

**CITY OF WILLOWICK
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

DATE: October 20, 2020
PLACE: Remote Meeting
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

This meeting was conducted as a virtual public meeting due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are authorized to hold the virtual meeting under the laws of the State of Ohio as well as the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Willowick. Council will continue to meet virtually through October and assess the situation prior to the November meetings.

The sixteenth meeting of Council was called to order by Council President Patton at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation.

Present: Council members Bisbee, Koudela, Vanni, Malta, Phares, Patton, Antosh.
Also Present: Mayor Regovich, Law Director Landgraf, Finance Director Benedict, Acting Fire Chief Palumbo, Police Chief Turner, Service Department Foreman Gross, Recreation Director Kless, City Engineer McLaughlin, Economic Development Manager Drake and Council Clerk Wovrosh. Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of October 6, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Phares to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of October 15, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

None.

Administrative Appeals

Administrative Appeal
Order No. 2020-32
White

An Order granting a variance and exception of 168 sq. ft. for an existing garage addition that was constructed without approval in the application of Section 1163.07 of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-32.

Discussion: Mr. Patton noted that BZA recommended that the variance be denied.

Vote: All nays. Motion denied.

Administrative Appeal
Order No. 2020-36
DiCello #1

An Order granting a variance and exception of 7' 8" to extend an inground swimming pool past the rear building line in the application of Section 1339.13(d) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Phares to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-36.
Discussion: Mr. DiCello explained that there is a 20' easement in his backyard which requires the pool to be moved forward. The shape of the property also requires the pool to be pushed forward from the rear of the house. None of his neighbors are opposed to his requests.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-37 DiCello #2	An Order granting a variance and exception of side yard fencing to extend fence into the side yard past the rear house lines, 38' on right side and 22' 3" on left side in the application of Section 1165.07(b) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-37.
Discussion: Mr. DiCello explained that this aligns the fence with his neighbor's fence on one side.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-38 Kovolew #1	An Order granting a variance and exception to allow an air conditioning unit to be installed in the side yard in the application of Section 1167.01(c)(i)(ii)(iii) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-38.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-39 Kovolew #2	An Order granting a variance and exception of 37 feet side lot line for an air conditioning unit in the application of Section 1167.01(c)(i)(ii)(iii) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-39.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-40 Santell	An Order granting a variance and exception of 304 sq. ft. to enlarge the square footage to existing garage from 440 sq. ft. to 880 sq. ft. in the application of section 1337.01(c)(5) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Phares, seconded by Mr. Vanni to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2020-40.
Discussion: More room is needed to park two cars and all the yard equipment such as the snow blower, lawn mower, etc. The detached garage will be added on toward the house. None of the neighbors have raised any objections.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Regovich reported:

- Leaf pickup is scheduled to begin Monday, November 30, going through the city one time beginning in Section 1 on the east side and working to the west. Updates will be on the website and the Community Announcements on the phone. We will not pick piles that have brush, large sticks, grass, etc.

- Two renewal levies are on the ballot, one for our roads and one for Police and Fire. Council members are requested to get the word out regarding the importance of these renewals.
- Trick or Treating will be taking place. State guidelines are provided on the website.
- Covid cases are up dramatically, but hospitalizations are not up in Lake County which is good news. It is the younger group that is getting it. Use common sense and do all the things we are supposed to do.
- The auction was this past Saturday. It was a great purge, and we were able to get rid of items that have been in storage for a long time. It comes at a good time, should we need to stockpile supplies due to the pandemic. We received our trucks from Enterprise on Friday just before we sold the old vehicles at the auction.
- He congratulated Hearts & Hammers which was chosen by the Lake County Development Council for the Community Impact Award. Hearts & Hammers helps us take care of each other in our community.

Council Discussion of the Mayor's Report

Mr. Malta thanked the Mayor for acknowledging Hearts & Hammers receipt of this prestigious award. They do so much, working quietly in the background to help our residents.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Acting Service Director Rich Regovich: Written report submitted. They are on the streets doing last minute repairs and finishing up the punch list of this year's road projects. They are getting the equipment ready for winter and preparing for leaf pickup. There is an emergency sewer repair on the agenda for Fairway which is an 87-inch storm sewer. It is a broken pipe that is eroding and needs immediate attention.

Recreation Director Julie Kless: No written report. The Collectible Flea Market was held Saturday with 28 vendors, and there was a good turnout. Thanks to Scott Ritchey for his work on this. The soccer league will be finishing their season. She thanked Soccer League President Jason Kramer and the board for the great job in following the guidelines and enforcing them. Due to Covid, the Halloween program is being changed to Halloween-To-Go. There is also a candy guessing game on the website, and the winners will receive their prizes at the Halloween program.

City Engineer Tim McLaughlin: No written report. Smoke testing will begin Thursday, October 22 on E. 327th, E. 328th and E. 329th between Parkland and Lakeshore and should only last a couple of days.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict: No written report.

Law Director Stephanie Landgraf: No written report.

Police Chief Brian Turner: No written report. Chief Turner was unable to provide a report due to technical difficulties.

Acting Fire Chief Mark Palumbo: No written report.

Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Sean Brennan: Absent. No written report.

Economic Development Manager Monica Drake: No written report. Ms. Drake visited almost every small business to deliver a letter notifying them of the small business grant program. The information was also sent to the Chamber of Commerce, the News-Herald, and the Lake County Development Council so that they can get the word out to local businesses.

Ward Matters

None.

Public Participation

None.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance: No report. Mr. Vanni scheduled a meeting of the committee on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Safety: No report.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands: Mr. Malta reported that the committee met prior to the Council meeting. Sue Napoli of TruGreen explained what goes into the fertilizer that is used on our public lands. Changeup rather than 24D will be going into the fertilizer that will be used.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers: Mr. Vanni noted that sewer rates and also the loan that the city can apply for were discussed at the October 6 committee meeting. He called a Finance Committee meeting (noted in Finance Committee report) to review the ordinance related to raising sewer rates. The recommendation to raise rates needs to come from the Finance Committee.

Tax Compliance: No report.

Moral Claims: No report.

Budget: No report.

Liaison Reports

Planning Commission: No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: No report.

Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund Board: Mr. Malta reported that the Board is required to hold a meeting before December 31. Mrs. Wovrosh explained that Council needs to elect its two representatives before the second Monday in December.

Recreation Board: No report.

Plan Review Board: No report.

Hearts & Hammers: Mr. Malta said that fall clean-up will be starting soon. Volunteers are needed; it is a great family affair. He will ask the North football team to be there. It is also a great opportunity for students to get service hours.

Fund Transfers and Bid Authorizations

None.

Contract Approvals

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Sanitary Sewer Billing and Collecting Agreement with the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Introduction & Consideration of Legislation

Ordinance No. 2020-44
(Finance Director)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-16 to provide for additional appropriations from the General Fund (101); Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund (202); Coronavirus Relief Grant Fund (226); and the Stormwater Management Fund (420) for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, during the calendar year ending December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-44.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-44.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-36
(Law Director)

A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to Broadway Excavating for the emergency repair of a 7' storm sewer at 581 Fairway, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three-day rule for Ordinance No. 2020-36.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Phares to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-36.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-36.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to authorize and approve the final plat/Mylar for Shoregate Shopping Center.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to declare the remaining items from the City auction as listed as no longer needed for public use, obsolete and unfit for use by the City, and having no value.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adjourn.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: 
CLERK OF COUNCIL