, 2014, the Cooking Merit Badge will be required for the Eagle Scout rank.”

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Mr. Snitzky commented, “Oh, they brought it back finally.”

Council President Barth continued with his comments:

“Really? I wanted to bring that up because you said your most memorable merit badge was hiking. Mine was the cooking! I remember we went on a camping trip, and I had to make bread for the whole troop without an oven. And I got it done, and everybody called it ‘*Mill-brick*’ instead of ‘*Millbrook*’. That’s what I remember about my camping. But I really enjoyed my camping days. My congratulations to you – that is really a great job.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2013 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Eagle Scout Michael Mahoney received a hearty and lengthy round of applause from the audience and from everyone present.

Council President Barth presented Eagle Scout Michael Mahoney with the Resolution of Commendation on behalf of Council and the Administration with his congratulations and best wishes.

Eagle Scout Michael Mahoney made the following comments:

“I’d like to thank everyone for acknowledging my achievement. I’d also like to thank Councilman Trafis. I’d like to thank all the people that helped me complete my project, including the Seven Hills Paramedics for their generous donation. They have always been supportive of my life in many ways. Rebuilding and restoring the Fallen Police and Fire Memorial was an honor for me to be able to do because I truly respect what our police and firefighters do for our community. I believe the community should have a place to respect and reflect upon the memories of our fallen heroes. Thank you all, again, for giving me this honor.”

Council President Barth added, “Thank you very much, Michael. Merry Christmas!”

Eagle Scout Michael Mahoney received another warm round of applause from all those in attendance.

Council President Barth stated that the rest of the meeting would not be as exciting, so if Michael and his family wished to pick up and leave, they were welcome to do so.

Mrs. Lecznar stated that Council and the Administration would not be offended if they left.

Council President Barth invited anyone else to the podium to make any further comments if they so wished.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Trafis stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, January 20, 2014.

Public Works

Public Works Committee Chairman Bryda stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, January 6, 2014.

Community Services

Community Services Committee Chairman Fraundorf stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, December 2, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Fraundorf stated that the Community Services Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, January 6, 2014.

Police and Fire

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, January 20, 2014. Mr. Snitzky said that the minutes from the previous meeting (December 16, 2013) are on file with the Clerk of Council.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairperson Lecznar stated that the Parks Committee last met on December 16, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Ernst stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, January 6, 2014. Mrs. Ernst said that the minutes from the previous meeting (December 2, 2013) are on file with the Clerk of Council.

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Barth stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, December 16, 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, January 6, 2014.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

There were no appointments or confirmations.

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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. 115-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 121.011, COMPENSATION OF COUNCILPERSONS, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 121, COUNCIL, OF TITLE THREE, LEGISLATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to table Ordinance No. 115-2013.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 115-2013 was tabled.

Ordinance No. 116-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH NICOLE BROBST FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ZUMBA AND AQUA ZUMBA GROUP FITNESS INSTRUCTION CLASSES AT THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to read Ordinance No. 116-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 116-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to pass Ordinance No. 116-2013.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 116-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 117-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ANTHONY TOTTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR 2013.

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MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Ernst, to read Ordinance No. 117-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 117-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Ernst, to pass Ordinance No. 117-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 117-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 118-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SEASONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH RONALD ROSE, MEN’S FLAG FOOTBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE COMMISSIONER, ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION COMPLEX FLAG FOOTBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUE, SPRING & FALL, 2014.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to read Ordinance No. 118-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 118-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to pass Ordinance No. 118-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 118-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 119-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APEX PEST CONTROL OF OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OHIO, TO PROVIDE PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR EACH OF THE CITY’S FACILITIES (CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE STATION, AND SERVICE GARAGE); AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$940.00.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to read Ordinance No. 119-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 119-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to pass Ordinance No. 119-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 120-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APEX PEST CONTROL OF OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OHIO, TO PROVIDE PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$480.00.

MOTION by Mr. Bryda, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to read Ordinance No. 120-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 120-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Bryda, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to pass Ordinance No. 120-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 120-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 121-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CONTINENTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC., OF INDEPENDENCE, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE FOR THE FIRE AND SPRINKLER ALARM SYSTEMS AT THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER FOR ONE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,345.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Ernst, to read Ordinance No. 121-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 121-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Fraundorf, seconded by Mrs. Ernst, to pass Ordinance No. 121-2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 121-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 122-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SYSTEM 4 OF INDEPENDENCE, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING COMMERCIAL CLEANING AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION AND FITNESS COMPLEX FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to read Ordinance No. 122-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

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Ordinance No. 122-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Fraundorf, to pass Ordinance No. 122-2013.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 122-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 123-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH REACH MEDIA NETWORK OF EDEN PRAIRIE, MAINE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A CUSTOMIZED MOBILE APP SOLUTION FOR THE SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER, AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,349.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to read Ordinance No. 123-2013 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 123-2013 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to pass Ordinance No. 123-2013.

Mr. Trafis made the following comments:

“This particular ordinance is creating an app for smart phones, such as iPhones and Droids and any other smart phones out there, for our Recreation Center. I think this is really exciting for the City and brings us into the next century for technology, and it also gives us the ability as a City to communicate with our residents when there is any type of an emergency situation or other important items that need to be put out to the residents. It’s a very cheap and effective way to communicate, and I think this is a really exciting thing for Seven Hills.”

Council President Barth added:

“And our compliments to the Mayor and Ms. Burger on that.”

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 126-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$4,388.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR SILVER PLAN MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT (2014) FOR THE TELRAD 400 PHONE SYSTEM USED BY THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY COMPLEX (CITY HALL), SAID AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH RAYTEC SYSTEMS OF STOW, OHIO.

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Ordinance No. 126-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 127-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$696.00 FOR THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (2014) FOR THE FIRE STATION NORTEL PHONE SYSTEM USED BY THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT, SAID AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH RAYTEC SYSTEMS OF STOW, OHIO.

Ordinance No. 127-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 128-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF WORKING WITH THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FOR EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION IN CARRYING OUT MANDATED RESPONSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM RULES; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) FOR SAID SERVICE.

Ordinance No. 128-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 129-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IN ORDER TO SHARE RESOURCES, EXERCISE VARIOUS POWERS, PERFORM FUNCTIONS OR RENDER SERVICES TO EACH OTHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Ordinance No. 129-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 129-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 129-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 129-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 130-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to read Ordinance No. 130-2013 by title only for its final reading,

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 130-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Bryda, to pass Ordinance No. 130-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 130-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 131-2013 -- AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to read Ordinance No. 131-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 131-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to pass Ordinance No. 131-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 131-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 132-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE PART-TIME PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR(S) AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING VARIOUS CLASSES AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014.

Ordinance No. 132-2013 was read by full title only for its first reading.

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Resolution No. 23-2013 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN CARRYING OUT FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE; REQUESTING THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03, 5705.19(F), AND 5705.191 OF THE REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Bryda, seconded by Mr. Barth, to read Resolution No. 23-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 23-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Bryda, seconded by Mr. Barth, to adopt Resolution No. 23-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2013 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Ernst had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Snitzky:

I just want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, and Good Will to all Men and Women!

Mr. Fraundorf:

I would just like to say that it's nice to see all the male Elected Officials wearing a tie, and a sport coat or jacket. It's been the first time in a long time since, I'm sure, that has happened.

Secondly, I'd just like to say "**Frohe Weihnachten und ein Gluckliches Neues Jahr**", and "**Wesolych Swiat, Bozego Narodzenia**"!

Mr. Fraundorf asked Mrs. Lecznar, "How do you say that, Caryl?" (referring to the phrase in Polish)

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Council President Barth asked Council Clerk Sekerak, “Do you know how to spell all that, Carol?”

Mrs. Sekerak replied, “I don’t even know how to attempt to write it!”

Mrs. Lecznar said, “And you’re going to spell it out for Carol!”

Bozego Narodzenia -- I knew I’d screw that one up. Bozego Narodzenia! One is German, and one is Polish – and it means “Merry Christmas” and “Happy New Year”!

Mr. Snitzky added, “And I do like your tie, by the way, too.”

Council President Barth commented, “I see our miscellaneous portion may be a little fun this year, Councilman!”

Mr. Bryda:

I would just like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

I’d also like to remind the audience there will be no meetings next week due to the fifth Monday in the month of December.

Mr. Trafis:

I’d like to move that Mr. Fraundorf types out those minutes for Council Clerk Sekerak.

Mrs. Sekerak said, “I’ll second that one!”

Mrs. Lecznar added, “You know she’s going to come to me for the spelling.”

Mr. Fraundorf stated, “Wesolych Swiat – I don’t know how you even spell that.”

All I want to say is – and this is actually a perfect example of my point tonight – it’s great to see a new Council up here working together and getting along, and having good discussions. Whether we agree or disagree, it’s been very civil. I’m glad to have Michele, Tim, and Jeff joining our Council. It sounds like it’s going to be a good year.

I also want to thank Council President Barth for putting me on the Committee that I requested. I appreciate that.

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Mrs. Lecznar:

I just want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

I also have a point of business. We have an invoice for professional services from Walter Haverfield LLP, Attorneys at Law, for the period of May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013, regarding the Lease Revenue Matters on the cell towers. This is actually above the fee that we had already given him of \$15,000.00. There was a lot of work that went into the negotiations regarding the towers, and this amount was well earned.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to authorize the payment of \$14,913.18, to Walter Haverfield LLP, Attorneys at Law, of Cleveland, Ohio, for professional services rendered regarding the Lease Revenue Matters on the Cell Towers covering the period of May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013, Invoice No. 243577, dated November 26, 2013.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Council President Barth:

I, too, would like to welcome all the new Council Members. I am getting an idea what the side of your faces look like – I’ve been looking at the front of them for the last two years, and you are all just as handsome and beautiful up here as you are down there. So, welcome everybody, and I’m looking forward to working with the new Council.

I want to copy and say “**Buon Natale**”. That’s Merry Christmas in Italian, and that’s easier to spell!

Mrs. Lecznar commented, “Now, Tim, look what you started!”

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Director of Finance Johnson had no formal report.

Director of Law Pignatiello:

I’d just like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

Building Commissioner Moro:

Merry Christmas to everyone!

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Director of Public Service and Properties and Acting City Engineer Lovece:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Dell'Aquila:

Just a couple of things.

I first want to thank Council for the interest it expressed over the last several meetings, as well as the new Council expressed this evening, in examining the various income tax proposals that are out there beginning, hopefully, at our next Caucus meeting. I just want to let everyone know that I've asked the Finance Department to examine the disparity of facts of all the various proposals that are being looked at, and the Administration looks forward to participating in those discussions as we move to the budgetary process.

I also want to thank Council for passing Ordinance No. 123-2013. This is the mobile apps proposal for the Recreation Center, emergency preparedness, and more effective ways to stay in touch with our residents, particularly in times of emergency. Our experience during Hurricane Sandy last year is what led to this proposal. We had a great degree of difficulty due to the lack of power in certain parts of the City for many days in maintaining contact with our residents to advise them of things like there was a warm place they could go to, they could have a shower, they could charge up their devices at the Recreation Center, to make sure particularly that some of our seniors and some of our older and disabled individuals were aware that there was a facility that they could come to and be taken care of. So it grew out of that.

And I think the comment was made that it does move us further along in the 21st century without a whole lot of expense. We see this also as the possibility of reducing, if not outright eliminating, some of the paper expense that we accrue in distributing the City newsletter.

It would also be remiss of me to neglect thanking our Recreation Director, Jen Burger, for her efforts on this. This is yet another example of one of our employees going above and beyond what her actual job description is to find creative ways to improve services to our residents and reduce expenses. This proposal would not be before Council without Director Burger's efforts.

I want to thank everyone for your work on behalf of the City.

And I also want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

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MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to adjourn the meeting.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

The December 23, 2013 Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Michael C. Barth, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____