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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2023
6:38 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN LICASTRO
KEITH BENJAMIN
JOYCE BURKE-JONES
TRACY HOEFLING
GINA HUFFMAN
TOM McDONALD
ROBERT YONCHAK

DAVID J. MATTY, ESQ.
NANCY L. MOLNAR, RPR, CLR

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1 favor of the motion?

2 AYES: 6.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone opposed? Thank
4 you. We're going to forego the Mayor's court
5 report. I'm sad to say that my longtime friend
6 and neighbor Joe Wagner, Julie Kreiner's father,
7 passed away two months shy of his 98th birthday
8 last week. The funeral was today. In fact Jan
9 and I came right from the repass to here. Joe
10 was a great guy, a great neighbor, and he will be
11 missed. So we don't have a Mayor's court report
12 for you. I'll do two for next month.

13 General Assembly update: They dropped
14 the budget bill yesterday. There are, of course,
15 some concerns. So you heard me talk about House
16 Bill 1, which offered a radical change in
17 property tax and the manner in which property is
18 evaluated for tax purposes. That appears to have
19 been fallen to the wayside.

20 However, coming up with a flat income
21 tax rate looks like it will fly. It's in the
22 budget bill and we'll see how that is going
23 forward. There's been some recommendations on
24 municipal income tax and how that is apportioned.
25 It's very complicated and it's pretty much about

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: So I'm going to call
2 the meeting to order and ask you to rise and join
3 me in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4 (Pledge of Allegiance.)
5 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms. Cooks,
6 would you call the roll, please.
7 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
8 MR. BENJAMIN: Present.
9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
10 MS. BURKE-JONES: Present.
11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
12 MS. HOEFLING: Here.
13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
14 MS. HUFFMAN: Here.
15 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
16 MR. McDONALD: Here.
17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
18 MR. YONCHAK: Here.
19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Is there a
20 motion to approve the prior meeting minutes --
21 MR. McDONALD: So moved.
22 MAYOR LICASTRO: -- as offered.
23 MR. McDONALD: So moved?
24 MR. YONCHAK: Second.
25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? All in

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1 business profits. That, too, appears to have
2 minimal impact on local governments, especially
3 ones that don't have commerce, but we'll track
4 that as well.

5 Again, those are part of the budget
6 bill. We knew there would be those and there
7 might be more going forward, but the big thing is
8 the property tax, which is the most radical
9 change in property tax since the 1970s, is not in
10 the budget bill. That would have, if passed,
11 would have been a 10 percent reduction in every
12 taxing entity that relies on property tax, local
13 governments, schools, libraries, Metro Parks. It
14 was -- I testified in Columbus, they didn't even
15 understand the impact it would have had. It was
16 startling. It was disturbing.

17 I mean, Diana and I spend hours and
18 hours grinding this agenda to make sure
19 legislation is accurate. The General Assembly
20 comes up with legislation and they really have no
21 idea what the impact will be. So hopefully that
22 stays off the radar as a bad thing. We'll keep
23 you posted.

24 So at some point in time we need to move
25 forward to put the Bratenahl center up for sale.

1 Now to do that, that's the old high school, we
2 need to have an appraisal. There's certain
3 processes we have to go through.

4 Dave, do you want to just run through a
5 couple?

6 MR. MATTY: My suggestion to council
7 would be whether you decide to dedicate a council
8 Committee of the Whole meeting to this subject or
9 you wish to have a special council Committee of
10 the Whole meeting on the subject, I can fill you
11 in on the options that you have as far as the
12 sale of a piece of public real property.

13 There are some options. There are some
14 avenues that are open to you. And I need to have
15 that discussion before we actually start the
16 process, but in any case, the initial step would
17 be to hire a competent appraiser, and I will have
18 some suggestions for you. There are a number of
19 appraisers that aren't real estate agents,
20 they're appraisers, and they will take a look at
21 the size of the property, the location of the
22 property and will do a report with comparables so
23 that at least when you decide how to do this, you
24 will know what a minimum price should be for the
25 property. That would be the first step.

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1 Understand that you have -- and I will
2 check exactly the date, but you have about a year
3 and a quarter to a year and a half left on our
4 arrangement with the Cleveland Metropolitan
5 School District, so there is time here, but the
6 appraisers that are necessary -- or that need --
7 the quality of the appraiser that's needed here,
8 we need to get to an appraiser as soon as
9 possible, because that appraisal will take some
10 time. This is not an appraisal that will be
11 turned around in a week. And so, you know, that
12 process would start the process if you wish to
13 entertain the idea of selling the Bratenahl
14 center.

15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yeah, I'd really just
16 put this on to spur us forward with this, because
17 it's going to take time to do it. We have a
18 Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for next
19 Thursday, which is the 27th, to meet with Guide
20 Studio on the monument sign. I'm not sure we
21 want to add this to that agenda, but doing a
22 special Committee of the Whole to make certain we
23 do it right, we only have one chance to sell a
24 piece of property like this, is something we will
25 schedule in the near future. Thank you.

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1 We are ready to move the Eddy Road
2 project out for bid. I did speak to Ms.
3 Burke-Jones about this. Once we get the bids in,
4 we're going to ask your committee to review the
5 bids.

6 Mr. Bierut, do you want to summarize
7 where we are in the process?

8 MR. BIERUT: Yes. The preliminary
9 estimate is about \$220,000. It's part of the
10 50/50 program with the county. They split the
11 cost, plus we have the money from the county I
12 think put \$123,000. The county has the ARPA
13 money from the county. If we go forward with the
14 okay to put it out, we can advertise next
15 Thursday. The following Thursday open up the
16 following Friday with enough time for the
17 committee to meet and council to consider in May.

18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yeah, this is almost
19 completely funded through the revenue streams Mr.
20 Bierut mentioned. So I don't see a reason to
21 delay on this. Would someone please make a
22 motion to put this out for bid?

23 MS. BURKE-JONES: I so move.

24 MS. HOEFLING: Second.

25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any discussion? All in

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1 favor of the motion.

2 AYES: 6. NAYS: 0.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Don, we'll
4 look for your results.

5 Chief, the floor is yours.

6 CHIEF LOBELLO: Good evening, everyone.
7 I have a couple things, but first and foremost
8 important one is the fun part of my job.
9 Everybody, this is Office Matthew Woisnet. He's
10 one of our newer officers. The most common
11 answer I get when I'm interviewing people why do
12 you want to be a police officer is at times
13 cliché. It's "I want to help people." It was
14 one of the answers that Matt gave us when we
15 interviewed him.

16 But early on you could tell with Matt
17 it's not a cliché. Matt is caring, compassionate
18 and he truly is called to a life of service from
19 the high school that he attended to the college
20 that he attended, he's just -- he's that person.
21 He's one of the most genuine officers I've ever
22 worked with or hired. So it was a great hire on
23 our part.

24 That said, on March 19, 2023, Patrolman
25 Matthew Woisnet responded to assist with lifting

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1 a resident who had fallen, but was conscious and
2 alert. When Patrolman Woisnet arrived, he found
3 the male lying on the living room floor not
4 breathing and without a pulse. Patrolman Woisnet
5 immediately notified dispatch of the patient's
6 status so it could be relayed to the Cleveland
7 EMS unit responding.

8 Patrolman Woisnet then began
9 administering lifesaving CPR. He continued with
10 solo CPR until Cleveland EMS and Cleveland Fire
11 arrived on scene to relieve him. After a short
12 period of time, Cleveland EMS was able to detect
13 a heartbeat on the patient. The patient was
14 transported to a local hospital where he
15 continued to receive the care he required.
16 Patrolman Woisnet's swift actions undoubtedly
17 saved the patient's life. Thank you for a job
18 well done. (Applause.)

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Officer Woisnet, do you
20 want to introduce your family?

21 OFFICER WOISNET: Yes, for sure. I had
22 my mother on the far left, I have my dad in the
23 middle and my sister Erin. I am honored to
24 receive this. I want to thank my family for
25 being here. And I also want to thank them for
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1 accepting my love for this job. And also wanted
2 to thank Chief, Lieutenant, all the sergeants,
3 Sergeant O'Haire, Sergeant Szalay, and
4 Sergeant --

5 MAYOR LICASTRO: And the Mayor.

6 OFFICER WOISNET: Oh, of course, and the
7 Mayor. (Laughter.) Sergeant Flanagan, Sergeant
8 Szalay, Sergeant Flanagan and Sergeant Durand, I
9 want to thank them for the constant support,
10 because I wouldn't be here without them. Thank
11 you. (Applause.)

12 MAYOR LICASTRO: On a personal note,
13 this young man smiles all of the time. All the
14 time. It's refreshing. He's always got a smile
15 on his face. So thank you, Officer Woisnet.
16 Again, we're pleased, but not surprised.

17 OFFICER WOISNET: Thank you.

18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Chief.

19 CHIEF LOBELLO: A couple more things.
20 The status for Officer Dennis Meehan has not
21 changed. Everything is still ongoing in
22 Cleveland Muni Court, so status is unchanged.

23 Mr. Orel, the welfare check program that
24 you inquired about, we've been working for it and
25 working for it. I just got to response from CVD.

1 They don't currently have one, but they're able
2 to develop and implement one. We'll have to work
3 with their IT and their phone vendors, but
4 they're more than willing to do it for us. It
5 would be an additional cost of \$2,500 to the
6 Village annually.

7 And I spoke with Councilperson Huffman
8 regarding this. And I believe she plans on
9 calling a stand-alone Public Safety meeting
10 sometime in the near future and we can talk about
11 further at the meeting, but it is progressing.

12 MR. OREL: Thank you.

13 CHIEF LOBELLO: Yes, sir. Lieutenant
14 Soric, everybody.

15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Lieutenant, would you
16 come up here, please.

17 LIEUTENANT SORIC: I'm good here. Not
18 to be disrespectful. (Laughter.)

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: You can see the kind of
20 authority I have. (Laughter.)

21 LIEUTENANT SORIC: Bratenahl Police
22 Department activity report for March 28, '23, we
23 had eight alarm drops; six animal complaints; one
24 assault with a firearm; 37 disabled motor
25 vehicles; five calls of debris on the street; one
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1 destruction of property; 12 erratic drivers;
2 three fleeing and eludings; one resisting arrest;
3 three fire calls; one firework complaint; one
4 harassing communication; two identity theft; two
5 liquor law violations; one lockout, house
6 lockout; one vehicle lockout; two noise
7 complaints; six OVIs, operating the vehicle under
8 the influence; 14 traffic crashes; three shots
9 fired; eight assist EMS; five suspicion calls;
10 148 traffic stops; five welfare checks.

11 And while I have the floor if it's okay
12 to address the investigation?

13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yeah. So let me just
14 preface. So there was a beer tasting in November
15 of last year, a Recreation Commission function.
16 And four months, four months after it was staged,
17 a resident raised some concern about monies that
18 were apparently missing. It was the first time
19 that Ms. Cooks or I had heard that. I think our
20 reaction was what are you talking about?

21 So upon hearing that, I asked the
22 lieutenant and chief to do an investigation,
23 which he's about to summarize for you. It was
24 also reviewed by our prosecutor.

25 And, Lieutenant, the floor is yours.

1 LIEUTENANT SORIC: Just a brief summary.
 2 The Bratenahl Police Department did a thorough
 3 investigation with the parties involved. It was
 4 determined that no criminal activity occurred.
 5 In fact, it can't definitely be said that there
 6 was any money missing. And our findings and
 7 reports were forwarded to Prosecutor Hanculak,
 8 who also determined that there was no criminal
 9 activity. We consider the matter closed.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Okay. So were best
 11 practices followed? Probably not. There were
 12 multiple people involved with that, but there is
 13 nothing criminal. There is no hard evidence
 14 there's any money missing. So that allegation is
 15 unfounded. It cannot be proven. So it is our
 16 summation, based on the investigation done by the
 17 two highest ranking officers we have and our
 18 prosecutor, this matter is closed.

19 Now, I know Ms. Cooks has a comment or
 20 two on this as well, but I want to emphasize
 21 again this matter is closed. Ms. Cooks.

22 MS. COOKS: I'm going to remain -- I'll
 23 speak later.

24 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'm going to make a
 25 comment. It was very disturbing to see an email
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1 generated by Mr. Orel that came to his own
 2 conclusion that there were monies missing. And
 3 because of that, he accused this administration
 4 of malfeasance.

5 Now, Mr. Orel, you on numerous occasions
 6 have asked this body to fill in gaps in your
 7 knowledge, like what does the ORC mean, what does
 8 RFP mean, and we very generously fill those gaps
 9 for you. And yet without any facts, without any
 10 substantiation of this serious allegation, you
 11 chose to accuse the administration, Ms. Cooks,
 12 our Fiscal Officer and myself, of malfeasance.

13 I don't know if you know what that means
 14 sir. Perhaps you should look it up. But, there
 15 are few charges as serious as malfeasance for a
 16 public official. The reason for your accusation
 17 was based on a flawed premise that there was
 18 money missing. We've ascertained that could not
 19 be proven. So frankly, it appears to be just an
 20 attempt to assassinate the character of both this
 21 fine woman and myself as Mayor.

22 You also went on to say you know
 23 definitively that my political future, which is
 24 something you couldn't know, because I'm not sure
 25 I know myself. So, sir, if you want to ask

1 vocabulary questions, we'll be glad to help you.
 2 You want to make unfounded serious allegations
 3 that are really nothing but harmful and could
 4 assassinate someone's character, all I can say is
 5 shame on you.

6 MR. OREL: Now can I --

7 MAYOR LICASTRO: This is not a debate,
 8 sir.

9 MR. OREL: Do I get to respond to this?

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: You get three minutes
 11 at the end of the meeting, sir, that's when you
 12 can respond.

13 Mr. Matty, do you want to add anything?

14 MR. MATTY: Well, Mayor, the only thing
 15 I'll add at this time, and I will add more after
 16 Fiscal Officer Cooks speaks, is there should not
 17 be accusations made when information is not had
 18 by the individual making accusations. It does a
 19 lot of harm. It does a lot of harm in the audit
 20 process when minutes of council meetings and
 21 other documents are reviewed by the auditors.

22 I know in my heart that we have a Fiscal
 23 Officer who works way harder than she should.
 24 And she is -- she is detail oriented. And when
 25 you hear from Fiscal Officer Cooks tonight, you

1 will hear how detail oriented Fiscal Officer
 2 Cooks is, because she has not only been informed
 3 of a situation, unfortunately, four months after
 4 it happened, she has already taken and is taking
 5 steps and has asked me how to take certain steps
 6 to eliminate the cash situation in the Rec
 7 Commission, Rec Department operation.

8 So let's just leave it at that for now.
 9 But accusations can be very harmful beyond this
 10 community, especially when we are a public entity
 11 that is audited by the state auditor and those
 12 accusations find their way into situations where
 13 they should not be in the first place. And
 14 that's all I'm going to say at this time. And
 15 then I will respond more after we hear from
 16 Fiscal Officer Cooks later. Thank you.

17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you.

18 MS. COOKS: Thank you.

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: We have something to
 20 add to the agenda. We were just given a document
 21 from the Shade Tree Commission. Jeanne Lyons is
 22 here. Jeanne, where are you? Thank you. Mr.
 23 Masters is here as well. So let's deal with this
 24 before we get to new business.

25 And, Mr. Masters, why don't you briefly

1 tell us your intent here and the action you've
 2 taken.
 3 MR. MASTERS: Mr. Mayor, would you like
 4 me to hand out to the council some photographs?
 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: As long as you do it
 6 quickly, that's fair.
 7 MR. MASTERS: My address 11912 Lakeshore
 8 Boulevard. My property is immediately across the
 9 street from the front gate of Shoreby. I bought
 10 the house in 2016, moved in at the end of '17,
 11 renovated it in '20, and built an addition on it.
 12 Ever since we've been in the house, I have found
 13 an inordinate number of people that like to use
 14 my circular driveway as a turnaround. And it
 15 seems to be turning into a real safety issue for
 16 us at our home.
 17 The first picture everyone has is just
 18 the house as it was when I bought it. The second
 19 picture is the renovation of the house, the
 20 addition we built on it. The third image is the
 21 driveway and the house as it sits now. We have
 22 had some really surprising events happen with our
 23 circular driveway. I had someone at the house
 24 one day parked in the driveway and a car pulled
 25 in, started to go around and saw that there was a

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1 car parked in the middle of my circle and then
 2 drove out into my grass and around the parked
 3 car. And I happened to be sitting at my kitchen
 4 counter working on my laptop and I saw the car
 5 drive into Shoreby.
 6 I've been a member of Shoreby.
 7 Originally I joined in '95. I rejoined again in
 8 2007, I go there often, I like it there, but I
 9 found probably 50 percent of the people that use
 10 the circle turnaround because they don't know
 11 where Shoreby is. They pass my house, they say
 12 oops, I missed it, swing through my driveway and
 13 drove back into Shoreby.
 14 So on this one occasion I actually got
 15 off of my proverbial duff, threw on a pair of
 16 flip flops, jumped in my car and drove across the
 17 street, pulled up to the valet and said, "Who
 18 owns this car?"
 19 They said, "The gentleman walking up to
 20 the front door."
 21 I said, "Well, excuse me, sir, is this
 22 your red car?"
 23 He said, "Yes."
 24 I said, "Did you just drive through the
 25 yard of the driveway across the street to

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1 turnaround and go back into the club?"
 2 He said, "Yes."
 3 I said, "Well, that's my house. You
 4 just drove through my yard." I said, "It's not
 5 bad enough you drove through my driveway, my
 6 private driveway, but you drove around a parked
 7 car through my grass."
 8 And he said, "Oh, I'm very sorry. We're
 9 not from here. We're from out of town."
 10 Now, that's the best answer he could
 11 give me, but it happens with such regularity it's
 12 really a problem. I worry about our safety. We
 13 have a dog that we keep outside, we're putting in
 14 an invisible fence and I want my dog to run our
 15 yard not just out to where the driveway is.
 16 Our neighbors behind us have three young
 17 boys that are three and seven now. And they
 18 often come kick the ball in our front yard and I
 19 worry about that. So I have tried to determine
 20 what I could do to alleviate that problem. I
 21 don't want to put a big gate at our front drive.
 22 I think it's problematic for the Post Office,
 23 UPS, Uber drivers, whatever.
 24 The best thing I can come up with is in
 25 the packet, actually the loose page that's the

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1 last one, I'd like to put a hedgerow across the
 2 front of my yard.
 3 (Telephone interruption.)
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Excuse me one second.
 5 Would you please silence your cellphone.
 6 Bill, before we get to that, so the
 7 third page, you have two pictures and you've got
 8 the third page. Let me explain this. So the
 9 right-of-way, which is the community's right --
 10 the right-of-way is where sewers are located, it
 11 gives us access to the public utilities.
 12 In front of Mr. Masters' property is 42
 13 feet, which is very, very wide. It's not typical
 14 at all. And after further research by Mr.
 15 Bierut, we found out that this is actually a
 16 county road, so it's the county's right-of-way.
 17 We were concerned that that would be a stumbling
 18 block. Mr. Bierut contacted the county, sir, and
 19 found --
 20 MR. BIERUT: They have no -- while it is
 21 the right-of-way. They will not weigh in on what
 22 somebody can plant in the right-of-way.
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: So with that
 24 information, given the fact it's a county
 25 right-of-way, not a Village right-of-way, the

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1 county would allow Mr. Masters to put a living
2 hedge as a screen in front of his property. As
3 part of this process, if you look at our code, he
4 needed to do what he's done, and that's go to the
5 Shade Tree Commission who met last week, I think.

6 MS. LYONS: Monday.

7 MAYOR LICASTRO: And from that Ms. Lyons
8 generated the document you see saying that they
9 are recommending council accept this plan. So
10 we've done diligence on this with the county,
11 with Shade Tree, to try to get this gentleman
12 some relief from people that if they're from out
13 of town should probably go back to where they are
14 instead of disturbing your privacy.

15 Continue, sir.

16 MR. MASTERS: If you look at the fourth
17 page, it actually has the designations 44 feet
18 four inches off of the center of the road is
19 where the county utility right-of-way goes back
20 to. I have contemplated originally when I spoke
21 with the Mayor and Mary Ranney what to do. And
22 the suggestion was go back past that right-of-way
23 so you're on your property, but my fear if I go
24 back that far is it will be visible that I have a
25 circular driveway. And my best way that I can

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1 think of visually is just to put it out as far
2 forward as you can get so that people can't see.

3 And by a hedgerow I don't think we're
4 going to do Arborvitae like we have across the
5 street that are 10-foot tall. We'll probably do
6 a three, four, five-foot hedgerow that might grow
7 to six feet at most, but just enough to screen
8 the observation. As you approach, I put a couple
9 of different images in here of types of trees.
10 We might do a Boxwood Hedge. I looked at a
11 couple other things, but the last picture, the
12 loose leaf image, is what I'm looking to do. On
13 either end of our circle, we'll put a bundle of
14 shrubs, maybe four or six that create sort of a
15 block, almost like a pillar, and then a long
16 hedgerow that runs the distance from both sides
17 of the driveway.

18 And on the approach on the far right
19 side of the picture coming from Eddy Road, we'll
20 probably screen about 20 feet that way. So that
21 as you're approaching, you'll see the woods and
22 the ravine water property to the west. You get a
23 little bit closer near the exit drive of Shoreby,
24 you'll see this row of hedges with the larger --
25 perhaps it might even be a tall column of Cypress

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1 trees or something. And then the lines that go
2 through pretty much what I've drawn on here.

3 So I'm asking since Shade Tree had no
4 objection, I'm ask that the Village pass on that
5 as just as well and say that there's no objection
6 to allow me to do it without contesting the
7 issue. And then we'll move forward with the
8 county if we have to now. My understanding is
9 the county is not enforcing anything.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Even though council
11 might not have an objection, there are certain
12 caveats we need to protect our right-of-way and
13 the county's as well.

14 Mr. Matty, do you want to address those?

15 MR. MATTY: Yes, I will, Mayor. As
16 council knows, right-of-way is usually free of
17 obstructions and clear of any structures. And
18 the reason that is is because the right-of-way is
19 needed for pedestrians, bikers and/or visibility
20 of drivers from bikers and for pedestrians. In
21 this situation, it would be my recommendation, if
22 council is going to consider this, as far as
23 having landscaping in the right-of-way, even
24 though it's county right-of-way, we control the
25 right-of-way on Lake Shore. And our code under

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1 903.23 allows you to make this decision yeah or
2 nay.

3 If you are going to do this, I will
4 request of Mr. Masters that he prepare a
5 landscape easement. That landscape easement will
6 be from the Village as the controlling agent of
7 the -- or from him to the Village as the
8 controlling agent of Lake Shore. A couple of
9 things need to be in that document. The
10 landscaping itself, a plan needs to be attached.
11 If, in fact, any portion of that right-of-way is
12 needed by the Village or the county, Mr. Masters
13 will have to remove the landscaping that he has
14 there, so that that public purpose can go forward
15 at his own costs.

16 In that the right-of-way is usually to
17 protect the roadway and the line of sight in the
18 situations I explained, vehicles, bikers,
19 pedestrians, Mr. Masters will have to hold
20 harmless and indemnify the Village so we do not
21 have an issue of any damage claim coming towards
22 the Village for any injury or God forbid any more
23 serious situation.

24 And the landscaping easement will have
25 to run with the land so that if Mr. Masters

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1 decides to sell the property, the adjoining or
2 the next homeowner will have the same obligation
3 under the easement. I've had one conversation
4 with Mr. Masters and he understands that. And as
5 he is, he's still willing to go forward, but
6 those are the conditions that I would put into
7 this situation.

8 Yes, Keith.

9 MR. BENJAMIN: Just to clarify, so if
10 the county came back 10, 15 years from now and
11 says we want to put a sewer or something, sewer
12 line or something in there, it's just an easement
13 and the county does have the right to go back in
14 there?

15 MR. MASTERS: Correct. The one
16 additional caveat is that where I plan to put
17 these will be at least at this point 18 feet back
18 from the curb line, which would allow pretty much
19 any vehicle to pull forward and still not have
20 their nose pop into the roadway. I'm a
21 Plaintiff's trial lawyer. I sue people for
22 things like that, so I'm well aware of the
23 concerns. And I will certainly make sure that
24 what I do won't obstruct anyone's view coming in
25 or out of my driveway or the shared lane of

1 Olivo's or the property owner behind us as well.

2 MAYOR LICASTRO: It's coming to council.
3 It's such an unusual circumstance to have that
4 wide of a right-of-way. And people visiting him
5 from out of town that weren't invited. So if
6 council were to grant this request, it would be
7 contingent upon the legal document as drawn up as
8 mentioned by Mr. Matty and reviewed by Mr.
9 Masters.

10 MR. MATTY: No, the opposite. Mr.
11 Masters will draft and I will review, because
12 it's going to be at his cost and approved. If
13 council makes the motion this evening, the motion
14 should be to authorize the Law Director to draft
15 legislation for the May meeting that does meet
16 Mr. Masters' timeline for the planting. And
17 that's why I think the Shade Commission moved as
18 fast as it did. And I was notified today that
19 Mr. Masters was going to be here in my discussion
20 with him.

21 So if you want to do that, that's the
22 motion that you make and Mr. Masters and I will
23 work out the detail to our mutual agreement and
24 my approval before your next meeting.

25 MR. BENJAMIN: Then we can ask questions

1 at the next meeting regarding the agreement.

2 MR. MATTY: Yes.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: It will be a piece of
4 legislation.

5 MR. MATTY: Yep.

6 MAYOR LICASTRO: So is there a motion to
7 direct Mr. Matty to draft --

8 MR. YONCHAK: Can I have one more
9 question?

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Of course.

11 MR. YONCHAK: I think it's beautiful. I
12 just want to know besides obstructing view or
13 anything like that, we have a very litigious
14 world right now. Is there anybody else that -- I
15 don't know that that could possibly bring an
16 action against the Village for granting the right
17 to plant because it obstructs their right-of-way
18 or obstructs the right-of-way.

19 Is that a public right that anyone can
20 bring?

21 MR. MATTY: Bob, in today's world,
22 anybody can bring any type of action. In fact,
23 if there is any injury, I would fully expect that
24 the Village would be called into a lawsuit for
25 injury or more serious --

1 MR. YONCHAK: Not just injury, just for
2 permitting.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: He's asking can anybody
4 do this.

5 MR. MATTY: You have authority under the
6 code to permit this, so yes, anybody can do this,
7 but this is within your discretion to say yay or
8 nay. Yes, we can face a lawsuit. I face
9 lawsuits every day.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: No, I understand your
11 question. So if someone else came with a similar
12 proposal, council would have to see if it,
13 indeed, is as unique a circumstance as this.
14 What makes this unique is the depth of the
15 right-of-way. I think it's the only property --
16 so Lakeshore Boulevard at some time took a wider
17 turn there. The road was further south, if you
18 will.

19 MR. MATTY: Mr. Masters will draft this
20 with the exclamation point that this 41 foot of
21 right-of-way on his property. I cannot tell you
22 that somebody who has 10 feet of right-of-way who
23 thinks they have the same right to do this when
24 they're denied can file an action.

25 MR. YONCHAK: Not just that. I'm just

1 saying by doing this, which I see as harmless.
2 You know, are we going to tick off anyone because
3 we're granting this right-of-way and someone is
4 going to bring an action.

5 MR. MATTY: That's why you're here to
6 make the decision. If that happens and somebody
7 does file a piece of litigation against us,
8 because of this, Mr. Masters will have the
9 obligation to hold us harmless and indemnify us.

10 MR. YONCHAK: That would be great if you
11 can do that, because besides injury, of course,
12 I'm concerned about just anyone being ticked and
13 just bringing an action.

14 MR. MATTY: I understand. I understand.

15 MR. MASTERS: What's interesting about
16 my property boundary is I go all the way down.
17 My frontage is, I think, 400 feet or so. And the
18 area I want to cover is maybe 125 feet. So it
19 goes from the far left end of my property, the
20 eastern end, to about halfway, almost halfway
21 toward the west, but it goes another -- double
22 that distance further. I have the entire creek
23 and the ravine at Shaw brook, so there's nobody
24 that's going to be coming across there for any
25 reason. Otherwise, they'd be trespassing on our
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1 property, but to your question if this is setting
2 some sort of precedent essentially and someone
3 else gets upset because it was authorized for me
4 to do so, our reasoning isn't significantly to
5 beautify the property. I like having a big front
6 yard. I just don't like having these people go
7 there my yard. It happens with impunity.

8 One time a lady drove through and she
9 just looked at me. And I'm standing right at my
10 front steps and she just looked at me as she
11 drove by. I walked around to the front of the
12 car when she was stopped to pull out and there
13 was a lot of traffic, I said, "Ma'am, excuse me."

14 She said, "What?"

15 I said, "You just drove through my
16 yard."

17 She said, "So?" And said all kind of
18 curse words and then drove away. I mean, if it
19 weren't happening like five times a week, I
20 probably wouldn't do anything about it. I just
21 don't see any other way. I've talked with the
22 Mayor, should I put a little sign that says no
23 trespassing or private property. I think if
24 people are willing to drive by and look me
25 straight in the eye like this, a little sign down

1 there isn't going to stop anyone from doing
2 anything.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yeah. So Bob, I see
4 the devil being in the details. Let's see the
5 nature of the agreement and the hold harmless
6 aspect of it. So can we at least make a motion
7 to have -- I'm sorry, Keith, you had a question?

8 MR. BENJAMIN: No, I was going to make a
9 motion.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Go ahead.

11 MR. BENJAMIN: So I'll make a motion to
12 authorize the Law Director to prepare legislation
13 for the May meeting to consider the easement
14 agreement.

15 MR. McDONALD: Second.

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any further discussion?
17 All in favor of the motion?

18 AYES: 6.

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone opposed? Thank
20 you. Thank you, Bill.

21 MR. MASTERS: Thank you all. Appreciate
22 it.

23 MAYOR LICASTRO: All right. Mr.
24 Benjamin, first of all, any questions from the
25 audience on the agenda items? Ms. Meade.

1 MS. MEADE: Yes. Was there any action
2 from executive session?

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: No.

4 MS. MEADE: Then as a public records
5 request, I'd like all documents pertaining to the
6 alleged missing money investigation.

7 MAYOR LICASTRO: So noted. Anyone else?
8 Thank you.

9 Mr. Benjamin, Resolution 1295, please.

10 MR. BENJAMIN: Resolution authorizing
11 the Bratenahl Chief of Police to enter into a
12 government agency agreement with the Flock Group,
13 Inc. for access to the Flock service on cameras
14 to be installed and declaring an emergency. This
15 is Resolution 1295. I move for suspension.

16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
18 suspension, please.

19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

20 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

21 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

22 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

24 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

1 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 3 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 5 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 6 MR. BENJAMIN: We discussed this last
 7 month and again at the Finance Committee meeting
 8 earlier tonight. And if there aren't any
 9 questions, I move passage.
 10 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 11 MR. BENJAMIN: Oh, Ms. Huffman?
 12 MS. HUFFMAN: I have a question. I just
 13 wanted to ask the Chief to kind of go over a
 14 little bit, you know, the placement of these
 15 cameras and any details that would afford
 16 everyone here to understand why this is
 17 important.
 18 CHIEF LOBELLO: Absolutely. So as you
 19 know, the contract is for eight cameras.
 20 Unfortunately, when the State of Ohio went away
 21 from mandating front license plate, it doubled
 22 the amount of cameras you needed. We still have
 23 front plates on all the cars, you can get away
 24 from one camera per location, but as it stands
 25 now, four points of entry and exits to the

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1 Village, it's good to be doubled up on. There's
 2 going to be two in front of the DCMA facility,
 3 DFAS facility, one eastbound, one westbound on
 4 Lakeshore. There are going to be two on
 5 Bratenahl Road in front of Village Hall, one
 6 northbound, one southbound. There's going to be
 7 two on Eddy Road, one northbound, one southbound.
 8 And there are going to be two on the east end of
 9 the Village in front of Paul and Sarah Kesselem's
 10 house is going to be one of them for westbound
 11 traffic right at the Lakeshore Boulevard exit
 12 ramp. And there will be one on Lakeshore
 13 Boulevard near the Lakeshore Boulevard exit ramp
 14 for eastbound traffic as well.
 15 The unique geography at the east end of
 16 the Village create a little bit of a problem as
 17 far as the most optimal place to put in cameras.
 18 Only getting eight in a meeting with Flock who
 19 has professionals with recommendations, it was
 20 determined that those were the best locations for
 21 it.
 22 I am cognizant of the fact that this
 23 kind of puts Lake Shore Drive and its residents
 24 on an island. So at some point don't be
 25 surprised when you hear from me again asking for

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1 another couple cameras, if possible, to cover the
 2 entire extent of the east end of the Village. As
 3 it stands now, like I said, the only way a car
 4 comes into the Village is not going to be
 5 captured is if it comes in off 140th feet and
 6 goes down to Lakeshore Drive. Other than that,
 7 the entire Village is covered, but I do foresee a
 8 situation or a potential in the future for
 9 wanting to place one or two more further east
 10 than the current locations to make sure the
 11 entire Village is covered.
 12 MAYOR LICASTRO: So these will be solar
 13 powered. Only one necessitates a tree being
 14 trimmed. We've already discussed that with Ms.
 15 Lyons and her group.
 16 So does that answer your question?
 17 MS. HUFFMAN: Yes. I would also like to
 18 add that since there's going to be a May 11th
 19 meeting of the Finance Committee, that they would
 20 take what the Chief has said about two extra
 21 cameras and just to make note, because I've been
 22 asked where we're going to decide between a
 23 couple of dates in May to have a stand-alone
 24 Public Safety meeting, so that that can be part
 25 of the agenda, because I do also think that that

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1 is a very vulnerable part of our community and
 2 they shouldn't be left out on an island like the
 3 Chief has said. And so hopefully that's taken in
 4 consideration by the Finance Committee and all
 5 the council.
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Ms. Huffman.
 7 Anyone else? Roll call on passage, please.
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 9 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 11 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 13 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 15 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 17 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 19 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms.
 21 Burke-Jones, if you would, 1296.
 22 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. Introducing
 23 Resolution Number 1296 for suspension, a
 24 Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an
 25 audit engagement by means of a letter of

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1 arrangement with the auditor of state for the
2 audit of the Village's combined financial
3 statements and for the year ending December 31,
4 2022 and 2021, and declaring an emergency.

5 MS. HOEFLING: Second.
6 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
8 suspension, please.

9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
10 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
12 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
14 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
17 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
18 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
20 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Resolution
22 Number 1296 for passage.
23 MS. HOEFLING: Second.
24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any further discussion?
25 There being none, roll call on passage, please.

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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
2 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
3 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
4 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
6 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
8 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
9 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
10 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
12 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.

13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Before we proceed to
14 1297, I'd like a motion from council authorizing
15 Ms. Cooks to enter into an agreement with LGS to
16 rectify what we think is an error in the audit.
17 MR. BENJAMIN: So moved.
18 MR. McDONALD: Second.
19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion of that
20 motion? We talked about it at Finance. All in
21 favor of the motion?

22 AYES: 6.
23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone opposed?
24 Ms. Hoefling, if you would, 1297.
25 MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Resolution

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1 1297 for suspension. This is a Resolution
2 authorizing the Mayor to join the Rust Belt
3 Riders Neighborhood Food Scrap Drop Off Program
4 to serve as a drop off site post and installing
5 two locking 64-gallon containers behind the
6 Bratenahl Community Center and declaring an
7 emergency.

8 MR. McDONALD: Second.
9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
10 suspension, please.

11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
12 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
16 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
18 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
19 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
20 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
21 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
22 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
23 MS. HOEFLING: I'd like to introduce
24 Resolution 1297 for passage.
25 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: We spoke about this at
2 length last month. Any further comments or
3 questions? There being none, roll call on
4 passage, please.

5 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
6 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
8 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
10 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
12 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
13 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
14 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
15 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
16 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms.
18 Huffman, if you would, 1298.

19 MS. HUFFMAN: Introducing Resolution
20 Number 1298 for suspension, a Resolution
21 accepting the proposal of COSE Health and
22 Wellness Trust for the renewal of the Village's
23 employee healthcare insurance, including medical,
24 dental and vision coverage and declaring an
25 emergency.

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1 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 3 suspension, please.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 5 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 7 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 9 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 11 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 13 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 15 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Resolution Number 1298 for
 17 passage.
 18 MS. HOEFLING: Second.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any further discussion?
 20 There being none, roll call on passage, please.
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 22 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

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1 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 3 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 5 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 7 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. McDonald, if you
 9 would, 1299.
 10 MR. McDONALD: Introducing Resolution
 11 Number 1299 for suspension, a Resolution
 12 authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt
 13 contracts awarded in 2023, and declaring an
 14 emergency.
 15 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 17 suspension, please.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 19 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 23 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 25 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 2 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 4 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 5 MR. McDONALD: Introducing 1299 for
 6 passage.
 7 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: We're going to order
 9 250 tons.
 10 MR. BENJAMIN: That was going to be my
 11 question.
 12 MAYOR LICASTRO: That's the estimate Mr.
 13 Maund gave us. We do have a leftover from this
 14 mild winter, but there's no guarantee the mild
 15 winter will continue, so we're ordering 250 tons.
 16 That's not in this language. It's in the form I
 17 have to fill out. This supports the effort. So
 18 250 tons. Any other questions?
 19 Roll call on passage, please.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 21 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 25 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

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1 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 2 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 4 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 5 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 6 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Yonchak, if you
 8 would, 1300.
 9 MR. YONCHAK: Introducing Resolution
 10 1300 for suspension, a solution authorizing the
 11 sale of personal property no longer needed for
 12 municipal purposes by Internet auction in
 13 accordance with Section 721.15 of the Ohio
 14 Revised Code and declaring an emergency for
 15 suspension.
 16 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 18 suspension, please.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 20 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 22 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 24 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

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1 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 3 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 5 MR. YONCHAK: Aye. Introducing
 6 Resolution 1300 for passage.
 7 MS. HOEFLING: Second.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: We discussed this at
 9 Finance. Mr. Matty spoke to its benefit and
 10 we're anxious to move forward with this. Any
 11 further comments? There being none, roll call on
 12 passage, please.
 13 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 14 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 18 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 20 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 22 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 24 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Benjamin, if you

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1 would, 1301.
 2 MR. BENJAMIN: Resolution 1301,
 3 accepting the proposal of Hudson Insurance
 4 Company, and AIG/Lexington Insurance Company for
 5 insurance and risk management coverage and
 6 declaring an emergency. I move suspension.
 7 MR. YONCHAK: Second.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 9 suspension, please.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 11 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 13 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 15 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 17 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 19 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 21 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 22 MR. BENJAMIN: Resolution 1301 I move
 23 for passage.
 24 MR. YONCHAK: Second.
 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any further discussion?

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1 There being none, roll call on passage, please.
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 3 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 7 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 9 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 11 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 13 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms.
 15 Burke-Jones, if you would, 4181.
 16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes, introducing
 17 Ordinance Number 4181 for suspension, an
 18 Ordinance approving and ratifying an amendment to
 19 Section 1302.03 of the building code to increase
 20 and update the time and fee applicable for
 21 registration of contractors and declaring an
 22 emergency.
 23 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 25 suspension, please.

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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 2 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 4 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 6 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 8 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 10 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 12 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 13 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Ordinance
 14 Number 4181 for passage.
 15 MS. HOEFLING: Second.
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussed and
 17 recommended by Finance. Any further comments or
 18 questions? There being none, roll call on
 19 passage, please.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 21 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 25 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

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1 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 2 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 4 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 5 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 6 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Hoefling, if you
 8 would, 4182.
 9 MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Ordinance
 10 4182 for suspension, the following claims against
 11 the Village of Bratenahl are hereby directed from
 12 the funds and the Fiscal Officer is hereby
 13 authorized and directed to draw her warrants for
 14 payment to wit: In the amount of \$127,554.49,
 15 for suspension.
 16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 18 suspension, please.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 20 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 22 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 24 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
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1 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 3 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 5 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 6 MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Ordinance
 7 4182 for passage.
 8 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any further discussion?
 10 There being none, roll call on passage, please.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 12 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 16 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 18 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 20 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
 22 MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms. Cooks
 24 has asked for the floor.
 25 MS. COOKS: So I was -- I didn't speak
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1 earlier because I think the Mayor was asking me
 2 to speak as the Fiscal Officer and I know it
 3 might be difficulty to distinguish the two
 4 things, but I wanted to respond to Mr. Orel's
 5 email as an individual.
 6 I know you perhaps don't know me very
 7 well, only what you see publicly on the third
 8 Wednesday of the month. But anyone that knows me
 9 I don't believe has ever questioned my integrity.
 10 And I felt that your email did just that.
 11 Although you didn't name me personally, you said
 12 administration. And although there are some
 13 nuances to the operations at Village Hall, I
 14 think it is commonly thought of that the Mayor
 15 and I are administration. I did not take kindly
 16 to -- and I'm going to read what you wrote. And
 17 this is addressed to council. And it has seven
 18 attachments to it of the ORC, I believe, what Mr.
 19 Orel thought were relevant citings to cite. And
 20 it's dated April 14, 2023.
 21 And it says, "Council, council should
 22 carefully consider what its next steps will be
 23 regarding the Recreation Commission. Should
 24 council decide to eliminate the commission or
 25 otherwise punish its members, council may find it
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1 difficult to pass the operating levy this
 2 November. Council, by suspending the Recreation
 3 Commission without fair hearing from its members,
 4 could be seen as defamatory to the members of the
 5 Recreation Commission, especially now that we
 6 know it was the administration that mishandled
 7 the money. And there were other claims of
 8 misconduct and malfeasance.
 9 I look forward to reading the police
 10 report, particularly the timeline and who was
 11 interviewed. It was the Mayor who did not follow
 12 the statute for Ordinance Number 3863 passed
 13 31616 when hiring Mr. Brown by not consulting the
 14 Recreation Commission. This is a disturbing
 15 trend of the Mayor assuming powers not granted
 16 him. He did this when he made Juneteenth a paid
 17 holiday without first seeking council's approval.
 18 Also, it was Mr. Brown who walked out of
 19 the mediation, not Mr. Kozinski. It was Mr.
 20 Brown who walked out of at least three Recreation
 21 Commission meetings. It is no secret that the
 22 Mayor is not going to run for reelection. It is
 23 in the interest of the council and the Village to
 24 be a proper check on this administration if for
 25 no other reasons than as an example to the next
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1 administration. I have attached a number of Ohio
2 statutes that may come up in the next meeting."

3 If I were just a layperson reading this,
4 I almost wouldn't know what you were talking
5 about, except for the fact that the
6 administration had mishandled the money. And
7 I've been for over a decade privy to almost
8 everything that has happened at least
9 administratively in this Village.

10 And never once -- because I would be the
11 first person to say it, whether I was the Fiscal
12 Officer or not, that anyone in the
13 administration, the police department, the
14 Service Department, building, the court, had done
15 anything wrong, because that's who I am as a
16 person. Not only do I feel that way as an
17 individual, the ORC, which you quoted, gives me
18 not only the authority, but it also gives me the
19 obligation to report those types of things.

20 So the only thing that I want to
21 address, everything that's going on with Mr.
22 Brown and the Rec Commission and all that, my
23 department has nothing to do with that. It was
24 not until Ms. Meade brought to my attention that
25 there was even an issue with money possibly

1 missing, that was in February of 2023, four
2 months after this alleged incident happened. Not
3 one of the commission members told me, not the
4 liaison to the commission told me, the people who
5 accused the money of being stolen told me.
6 Nobody told me. Perhaps they told the Mayor, but
7 I am not privy to every email that he gets.

8 So I am asking, one, for an apology.
9 Two, that before you make these type of
10 accusations on a person who has almost a 40-year
11 career and is very close to retiring, this could
12 be devastating to me personally, to my family, to
13 have someone make in a public record situation
14 these types of allegations without any
15 foundation. And that's all I will say on the
16 matter.

17 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'd also like to add
18 that what council did is suspend recreation
19 meetings for the time being. Meetings. We
20 haven't dissolved the commission. We haven't
21 disciplined any member. Just give it a pause.
22 We'll reconvene at some point in time a Committee
23 of the Whole to discuss rec going forward.
24 That's all that was done is council put a hold on
25 recreation meetings, again, to be accurate and

1 factual. Mr. Matty.

2 MR. MATTY: Mayor, I'm glad you
3 indicated that for the record, because that's
4 what I informed you at least as far as my
5 understanding of what council did. There is a
6 great difference between, as an example, if Chief
7 LoBello suspends one of his officers. There's a
8 process that both he and I understand exist under
9 the law and we follow.

10 This council did not suspend any
11 commission member, you are correct. It suspended
12 their meeting for now based on information
13 supplied to us by Councilman Yonchak and
14 discussed by council. The Rec Commission is a
15 recommending body. Council controls the Rec
16 Commission. Council controls the ordinances that
17 the Rec Commission acts under. Council can do a
18 number of things from repurpose, restaff,
19 eliminate, and create its own committee for rec
20 if it wishes. Those are all options that council
21 has.

22 The thing that bothers me the most about
23 the situation is, as Fiscal Officer Cooks
24 indicates, when accusations are made and there
25 are not correct, they don't end here. They go

1 throughout the Village. They go into social
2 media. They go where we can't control. And
3 Fiscal Officer Cooks is correct. If she decides
4 to go somewhere and retires somewhere else or to
5 go somewhere after she retires, those kind of
6 accusations follow a person, because people check
7 social media nowadays. People check the records
8 of this Village nowadays pretty thoroughly.

9 And if you know her and you know the job
10 that she's done since she started here and from
11 where she started, Gina, you know that, and to
12 where she is now, that is just not right for her
13 to be accused by statutes that she knows are in
14 existence that she knows she has a duty to
15 enforce.

16 How she can do that when she doesn't
17 know of an issue until four months later is
18 beyond me. And that should have been what was
19 considered first rather than sending the email
20 that was sent. And also, since statutes are
21 quoted, I'm upset that even I wasn't copied as
22 Law Director. That's fine. It got to me through
23 our people. And that's okay if that's the way
24 I'm to be treated as a Law Director. I get it
25 all the time. But when it's inaccurate, I feel

1 the obligation to speak as I did this evening.
 2 And I want that on the record.
 3 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'll also add the first
 4 time I was aware of these alleged missing monies,
 5 which are proven to be a false allegation, was
 6 the same moment we heard it here at council in
 7 February.

8 Anyone else on council? Yes, Ms.
 9 Huffman.

10 MS. HUFFMAN: I said it before and I'll
 11 say it again that we need to be impeccable with
 12 our words. If you've not read Miguel Ruiz's
 13 book, then I would note that it would do you good
 14 if you did. It is very easy to be upset because
 15 something hasn't panned out in the way that you
 16 feel that it should, to be very subjective about
 17 how you shade it, but there are people on the
 18 other end of those things.

19 I've been one of those persons on the
 20 other end of those accusations and those nuances
 21 and it is disheartening, especially when you are
 22 a person who has dedicated your life to something
 23 that is important and you work in your purpose.
 24 And for it to be torn down by gossip and rumor
 25 and the fact that that causes or creates a
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1 culture of chaos can destroy someone.
 2 So for everything I said here, people
 3 can have their own opinion. You can say what you
 4 want to, you can feel how you want to, but be
 5 very careful about how you relay it to everyone
 6 that you're talking to, because you can really,
 7 really destroy someone's life and their
 8 reputation and it is not fair.

9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Public officials cannot
 10 sue for slander or liable.

11 MS. COOKS: But I can.

12 MAYOR LICASTRO: But this is egregious
 13 beyond belief. It is irresponsible, it's
 14 inaccurate and it will not stand. You expect
 15 these volunteers to come forward and do all the
 16 work they do for the Village, where my office as
 17 Mayor, which might as well be a volunteer, or Ms.
 18 Cooks do what she does every day, Mr. Matty does
 19 what he does and have these accusations made with
 20 impunity and expect it to stand. This will not
 21 stand.

22 MR. MATTY: Mayor, I know this is on
 23 record, so I don't want Fiscal Officer Cooks to
 24 be affected by anything that might be slightly
 25 inaccurate. And I want to make sure that the

1 record shows public officials can sue for libel,
 2 for slander, for defamation. Their standard of
 3 proof is much more compelling than a regular
 4 on-the-street person. And that is that public
 5 official has to show actual malice.

6 One of the basis for actual malice is
 7 that the statements that were made are false.
 8 And in this situation, the statements that were
 9 made are false. So that is for the record just
 10 in case an issue is faced by Fiscal Officer
 11 Cooks.

12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Mr. Matty.
 13 Anyone in the audience. Mr. Orel.

14 MR. OREL: Yes.

15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Three minutes.

16 MR. OREL: First of all, thank you for
 17 reading the letter. I appreciate that. I did
 18 not specify any one individual of malfeasance or
 19 of doing wrongful or illegal acts, which is the
 20 definition of malfeasance. It was not me who
 21 claimed money was missing. It was my cancelled
 22 check that proved that money was not missing.
 23 Why was the rec suspended? What is the current
 24 state of the commission?

25 MAYOR LICASTRO: The rec commission --
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1 MR. OREL: I'm not done. Can I finish?

2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Meetings were
 3 suspended. Are you not listening? Meetings were
 4 suspended, not the commission. Continue, please.

5 MR. OREL: This -- it was Mr. Brown who
 6 walked out of the minutes, who walked out of the
 7 Rec Commission. I'm a little flustered right
 8 now, so forgive my inarticulations. I never
 9 accused Ms. Cooks specifically. You're laughing.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'm laughing because
 11 you might have not intended. Did you read what
 12 you wrote?

13 MR. OREL: I did read what I wrote.

14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Read it again.
 15 Continue, please.

16 MR. OREL: You keep interrupting me. I
 17 was unable to say anything during this entire
 18 meeting and you continually interrupt me.

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Continue, please.

20 MR. OREL: I did not accuse Ms. Cooks of
 21 anything, of any wrongdoing or illegal acts.
 22 That wasn't what I did. It was Mr. Brown who
 23 handled the money. It was Mr. Brown who walked
 24 out of mitigation with Mr. Kozinski. That was my
 25 end of the administration.

1 It is also my understanding that there
2 was a party here where alcohol was served and
3 police presence wasn't there. That is also
4 wrongdoing. The Mayor not going to council for
5 declaring Juneteenth is wrongdoing. Now, that's
6 all I have to say right now. So I might write
7 another letter with even more stronger language
8 to the way I've been treated in this, but for
9 right now, I'm satiated.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone else?

11 MR. OREL: Thank you.

12 MR. MATTY: Mayor, let the record
13 reflect that at least the information I have is
14 Mr. Brown did not ever handle this money.

15 MAYOR LICASTRO: The investigation
16 showed there's no evidence of missing money. End
17 of story. Ms. Meade.

18 MS. MEADE: Yes. First I'd like to
19 thank John, Diana, Angela, Mary, Chief LoBello,
20 Sergeant Flanagan and the other police officers
21 for their kindness today concerning Papa Joe.

22 And based on what I'm hearing right now,
23 I'd like to say likewise from this side of the
24 room to that side of the room, the same can be
25 said about how officials talk about residents and

1 it can be equally harmful when they don't like
2 what's said or spoken or whatever and it's true,
3 but they don't like it so they say it's false and
4 they harm people's reputations. So be mindful
5 equally of your words and your actions as well.

6 Next, are you running for reelection
7 this year, Mr. Mayor?

8 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'm not prepared to
9 discuss this at this time.

10 MS. MEADE: Okay. The March public
11 records commission minutes excluded audience
12 comments. And I'd like some of them on the
13 record. The law requires two meetings per year,
14 which Mayor Licastro acknowledged. He also
15 acknowledged one meeting was held in 2021, and no
16 meetings were held in 2022, without a plausible
17 explanation.

18 In 2021, I asked for a review of public
19 records before they were sent for destruction.
20 And as of today, I'm told that Village Hall still
21 has them and I'm waiting to be contacted so I can
22 review them.

23 Last month, you know, I'd like to know
24 when the Committee of the Whole meeting is going
25 to be held. I had the impression it was going to

1 be this month based on last month's conversation
2 regarding Recreation.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: We haven't determined
4 when to have that meeting.

5 MS. MEADE: Okay. During the March
6 council meeting, Mayor Licastro asked Recreation
7 Director Dave Brown to speak without any time
8 limit about Recreation's situation. And I
9 acknowledge Dave Brown had every right to speak
10 his mind. However, Rec Commissioner Keith
11 Galestock, who was also in attendance, was not
12 given the same opportunity to speak about the
13 situation by the Mayor. And this unfair
14 treatment raises questions about the Mayor's
15 motives.

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: One minute, ma'am.

17 MS. MEADE: Instead, Mr. Galestock spoke
18 at the end of the meeting and he was rightly
19 upset that council voted to suspend Recreation
20 meetings without first hearing from all impacted
21 parties. Mr. Galestock stated it was the first
22 he was hearing about this.

23 Let me jump to given all this Recreation
24 business, I'd asked for several public records
25 requests to clear up rumors. First, Dave Brown

1 was the only applicant. Second, the hiring
2 process was hijacked by Mayor Licastro as the Rec
3 Commission was excluded from the outlying
4 process. Third, neither Dave Kozinski nor Jim
5 Scott were asked via any public record to attend
6 Dave Brown's interview with the Mayor.

7 So I think there's a lot of
8 misunderstanding, there's a lot of rumors, things
9 are snowballing. I would like to see an amicable
10 solution, because they all have common ground.
11 They all want the rec levy to be funded. They
12 all believe in Recreation and robust programming
13 and activities. They all believe in the
14 recreation center.

15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, ma'am.
16 There was an emergency situation. Ms. Capello
17 had left. We had no one to run the center. I
18 asked for recommendations for hire, no one came
19 up with anything. I did interview Mr. Brown
20 myself. And I'm thrilled we have hired Mr.
21 Brown. He's been a wonderful asset to this
22 community. His nine months here he's embraced
23 the center and I believe made a better place.
24 And I have no regrets in my actions in that
25 regard. Mr. Matty.

1 MR. MATTY: Mayor, if I may, and I
2 apologize to council because this just occurred
3 yesterday, but in hearing what you are going to
4 be doing on May 11th, may I ask, and I know it's
5 only the Finance Committee, but I understand
6 you'll be doing the budget, so I am assuming
7 there will be more council members than just the
8 Finance Committee there on the 11th.

9 If that's a correct assumption,
10 yesterday I attended, and so did our Village
11 Engineer Don Beirut, we attended a mediation
12 follow-up meeting with the attorneys for the
13 Smiths and the attorney and Mr. Milosevic to try
14 to finalize their settlement agreement in that
15 case involving the development of the Milosevic's
16 property.

17 Understand that the Village is no longer
18 a party to that case. We have been voluntarily
19 dismissed. But, part of the voluntary dismissal
20 that Mr. Bierut and I offered to the parties was
21 that at a time where they would reach agreement
22 on issues of drainage in the front yards and
23 revetment protection along the lake, that our
24 engineer would offer his services to the engineer
25 hired to determine or the engineers hired to
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1 determine how that was going to be handled.
2 That's what this meeting yesterday was about.
3 And one of the issues that came up was
4 that the submerged land lease, which was
5 initially done was incorrect. And they are
6 scurrying, and I do mean scurrying, to try to get
7 that submerged land lease redone to ODNR and to
8 you. And if you are going to meet on the 11th,
9 if I may have your permission, I would like to
10 add a special council meeting on only one issue.
11 And that would be the new submerged land lease,
12 which I will have reviewed in advance and which
13 is quite honestly usually administerial, because
14 we don't -- we have not objected to one of these.
15 There's no active river, there's no marina close,
16 et cetera, that this would interfere with. And
17 they are telling me that even though you are
18 meeting on May 17th, if I could advance that, if
19 they have the prepared and approved by then, if
20 we could advance that even by six days, that
21 would help them tremendously.

22 So if you're willing to do that, I will
23 go back to the two attorneys tomorrow and tell
24 them that if they can get their work done that we
25 would do that on the 11th, if you'd be so kind.
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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. McDonald, these are
2 some heavy topics we're talking about. Why don't
3 we just make it a special council meeting and
4 keep the same agenda we have for taxes with Ryan
5 and Tim and add that as well. Is everyone okay
6 with that?

7 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes.
8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone object to that?
9 MR. McDONALD: No.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: April 27th is a
11 Committee of the Whole to talk about monument
12 signs with Guide. May 11th will be a special
13 council meeting and will have the agenda items
14 mentioned.

15 MR. MATTY: Mayor, if they don't have
16 their work done, that one item won't be on it,
17 but that way I think Don and I offered our time
18 yesterday. And if we could do that to try to get
19 this final resolve, that would be helpful, I
20 think, to the parties.

21 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Is there a
22 motion to adjourn, please.

23 MR. McDONALD: So moved.
24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call for
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1 adjournment.
2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
3 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes, Mr. Kozinski.
5 MR. KOZINSKI: I'd just like to say that
6 I'm Dave Kozinski, Chair of Parks and Recreation.
7 I just wanted to say publicly that the commission
8 wants to go forward working together. I think
9 what would be best for us is if we had a
10 standardized set of expectations between the
11 administration, the commission, and our director,
12 what would be expected from each party moving
13 forward so there's no gray area so that we can
14 move forward as we have.

15 I've spoke with several residents in the
16 Village. They all love and they like the
17 community, our events, the programs, but it's
18 very difficult to work as a whole all of us if we
19 don't know where everybody is coming from. I
20 think that's been a lot of the foundation that's
21 hurt with what's progressed with our current
22 situation. That's why I was really looking
23 forward to this meeting of the whole that you
24 said was only going to be for recreation and that
25 we could hatch this all out amongst everyone in
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1 the same room.
2 And the commission wanted me to tell you
3 that's what we would really look forward to doing
4 is meeting with everyone on council, with the
5 commission, Mr. Brown, and just sit down, a group
6 of adults, and say this is what we expect or
7 like, what do you expect and what would you like
8 together.

9 MR. MATTY: But, Mr. Kozinski, you
10 understand that the council, the council can
11 determine whether or not the commission moves
12 forward in any shape or form and what their
13 purpose and duties would be if they do move
14 forward; you understand that.

15 MR. KOZINSKI: I understand that.

16 MR. MATTY: Thank you.

17 MR. KOZINSKI: But that's once a change
18 occurs. As it's written now in the Ordinance,
19 together we've been doing this for so long, I
20 think we can work through this without a change
21 occurring.

22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Sir, the purpose of the
23 Committee of the Whole is to do just that. Do we
24 keep Recreation now as structured? Do we change
25 the structure? Do we change small nuances? Do

1 we need a Recreation Commission? We're going to
2 talk about all that. And we want as much input
3 as we can from the commission members, from
4 residents and, of course, from council.

5 MR. MATTY: And Mr. Kozinski, if that
6 meeting does attend, one request that I would
7 like to make in advance, because I don't have
8 those records, even though I've searched for some
9 of those records, before that meeting is done,
10 before we set that meeting, would you please, as
11 chair, provide me with copies of the minutes and
12 copies of the requests that show how commission
13 members who have three-year terms have been
14 properly renewed under 147.01(B).

15 There's a process there and there's a
16 process in (A) for initial appointment. There's
17 a process there of posting, there's a process
18 there of collecting what is posted, and there's a
19 process there of you making recommendations to
20 either renew a member or bring on a new member,
21 and then there's a process when Director Capello
22 was there.

23 I believe one of the minutes shows that
24 the commission understood that council needs to
25 approve those recommendations that you make for

1 members either continuing or new members coming
2 on. I have been unable to find in your minutes,
3 which are online, and/or in council's minutes
4 where that has been done for all the current
5 members.

6 I have a few, but I have nowhere near
7 the majority of members that have been renewed
8 over time after their three-year term has ended,
9 and when you have brought on a new member going
10 through the process, which should be by a motion
11 by the commission to notify the director so that
12 he or she can post that position being vacant on
13 the website and resumes received. If you could
14 provide that information, I would be grateful.

15 Thank you.

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: Please continue with
17 adjournment.

18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin, I believe you
19 were ready to go. Mr. Benjamin said aye.

20 Ms. Burke-Jones?

21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

23 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

25 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

1 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

2 MR. McDONALD: Aye.

3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?

4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Have a nice evening
5 everybody.

6 MR. MATTY: Diana, can the Chief provide
7 Ms. Meade the investigation report, copy you so
8 you don't have to worry about it?

9 MS. COOKS: I already sent it to public
10 records.

11 MR. MATTY: It is already there? Ms.
12 Meade, did you hear the investigation report is
13 already in public records. The investigation
14 report that you requested is already in public
15 records, so you can get it from public records,
16 if you need anything else.

17 MS. MEADE: I just asked verbally for
18 it. So any and all documents, if they exists
19 forward to me. You're saying it's readily
20 available.

21 MR. MATTY: It's right in public
22 records.

23 MS. COOKS: I put it in public records
24 already.

25 (Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.)

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