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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2020
7:05 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN LICASTRO
MARY BECKENBACH
KEITH BENJAMIN
JOYCE BURKE-JONES
GINA HUFFMAN
JAMES PUFFENBERGER
ROD TAYLOR

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1 being none. Ms. Beckenbach?
2 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Benjamin?
4 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
19:05:53 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Burke-Jones?
6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Taylor?
8 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Puffenberger?
19:05:58 10 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
11 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Huffman?
12 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. The Mayor's
14 court, we're going to forego the fiscal officer
19:06:07 15 report. The Mayor's court report is as follows:
16 The Treasurer of the State of Ohio, \$1,546; the
17 City of Cleveland, \$51; the County Treasurer,
18 \$178; and Village of Bratenahl \$23,883.
19 And just as a note, you can see the
19:06:27 20 Indigent Defense Support Fund, this is what
21 replaced the fund we want to zero out. So
22 there's not any monies going into that or out of
23 it, it's been replaced by this fund. That's why
24 those monies for fund transfer are expendable.
19:06:44 25 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Will funds flow into

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Okay. So please rise
2 and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3 (Pledge of Allegiance.)
4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms. Cooks
19:05:18 5 is getting that critical legislation. I will
6 call the roll. Please answer with here if you
7 are here. Ms. Beckenbach?
8 MS. BECKENBACH: Here.
9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Benjamin?
19:05:28 10 MR. BENJAMIN: Here.
11 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Burke-Jones?
12 MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.
13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Taylor?
14 MR. TAYLOR: Here.
19:05:32 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Puffenberger?
16 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Here.
17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Huffman?
18 MS. HUFFMAN: Here.
19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. We have the
19:05:36 20 minutes from the May meeting. Is there a motion
21 to accept as offered?
22 MS. BECKENBACH: I so move to accept the
23 minutes as offered.
24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
19:05:45 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There

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1 this new fund?
2 MAYOR LICASTRO: They are flowing into
3 this new fund, yes, but not the one that we want
4 to transfer.
19:06:51 5 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Okay.
6 MAYOR LICASTRO: So COVID-19, I sent an
7 e-mail earlier. I'll read it to you. The
8 Village has come through phase one of the
9 COVID-19 crisis well. Following Governor
19:07:03 10 DeWine's stay-at-home orders, we created and have
11 employees work from home and created shifts for
12 employees that could not work from home so they
13 would be both safe and available.
14 Our focus was simple, keep our Villagers
19:07:15 15 safe, our employees safe, and Village services at
16 a high level, at the high level we have come to
17 expect. We had to send several employees out for
18 testing. Several more were told to go home or
19 stay home when they had symptoms that were a
19:07:28 20 concern. I'm happy to say all tested negative
21 for the COVID-19 virus. We still have in place
22 social distancing orders, use of masks,
23 sanitizing procedures, et cetera, to ensure a
24 safe environment for all of us.
19:07:44 25 Looking back at the last several months

1 that are unprecedented in the last hundred years,
2 we have accomplished our stated purpose so far:
3 Keep our Villagers safe, our employees safe, and
4 services at high level.

19:07:58 5 I'd like to thank department heads for
6 their cooperation and all employees for their
7 flexibility. We understand this is not over by a
8 long shot. We will be diligent and aware going
9 forward. So thank you for that. I mentioned
19:08:15 10 practices we have in place. Let me just expound
11 on -- Keith already asked to talk about the
12 Revision of Ohio Revised Code 133.13, which will
13 allow us to borrow for general operating.

19:08:31 14 There's something else in place. So for
15 example, I work in Bratenahl and I work in the
16 steel industry. The steel company is located in
17 Independence. So I pay income tax in Bratenahl
18 and I pay income tax in Independence. Bratenahl
19 realizes I work outside the Village, the money I
19:08:45 20 make in the steel industry I get a credit for.
21 So instead of paying two percent, I pay one
22 percent.

23 Ohio has a standing order that says any
24 individual that works in a community for longer
19:08:56 25 than 20 days must pay income tax to that
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1 community. This really was meant for
2 contractors. So if someone is building your
3 house, on the 21st day, they have to pay income
4 tax if they're building your home here in
19:09:11 5 Bratenahl.

6 The unforeseen circumstance with so many
7 people working at home is now creating battle
8 lines that are going to be interesting to say the
9 least. So communities like Solon, Brecksville,
19:09:24 10 Cleveland, Westlake, that gave tax abatement,
11 which means the reduction or elimination of
12 property tax, to these companies to locate in
13 their communities, that loss of revenue was to be
14 offset by income tax.

19:09:41 15 Well, now employers are finding out that
16 individuals can work at home and be effective
17 working at home. So if you live in Bratenahl and
18 you're working in Bratenahl, you're not going to
19 Mayfield Heights or wherever else you might be
19:09:55 20 going, the logic behind the split of income tax
21 was if you're working in a different community,
22 you use their services, police, fire, EMS. If
23 you're not going there, you're not using the
24 services. If you're working and living at home
19:10:13 25 and working from home, you're only using services
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1 there.

2 So what's happening is these bigger
3 communities that have already seen a huge
4 downturn in revenue, a loss of commercial revenue
19:10:29 5 with shutdown, et cetera, are now realizing the
6 law might align with local communities that have
7 people working from home and it might be a huge
8 detriment to the bigger cities, a boom for the
9 smaller communities that are bedroom communities.

19:10:46 10 Now, it's not as easy as it seems. It's
11 more complicated than that. Moreover, as an
12 individual, if I weren't paying income tax in
13 Independence and just in Bratenahl, it actually
14 is a tax reduction. So I was asked by my
19:11:04 15 colleagues to chair the committee that discusses
16 with the General Assembly. I know that the
17 bigger cities are going to scream that they can't
18 afford to lose more revenue. The smaller
19 communities will argue legally, well, if we're
19:11:18 20 providing services and they're not leaving home,
21 why should our residents pay tax to two
22 communities?

23 What I hope this leads to is a dialogue
24 about income tax in general. Local income tax is
19:11:32 25 paid in only one or two states in the country.

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1 Most don't have a local income tax. They have a
2 revenue sharing agreement with state government
3 that gives them the revenue they need so they
4 don't have to tax local income.

19:11:47 5 It's also volatile. We can get 1.6
6 million a year, we can get 2.4. We have some
7 huge earners. Their status and location is a
8 huge variable. So I'm hoping the General
9 Assembly takes this opportunity to talk about the
19:12:02 10 manner in which residents in Ohio are taxed,
11 period. We'll see what happens. This all
12 happened in the last couple days. You can see
13 just in my brief synopsis, there was many levels
14 of this and already battle lines are being drawn.
19:12:15 15 So stay tuned. Any questions on that? Thank
16 you.

17 Before we move to new business, any
18 comments from the public on any agenda item? Ms.
19 Meade.

19:12:31 20 MS. MEADE: Yes. Under Resolution 1187,
21 there was no public discussion on this topic
22 prior to this evening's council's meeting. I was
23 curious how many black Americans does Bratenahl
24 currently employ?

19:12:47 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: One or two, I believe.

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1 MS. COOKS: One.
 2 MS. MEADE: Is that representative of
 3 our community's demographics?
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: No.
 19:12:58 5 MS. MEADE: When (inaudible) the deaths
 6 of select Ohio residents, such as Tamir Rice, it
 7 conveniently omits Timothy Russell and Malissa
 8 Williams' unarmed deaths in the 2012 high-speed
 9 chase in which Bratenahl Police were involved and
 19:13:12 10 joined in the 60-plus car chase. As the chase
 11 didn't come from Bratenahl's jurisdiction and
 12 Bratenahl wasn't asked to assist, as I recall,
 13 Chief Dolbow and Mayor Licastro denied any
 14 wrongdoing. And maybe they should focus on
 19:13:28 15 (inaudible) their own set of facts (inaudible)
 16 disciplinary action it deserves.
 17 Under number six it asks for an annual
 18 accountability analysis. I'm not sure who would
 19 perform this when the police chief does not
 19:13:38 20 conduct annual peer reviews because he says he
 21 doesn't have time.
 22 Under number seven, the (inaudible)
 23 action, not only should police officers be
 24 recertified, but cases should be reviewed by the
 19:13:51 25 county prosecutor. Under number eight, mandatory
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1 or mandating BODYCAMs doesn't do any good if they
 2 are not mandated to have them turned on at all
 3 times or if the BODYCAMs aren't fully
 4 operational.
 19:14:04 5 Under Resolution 1188, I oppose council
 6 raiding the rec levy simply because it has money.
 7 The rec levy was never intended to be directed to
 8 the General Fund to bailout poor management by
 9 the Mayor.
 19:14:18 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: One minute, ma'am.
 11 MS. MEADE: Under Resolution 1191, I
 12 oppose raiding the Capital Improvements Fund
 13 because its money is committed to the much needed
 14 capital improvements to our public buildings
 19:14:27 15 which are in bad shape.
 16 The Community Center has not been fully
 17 ADA compliant for years. That seems like
 18 unacceptable negligence. The Village Hall became
 19 ADA compliant on the first floor due to Mayor's
 19:14:39 20 court. Now that Mayor's court is going to be
 21 held at the Community Center, there's money to
 22 finally get the Community Center ADA compliant.
 23 Not to mention when does the Village have to
 24 start paying back the \$2 million debt on the
 19:14:53 25 service garage?
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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: 15 seconds, ma'am.
 2 MS. MEADE: Why did the Mayor wait until
 3 the General Fund was depleted to 47,000 before
 4 bringing it to Council's attention, when I think
 19:15:00 5 he estimated the payroll/benefits at 188,000?
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, ma'am.
 7 MS. MEADE: The Mayor should have
 8 known --
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, ma'am.
 19:15:07 10 MS. MEADE: -- that the payroll benefits
 11 at 100 percent (inaudible) --
 12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ma'am, thank you.
 13 MS. MEADE: -- he was going to be in
 14 trouble fast.
 19:15:12 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Let me just broach
 16 something that I was going to do little bit later
 17 regarding 1188 -- I'm sorry, 1187. To a man,
 18 every person I've spoken to in our police
 19 department is sickened by these videos of people
 19:15:29 20 being abused, killed. It is wrong on every
 21 single level.
 22 However, we, as a department, have
 23 practices that are aboveboard and above reproach.
 24 We do not racially profile. We conduct ourselves
 19:15:46 25 in an appropriate manner. We have policies and
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1 procedures that deal this on every level. We've
 2 only had perhaps one complaint of excessive use
 3 of force in the last 10, 12 years. It turned out
 4 to be false. So while we understand the need and
 19:16:02 5 the concern of this nation to get social equality
 6 and justice for all people, including, of course,
 7 people of color, Bratenahl does not have these
 8 flaws. And we train and the leadership is such
 9 with lieutenant and chief, we make certain we
 10 have individuals that would not conduct
 11 themselves in this abhorrent manner.
 12 So even though I understand, Keith,
 13 thank you for putting this together, I want to
 14 make clear that the Village of Bratenahl does not
 19:16:34 15 do things of that nature. Not even close to what
 16 you see on national TV. We've had officers wade
 17 into the lake rather than shoot an individual who
 18 wanted to die by police by suicide. We had Art
 19 McCoy give an award to our officers because they
 19:16:51 20 let someone flee without pursuing, without
 21 shooting, without tasing, because the
 22 individual, although a bad dude, you know,
 23 running away is not a death sentence.
 24 So I can give you more examples on that,
 19:17:05 25 but we police in a manner that is fair and
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1 equitable to all people of color, no matter if
 2 you're white, green, purple, black, brown or
 3 whatever. So even though there's a need for a
 4 nationwide searching of our conscience, our
 19:17:20 5 police department is above reproach in this
 6 regard.
 7 MR. BENJAMIN: Mayor, if I may briefly,
 8 then I'll have more comments later, but the
 9 purpose of this legislation is and -- again, it's
 19:17:33 10 a resolution. The purpose of the resolution is
 11 to call upon the United States Federal Government
 12 and the Ohio State Legislature to put in place
 13 across the board policies and practices and
 14 guidelines, for example, for the use, for use of
 19:17:54 15 force and how use of force is used by police
 16 departments. And to make sure that all police
 17 departments, not just Bratenahl, but all police
 18 departments undergo the required training,
 19 including training in cultural competencies. And
 19:18:10 20 I know some of our officers have already been
 21 through that.
 22 So this does not address Bratenahl in
 23 particular. This is more on the basis of calling
 24 for our State and Federal representatives,
 19:18:25 25 because it does -- it absolutely does no good for
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1 a resident who may be a resident of Bratenahl, a
 2 person of color, to then drive to Euclid or to
 3 Cleveland or to another community and not be
 4 treated fairly and be the subject of
 19:18:48 5 discrimination by another police department,
 6 which is why this really, if we are going to
 7 affect real change, this needs to happen at the
 8 Federal and at the State level. That's what this
 9 resolution calls for.
 19:19:00 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Does to that end, Mr.
 11 Benjamin, this is your baby even though Ms.
 12 Beckenbach would allow, would you introduce
 13 Resolution 1187?
 14 MR. BENJAMIN: Sure. Were you done with
 19:19:16 15 your report?
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'm sorry?
 17 MR. BENJAMIN: Were you done with your
 18 Mayor's report?
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes. I can go on.
 19:19:21 20 Would you like me to?
 21 MR. BENJAMIN: No.
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes, I'm done.
 23 MR. BENJAMIN: Resolution 1187 is a
 24 Resolution requesting United States Congress and
 19:19:36 25 Ohio Legislature to immediately enact social
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1 justice policies and practices to ensure that
 2 black Americans have the same equal projections
 3 under the law and declare racism a public health
 4 crisis and declaring an emergency.
 19:19:53 5 I am not going to read through every
 6 whereas in this piece of legislation. However,
 7 first I'm going to move suspension then I have
 8 some comments, I'll move suspension.
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second on
 19:20:04 10 suspension?
 11 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 12 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 14 suspension, please.
 19:20:10 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 16 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 18 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 20 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 22 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 24 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Here.
 25 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
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1 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 2 MR. BENJAMIN: So I'll make some
 3 comments first and then move for passage. Those
 4 of you who know me know that I never get on my
 19:20:29 5 soapbox. I very rarely come out and make
 6 longwinded public statements, but I feel like I
 7 need to tonight, because this is something of
 8 which I have issues I've been working on for many
 9 years.
 19:20:42 10 Firstly, I want to thank our police
 11 chief in Bratenahl for this statement that was
 12 written and sent to the community in the
 13 aftermath of the murder of George Floyd at the
 14 knees of a police officer. It was the right
 19:20:56 15 thing to do. And we need to continue to look at
 16 our policies and practices to eradicate racism,
 17 discrimination and bias wherever they lie in the
 18 profession of policing.
 19 I was enheartened by Chief Dolbow's
 19:21:14 20 words, especially which he said that, "The
 21 Bratenahl Police Department is deeply saddened by
 22 the tragic death of George Floyd. It is
 23 absolutely reprehensibly and has tarnished the
 24 badge nationwide. Our hearts go out to the
 19:21:30 25 family and loved ones during this difficult time.
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1 This tragic incident has touched all of us in law
 2 enforcement across this nation and has impacted
 3 the trust that the community places in us."
 4 And those are the Chief's words. I am
 5 sure that Lieutenant LoBello is here. I saw
 6 Sergeant Flanagan here earlier. I want you to
 7 know that my words are not a reflection to you as
 8 officers and I know that probably in many ways
 9 you share some of the same feelings and thoughts.
 10 I've been thinking about what a
 11 privilege it is to actually breathe and the
 12 struggle of not being able to breathe for eight
 13 minutes and 46 seconds. As a public servant for
 14 nearly 30 years, I am ashamed, and I can't get
 15 the imagery out of my head of that police officer
 16 with his knee on George Floyd's neck slowly
 17 suffocating an unarmed and handcuffed person to
 18 death for eight minutes and 46 seconds while
 19 three other police officers stood by and watched
 20 and did nothing.
 21 It is to this idea of the privilege to
 22 breathe that I have been struggling with over the
 23 last few weeks since the death of George Floyd
 24 and the ensuing protests and the renewed
 25 attention to the systemic racism in our country

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1 and our country's institutions. The phrase "I
 2 can't breathe" is not about one moment of police
 3 brutality. It's a statement of fact of life for
 4 people of color in all of our cities. And it has
 5 been that way for centuries. This is a key tenet
 6 of what we teach police officers in a cultural
 7 competency police training program that I
 8 co-founded at Cleveland State University a few
 9 years ago, and where we have trained hundreds of
 10 officers in Northeast Ohio over the years and
 11 most recently in Michigan with Michigan State
 12 troopers.
 13 But for me, it all comes down to the
 14 fact that as a white American, as a white
 15 American, I don't know what it feels like to not
 16 be able to breathe because of the color of my
 17 skin. I don't know what it feels like to not be
 18 able to breathe every time I go out to eat or go
 19 to the store or get in my car to drive home. I
 20 don't know what it feels like to not be able to
 21 breathe when I get pulled over by the police. I
 22 don't know what it feels like not to be able to
 23 breathe because of discriminatory criminal
 24 justice systems. I don't know what it feels like
 25 not to be able to breathe because of systemic

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1 racism and systemic discrimination. But I do
 2 know that I have the privilege of breath.
 3 And as I have done for many years, I
 4 will continue to use my breath to have the
 5 difficult conversations about race, about
 6 justice, and about history with those near me and
 7 those far from me. I will use my breath to
 8 continue to help make meaningful change. I will
 9 use my breath to shout out against brutality,
 10 against discrimination and injustice. And I will
 11 use my breath to praise those who are helping,
 12 who are supporting, and who are protecting. And
 13 I hope all those who can also breathe will join
 14 me in working to end systemic racism and
 15 discrimination in our country in supporting this
 16 resolution is a small -- it's a very, very small
 17 first step.
 18 And regarding the resolution, I would
 19 like to thank our colleague in Newburgh Heights,
 20 Councilwoman Gigi Traore, who originally drafted
 21 this original resolution. And I thank her for
 22 all of her efforts, which has now made it down to
 23 the State House. Those are my comments tonight,
 24 Mayor. (Applause.)
 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Sir, passage.

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1 MR. BENJAMIN: Oh, any other comments?
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Well, let's get passage
 3 and seconded, then we'll take more comments. So
 4 you offered it for passage?
 5 MR. BENJAMIN: Did I move for passage
 6 already?
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: No.
 8 MR. BENJAMIN: Then I move for passage.
 9 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.
 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? Ms.
 11 Huffman, did you have a comment?
 12 MS. HUFFMAN: I do. Thank you,
 13 Councilman Benjamin. I appreciate you taking
 14 this time to express to everyone that we all have
 15 a responsibility. Please, everyone, figure out
 16 what your charge is. This is no time to be
 17 silent. Councilman Benjamin is correct, it is
 18 very, very difficult to be in society as an
 19 African American. I can attest to that. But I
 20 wrote a few things and I'll share them with you
 21 very briefly so that you take them with you in
 22 order to figure out what you can do to be part of
 23 the solution.
 24 Don't believe that this only happens to
 25 poor black people. What we see on the media and

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1 in the media seems from time to time to focus on
 2 maybe those who are not of a socioeconomic level
 3 that we're familiar with in Bratenahl. It
 4 happens to most black people, so please remember
 19:27:14 5 that. Cleveland State University's Student Bar
 6 Association issued a statement about the death
 7 and murder of George Floyd. There is no place
 8 for silence. Please take that into
 9 consideration. Figure out what you can do to be
 19:27:37 10 part of the solution. We need allies from all
 11 corners of our country. And you can see that
 12 from all corners of the world that we know that
 13 this is an issue.
 14 Not being able to physically breathe is
 19:27:57 15 the same as not being able to mentally breathe,
 16 everyone. Every day when you leave the house,
 17 you have to prepare yourself mentally to deal
 18 with something, because it probably will happen.
 19 Good policemen, good policemen should be
 19:28:17 20 insulted. They should absolutely be insulted
 21 that other policemen would put them in situations
 22 to compromise what they signed up for and that's
 23 to protect and serve. I would hope that good
 24 police will come to some type of consensus with
 19:28:40 25 other police to figure out what they can do to
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1 rid themselves of a bad apple. That's all I
 2 have. (Applause.)
 3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Any other
 4 comments? Lieutenant?
 19:28:58 5 LT. LOBELLA: I'd just like to say that
 6 I echo the words that Councilman Benjamin read
 7 from the Chief. I'm not going to speak for the
 8 Bratenahl Police Department, I'm speaking for me
 9 personally.
 19:29:15 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Will you stand up,
 11 please.
 12 LT. LOBELLA: Speaking for me personally
 13 as a police officer of 45 years, bear with me
 14 here, because I take a lot of pride in my job. I
 19:29:29 15 was disgusted by what I saw and I continue to be
 16 disgusted by what I saw. I thank you, Keith, for
 17 clearing up that your legislation isn't specific
 18 to Bratenahl. I take great pride in the fact
 19 that Bratenahl, the Mayor's right about an
 19:29:47 20 officer waded into Lake Erie so he didn't have to
 21 kill an armed suspect who wanted to die.
 22 We were one of the first communities in
 23 the area to have BODYCAMs in the courtrooms.
 24 Before the national outrage, we got the BODYCAMs
 19:30:03 25 to hold ourselves accountable. We were one of
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1 the first communities in the area to have tasers.
 2 So there is a lesson option. I am insulted by
 3 the actions of these bad officers, personally and
 4 professionally. And the community, council,
 19:30:20 5 Mayor, have my word that as long as I wear a
 6 Bratenahl badge, I will not stand for anything
 7 like this in the Village of Bratenahl. Thank
 8 you. (Applause.)
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Lieutenant.
 19:30:33 10 Roll call on passage, please.
 11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 12 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 14 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 19:30:40 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 18 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 19:30:44 20 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 22 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Beckenbach, would
 24 you offer 1188 for first reading, please.
 19:30:52 25 MS. BECKENBACH: 1188.
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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Resolution 1188.
 2 MS. BECKENBACH: A Resolution
 3 authorizing the Village Fiscal Officer to
 4 complete and submit a funds transfer request form
 19:31:10 5 to the tax commissioner for approval of transfer
 6 of \$130,000 from the Village Parks and Recreation
 7 Fund to the General Fund and declaring an
 8 emergency.
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. This is
 19:31:23 10 being offered for first reading. Thank you,
 11 ma'am.
 12 Ms. Burke-Jones, if you would 1189.
 13 MS. BURKE-JONES: 1189, Resolution
 14 Number 1189, a resolution authorizing the Village
 19:31:51 15 Fiscal Officer to complete and submit a funds
 16 transfer request form to the tax commissioner for
 17 the approval of the transfer of \$35,000 from the
 18 Village's computer fund (2091) to the General
 19 Fund (1000) and declaring an emergency, for
 19:32:10 20 suspension.
 21 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 23 suspension, please.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 25 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
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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. Huffman?
 6 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 8 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 10 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 11 MS. BURKE-JONES: Resolution Number 1189
 12 for approval.
 13 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 15 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 16 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 17 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 19 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 23 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 25 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 2 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Taylor, if you
 4 would, Resolution 1190.
 5 MR. TAYLOR: Introduce Resolution Number
 6 1190, a resolution authorizing the Village Fiscal
 7 Officer to complete and submit a funds transfer
 8 request form to the tax commissioner for approval
 9 of the transfer of \$15,005.39 from the Village's
 10 Indigent Driver Fund (2910) to the General Fund
 11 (1000), and declaring an emergency.
 12 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 14 suspension, please.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 16 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 18 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 20 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 22 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 24 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 25 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
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1 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: For passage, sir.
 3 MR. TAYLOR: I'd like to introduce
 4 Resolution number 1190 for passage.
 5 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 7 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 9 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 11 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 13 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 15 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 17 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 19 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Mr.
 21 Puffenberger, please note 1191 has been amended.
 22 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Yes. I'd like to
 23 introduce the amended version of Resolution
 24 Number 1191. This is a resolution authorizing
 25 the Village Fiscal Officer to complete and submit
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1 a funds transfer request form to the tax
 2 commissioner for approval of transfer of \$350,000
 3 from the Village's Capital Projects Reserve Fund
 4 (4904) to the General Fund (1000), and declaring
 5 an emergency.
 6 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 8 suspension, please.
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 10 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 12 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 18 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 20 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 21 MR. PUFFENBERGER: And Resolution number
 22 1191 for passage, please.
 23 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.
 24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 25 being none, roll call on passage, please.
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1 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 2 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 4 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 19:35:00 5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 8 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 19:35:03 10 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 12 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms.
 14 Huffman, if you would, Resolution 1192.
 19:35:11 15 MS. HUFFMAN: Introducing Resolution
 16 Number 1192, a resolution authorizing the Mayor
 17 to terminate the Village's agreement for Central
 18 Collection of Municipal Income Tax with the City
 19 of Cleveland Division of Taxation, Central
 19:35:28 20 Collection Agency; and declaring an emergency.
 21 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 23 suspension, please.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 25 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
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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. Huffman?
 6 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 8 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 19:35:48 10 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 11 MAYOR LICASTRO: Passage.
 12 MS. HUFFMAN: Resolution 1192 for
 13 passage.
 14 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 19:35:53 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion?
 16 MR. BENJAMIN: I'd just like to thank
 17 Councilman Puffenberger for all the hard work
 18 you've done over the course of the last many
 19 weeks to look at how we can better collect our
 19:36:12 20 income taxes. And I think that moving from CCA
 21 to RITA hopefully will assist us in having a
 22 better run government system and also collecting
 23 outstanding income taxes on time. And by the
 24 way, filling out a RITA form for residents is
 19:36:37 25 much easier than CCA. Much easier. I think you
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1 will find that.
 2 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Thanks.
 3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on passage,
 4 please.
 19:36:44 5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 6 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 8 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 10 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 12 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 14 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 16 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Beckenbach, if you
 18 would, 1193.
 19 MS. BECKENBACH: I'd like to introduce
 19:37:00 20 Resolution Number 1193, a resolution authorizing
 21 the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an
 22 agreement with Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA)
 23 to administer the Village's income tax and
 24 declaring an emergency.
 19:37:17 25 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 2 suspension, please.
 3 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 4 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 5 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 6 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 8 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 10 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 12 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 14 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 19:37:29 15 MS. BECKENBACH: I introduce Resolution
 16 Number 1193 for passage.
 17 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 19 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 19:37:38 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 21 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 23 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 19:37:42 25 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
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1 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 2 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 4 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 19:37:46 5 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 6 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Mr.
 8 Benjamin, if you would, 1194.
 9 MR. BENJAMIN: Resolution 1194, a
 19:37:55 10 resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept one or
 11 more Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC)
 12 2020 energized community grants to assist in
 13 funding energy related projects and declaring an
 14 emergency. I move suspension.
 19:38:09 15 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 17 suspension, please.
 18 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 19 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 19:38:12 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 21 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 19:38:16 25 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 2 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 4 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 19:38:20 5 MR. BENJAMIN: Resolution 1194, I move
 6 passage.
 7 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 9 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 19:38:29 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 11 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 13 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 15 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 17 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 19 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 21 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms.
 23 Burke-Jones, if you would, 1195.
 24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Resolution
 19:38:45 25 Number 1195 for suspension, a resolution adopting
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1 the alternative tax budget information of the
 2 Village of Bratenahl for the fiscal year
 3 beginning January 1, 2021, and submitting the
 4 same to the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission and
 19:38:58 5 declaring an emergency.
 6 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 7 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 9 suspension, please.
 19:39:04 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 11 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 13 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 15 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 17 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 19 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 21 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 22 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Resolution
 23 number 1195 for passage.
 24 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 19:39:21 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
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1 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 2 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 3 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 5 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 7 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 9 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 11 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 13 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Mr. Taylor,
 19:39:37 15 if you would, 4071, please.
 16 MR. TAYLOR: I'd like to introduce
 17 Ordinance number 4071, for suspension, an
 18 ordinance amending Section 133.01 of the
 19 Administrative Code to change the position of the
 19:39:53 20 Village Fiscal Officer from part-time to
 21 full-time and declaring an emergency.
 22 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 24 suspension, please.
 19:40:01 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
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1 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 3 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 7 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 9 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 11 MR. TAYLOR: Aye. I'd like to introduce
 12 Resolution 4071 for passage.
 13 MR. MATTY: Mayor, before that is done
 14 and, Councilman, before that is done, if we could
 15 have a motion to delete Section D, and that's on
 16 the tax administrator position. And then rather
 17 than saying B through F, that should say B, C, E,
 18 and F. If we can have the motion to do that
 19 before we go to passage, this will be in line of
 20 what happened at the Finance Committee meeting.
 21 MR. PUFFENBERGER: So move.
 22 MS. HUFFMAN: Second.
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? Roll call
 24 on the motion, please.
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
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1 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye. I didn't say aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Oh.
 3 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye. (Laughter.)
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes, I did say aye.
 6 Yes.
 7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 8 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 10 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 12 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes. By the way,
 14 changing this to a full-time position I think
 15 will address some of the problems we've had in
 16 the past. Having someone there full-time,
 17 especially someone as competent as Ms. Cooks I
 18 think will go a long way to giving us the fiscal
 19 department we need to operate more efficiently.
 20 I think it is truly a wonderful fix.
 21 Let me just say this as well. For an
 22 individual such as yourself that has skills
 23 beyond what she does in the Village, to offer to
 24 take this job and not get a pay increase -- now,
 25 she thought she was getting six grand, I
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1 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 3 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 7 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 9 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 11 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Now, we need it for
 13 passage, please.
 14 MR. TAYLOR: Sorry, I'd like to
 15 introduce Ordinance 4071 for passage.
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: As amended, sir.
 17 MR. TAYLOR: As amended.
 18 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 20 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 21 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 22 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin? Ms.
 24 Burke-Jones?
 25 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
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1 understand it went differently, I don't think
 2 that's really fair. So we're in a fiscal crunch,
 3 she and I have discussed that, but I urge this
 4 council sooner than later to consider increasing
 5 compensation for this position. Believe me,
 6 she'll earn every penny. So I understand
 7 tonight's not the night for a fiscal crunch, but
 8 to do what she's doing and take on more
 9 responsibility is noble indeed.
 10 MS. COOKS: Thank you, sir.
 11 MAYOR LICASTRO: All right. Someone
 12 introduce --
 13 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 14 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Is it my turn? I
 15 would like to introduce Ordinance Number 4072.
 16 This is an amended ordinance confirming the
 17 appointment by the Mayor of Diana L. Cooks as the
 18 Village Fiscal Officer with duties as set forth
 19 in Codified Ordinance 133.01 with such
 20 appointment effective June 1, 2020, and declaring
 21 an emergency, at the amended rate of \$58,307.
 22 And, Mr. Matty, is there anything else I
 23 need to add to that per our previous discussion?
 24 MR. MATTY: Not to this ordinance, but
 25 we will need the next ordinance. As long as the
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1 amended amount is in, that's fine.
 2 MR. PUFFENBERGER: I introduce this
 3 ordinance for suspension as amended.
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second on
 5 suspension?
 6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 8 suspension, please.
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 10 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 12 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 18 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 20 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 21 MR. PUFFENBERGER: And Ordinance Number
 22 4072 for passage as amended.
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 25 being none, roll call on passage, please.

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1 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 2 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 4 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 8 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 10 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 12 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: A round of applause for
 14 Ms. Cooks, please. (Applause.)
 15 Ms. Huffman, I believe it's your turn
 16 for 4073, and we have to amend this, Mr. Matty?
 17 MR. MATTY: Yes, they can do the
 18 suspension first, Mayor.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Would you offer it for
 20 suspension?
 21 MS. HUFFMAN: Introducing Ordinance
 22 Number 4073, an ordinance confirming the
 23 appointment by the Mayor of Joanne Clapp as the
 24 part-time Assistant Deputy Fiscal Officer with
 25 duties as set forth in Codified Ordinance 133.06

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1 with such appointment effective June 17, 2020,
 2 and declaring an emergency, for suspension.
 3 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 5 suspension, please.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 7 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 9 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 11 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 13 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 15 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 17 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 18 MS. HUFFMAN: Ordinance Number 4073 for
 19 passage.
 20 MR. BENJAMIN: We need an amendment.
 21 MR. MATTY: The amendment which follows
 22 what the Finance Committee did this evening
 23 should be in section 3. That language can stay
 24 as is. And then the new language that should be
 25 inserted should read as follows: Effective June

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1 17, 2020. In addition, the part-time Assistant
 2 Deputy Fiscal Officer shall be paid \$6,000
 3 annually for being the tax administrator. And on
 4 that amount shall be entitled to participate in
 5 the OPERS benefit.
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Would you
 7 offer it as amended, please.
 8 MS. HUFFMAN: Ordinance Number 4073 as
 9 amended for passage.
 10 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.
 11 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 13 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 15 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 17 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 19 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 21 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 23 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 25 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Beckenbach, if you
 2 would, 4074.
 3 MS. BECKENBACH: I'd like to introduce
 4 Ordinance Number 4074, that the following claims
 5 against the Village of Bratenahl are hereby
 6 directed from the funds and the fiscal officer is
 7 hereby authorized and directed to draw her
 8 warrants for payment to wit: Of the total of
 9 \$96,789.17.
 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: For suspension.
 11 MS. BECKENBACH: For suspension, I'm
 12 sorry.
 13 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 15 suspension, please.
 16 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 17 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 19 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 23 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 25 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.

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1 133.06(C) by adding language to insert the duty
 2 of Village Tax Administrator as part of the
 3 part-time Assistant Deputy Fiscal Officer's
 4 duties.
 5 MR. PUFFENBERGER: So move.
 6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Questions? Roll call
 8 on the motion, please.
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 10 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 12 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 18 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 20 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 21 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone else from
 22 council? Anyone from the audience? Mr.
 23 Kesselem.
 24 MR. KESSELEM: I had a question
 25 regarding Coit Road park. There's been, I

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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 2 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 3 MS. BECKENBACH: I introduce 4074 for
 4 passage.
 5 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 6 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There
 8 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?
 10 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 12 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?
 18 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 20 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 21 MAYOR LICASTRO: That ends our
 22 exhaustive agenda. Any comments from council
 23 members? Mr. Matty.
 24 MR. MATTY: Mr. Chairman, if I may, Mr.
 25 Puffenberger, a motion is needed to amend Section

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1 believe it's your renter that's park his car
 2 there for the past six months without having to
 3 be moved. I have had residents walk with me and
 4 ask me if it's an abandon car and explain it's
 5 the Mayor's renter. I don't know if there's
 6 something you can do about getting it moved.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: They're coming back
 8 next week. They're two medical students that had
 9 classes cancelled and are back in Texas to study
 10 virtually, so indeed it's been there since the
 11 middle of March.
 12 MR. KESSELEM: I understand that, but I
 13 don't think residents of the Village understand
 14 why a car can be parked for six months.
 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: It's not been six
 16 months.
 17 MR. KESSELEM: It's been there for quite
 18 a long time. The other thing is that at the end
 19 of Coit Road, it seems like the Haskell III
 20 residents now believe that their visitors can
 21 park on Coit Road all night long and leave their
 22 cars there. I don't understand that. They have
 23 plenty of parking spaces within Haskell III,
 24 they're cul-del-sacs and their driveways.
 25 There's been a resident that I know of personally

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1 that have complained about it because they hear
 2 the car pull up at night, leave their radio
 3 blasting, smoking their cigarettes, drinking
 4 their beers, then going into the home, whichever
 19:50:51 5 home that might be. It's not something that
 6 effects us right at our point of Coit Road, but
 7 it affects the whole half of that street. That
 8 is a concern of ours on Coit Road.
 9 The lights on Eddy Road, they're still
 19:51:06 10 out. It's going on nearly two years without
 11 getting those things fixed. I don't know if
 12 we've decided whose responsibility it is. If
 13 it's ODOT, get ODOT on it.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: It's not ODOT. It's
 19:51:17 15 Cleveland Public Power.
 16 MR. KESSELEM: Let's get on it. Write
 17 them a letter, inform them we're going to take it
 18 over and Joe can go do it.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Takes not a good idea.
 19:51:27 20 MR. KESSELEM: Do something. It's not a
 21 good idea to have all these lights out on Eddy
 22 Road.
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: I agree, sir.
 24 MR. KESSELEM: Where police officers --
 19:51:35 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: It's beyond our
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1 authority. Having service do it is not good.
 2 MR. KESSELEM: Affordable Windows, I
 3 don't know what rules and regulations we have
 4 going on in the Village right now that pose --
 19:51:49 5 when they park their trucks, trailer on the
 6 highway, that's an illegal billboard according to
 7 the State of Ohio. Now they've also gone ahead
 8 and started to put stumps along the edge of their
 9 probability. I don't think that fits our code.
 19:52:04 10 It's looking junkie.
 11 This past week we had an FBI raid is
 12 what I heard. Is there any information about
 13 that?
 14 MR. BENJAMIN: I didn't hear you.
 19:52:17 15 MR. KESSELEM: There was an FBI raid in
 16 our Village. Was there any information regarding
 17 that?
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: No, not at this time.
 19 MR. KESSELEM: None whatsoever?
 19:52:28 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: No. Thank you. Anyone
 21 else? Ms. Meade.
 22 MS. MEADE: Yes. While we heard
 23 something positive about Chief Dolbow, I have
 24 something negative. Let's discuss his ongoing,
 19:52:39 25 unbecoming, unprofessional, and inappropriate
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1 conduct. Last month via virtual Council meeting
 2 when I asked a question about legal fees incurred
 3 from the police lawsuit, Chief Dolbow held up a
 4 fake news sign. This is disturbing for a couple
 19:52:53 5 of reasons. First, he pre-made a sign that read
 6 fake news, so his actions were intended to
 7 harass. This is unacceptable conduct which
 8 violates his oath of office, code of ethics, and
 9 perhaps police policies.
 19:53:09 10 Second, there's a lawsuit from a former
 11 Bratenahl police officer against various police
 12 officers, Mayor Licastro, including the chief, so
 13 asking about legal costs was legitimate and
 14 relevant. For the chief to try and make it seem
 19:53:22 15 like this wasn't true is untruthful and violates
 16 his oath of office, code of ethics and perhaps
 17 various police policies.
 18 Third, he's a role model for the entire
 19 police department. He was dishonest and showed
 19:53:35 20 prejudice and bias against a resident. This is
 21 unacceptable. I filed a formal complaint and
 22 want to know what disciplinary action was taken
 23 against him. Mr. Mayor.
 24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discipline of an
 19:53:48 25 employee is a private matter between myself and
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1 the employee.
 2 MS. MEADE: Next, during the same
 3 meeting, he was drinking some beverage from a
 4 glass.
 19:53:56 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: It was iced tea.
 6 MS. MEADE: The glass looked to be about
 7 10 to 15 percent full, he sipped the beverage.
 8 To many who watched the video, they believe it
 9 was an alcoholic beverage.
 19:54:06 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: It was iced tea.
 11 MS. MEADE: I asked this be investigated
 12 beyond merely asking what was he drinking,
 13 especially if he was drinking on the job since it
 14 was during a council meeting. At the very least
 19:54:19 15 he should have known how this would appear to the
 16 public and should have avoided any appearance of
 17 impropriety. His lacks in judgment is unbecoming
 18 conduct unbecoming of a police officer.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: One more minute, ma'am.
 19:54:32 20 MS. MEADE: I'm asking Chief Dolbow to
 21 retire or to resign given his repeated history of
 22 bad temperament and unprofessional conduct, which
 23 sets a bad example for his department and
 24 increases the mistrust instead of building
 19:54:46 25 community trust. Thank you.
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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Anyone
2 else? Is there a motion to adjourn, please.

3 MR. BENJAMIN: So move.

4 MR. TAYLOR: Second.

19:54:56 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on a
6 adjournment, please.

7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Beckenbach?

8 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.

9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

10 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

12 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

14 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

15 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?

16 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.

17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

18 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Have a nice
19:55:07 20 evening, everybody.

21 (Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.)

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