MAYOR LICASTRO: Okay. It's 6:30. I'm going to call the meeting to order and ask the clerk to call the roll, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Here.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Here.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Here.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?

MR. YONCHAK: Here.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. You received the May minutes. Is there a motion to approve those as offered?

MS. HOEFLING: So moved.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? All in favor of the motion?

AYES: 5.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone opposed? Thank you. The General Assembly update, I don't usually have one. They're in recess. Of course, every mayor in the state is happy when the General Assembly is in recess. They're not taking money out of our pockets. They're probably not going to be back until after the election in November. So stay tuned.

I'm meeting with several representatives and senators in the next couple weeks to talk about home rule, proposed increase in police and fire pension, the allowance of less than 30-day Airbnb, which we have an ordinance in Bratenahl that says you cannot have a rental for less than 30 days. The General Assembly is talking about overturning that, which we think is a really bad idea. There's questions about what they'll do with gun control. All those topics will be on the agenda on a one-on-one basis. And hopefully they'll deal with them in November of this year. Any questions on that?

By the way, we're all for the increase to pension for police and fire, but it's an unfunded mandate. They want to go from 19 percent to 27.5 percent. Certainly the first responders are worth it, but for Cleveland, I think it will cost them another $70,000,000 a year they don't have. Who does?

The Mayor's Court report is as follows.

The Treasurer of the State of Ohio received $4,292; the City of Cleveland, $156; the County Treasurer, $520; and the Village of Bratenahl $20,715.75. Any questions on that? Thank you.

Any questions on the agenda items from the audience? Thank you.

So let's start with new business. We have Ordinance 4147, Mr. Benjamin, if you would.

MR. BENJAMIN: Ordinance number 4147, an ordinance amending Section 903.04 entitled Officers Rules of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Bratenahl to add co-chair person as an officer and declaring an emergency. I move for suspension.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Anyone opposed? Thank you.
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
MR. BENJAMIN: This ordinance was at the request of our Shade Tree Commission chairwoman. Where are you? There you are. And we made a motion at the last month's meeting to offer this on the agenda. And with no objection, I move for passage of Ordinance 4147.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There being none, roll call on passage, please.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Burke-Jones, if you would, 4148.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes, introducing 4148 for suspension, an ordinance amending Ordinance number 4145 as it relates to employee compensation and declaring an emergency.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second on suspension?
MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on passage, please.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Burke-Jones, if you would, 4148.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Offered as amended.
MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? Roll call on passage, please.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
MAYOR LICASTRO: An organization looks inward to see if you have a succession plan. Sometimes you do, sometimes you don't. Having the personnel in place certainly makes it a lot easier. When Chief Dolbow retired, we had a succession plan. Then Lieutenant LoBello has became our chief. It's been a seamless transition. And we're thrilled that he's now head of our police department.
As you know, our Service Director, Joe Zalar, retired. The question is do we have a succession plan? Well, we have the personnel in place that allows us to do it. Dave Maund has been on the service department for 26 years. He's been the foreman for the last five, I think. MR. MAUND: 15.
MAYOR LICASTRO: 15 years. I was asleep at the switch. And we are fortunate that this young man can step in the breach. And two, it already has been a seamless transition. Dave, you brought your family. Would you introduce them to us, please.
MR. MAUND: My wife Melissa, my son Drew and my daughter Britney.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. By the way, Dave attends Brunch with Santa, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. He brings his family and his children here. He participates in Bratenahl Molnar Reporting Services, LLC (440) 340-6161
events even though he doesn't live here. We always like to see people participate at all levels. So I'm really thrilled we have Dave on board.

And without further ado, Ms. Hoefling, would you introduce Ordinance 4149, please.

MS. HOEFLING: Yes. Introducing Ordinance 4149 for suspension. An ordinance confirming the appointment by the Mayor of David Maund as Service Director/Street Commissioner effective August 1, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
MS. HOEFLING: So introducing Ordinance 4149 for passage.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Before I ask for a roll call on passage, I would like to formally appoint Mr. Maund as Street Commissioner. This ordinance will confirm the appointment. And, again, we're thrilled to have him. I'm not sure Melissa is entirely thrilled with this, but we'll share him with you, Melissa. You can have him some of the time. (Applause.) Roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
MS. HOEFLING: So introducing Ordinance 4149 for passage.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second on suspension?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: At this time I would also like to make a formal appointment of Ken Szalay as service department general foreman. (Applause.) Roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
MS. HOEFLING: So introducing Ordinance 4150 for passage.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Before I ask for a roll call on passage, I would like to formally appoint Mr. Maund as Street Commissioner. This ordinance will confirm the appointment. And, again, we're thrilled to have him. I'm not sure Melissa is entirely thrilled with this, but we'll share him with you, Melissa. You can have him some of the time. (Applause.) Roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.
MS. HOEFLING: So introducing Ordinance 4150 for passage.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second on suspension?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: At this time I would also like to make a formal appointment of Ken Szalay as service department general foreman. (Applause.) Roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?

MR. YONCHAK: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Maund, something you’d like to share with us?

MR. MAUND: I don’t want to share anything, but I do want to thank you and council for giving me and Ken this opportunity. I don’t think we’re going to disappoint you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Maund, something you’d like to share with us?

MR. MAUND: I don’t want to share anything, but I do want to thank you and council for giving me and Ken this opportunity. I don’t think we’re going to disappoint you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: You never have, Dave.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: That was an effort. That was a big effort. Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hufman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?

MR. YONCHAK: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Thank you, Tim and Ryan, for your guidance in this. Mr. Benjamin, if you would, 4152.

MR. BENJAMIN: Ordinance 4152, declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of the Village the question of the issuance of Village facility construction bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of $9.5 million pursuant to Section 133.18 of the Revised Code and declaring an emergency. I move for suspension of Ordinance Number 4152.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hufman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?

MR. YONCHAK: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Hoefling.

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Maund, something you’d like to share with us?

MR. MAUND: I don’t want to share anything, but I do want to thank you and council for giving me and Ken this opportunity. I don’t think we’re going to disappoint you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: You never have, Dave.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: That was an effort. Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hufman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?

MR. YONCHAK: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Hoefling.

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Maund, something you’d like to share with us?

MR. MAUND: I don’t want to share anything, but I do want to thank you and council for giving me and Ken this opportunity. I don’t think we’re going to disappoint you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: You never have, Dave.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: That was an effort. Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hufman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?

MR. YONCHAK: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Hoefling.

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Maund, something you’d like to share with us?

MR. MAUND: I don’t want to share anything, but I do want to thank you and council for giving me and Ken this opportunity. I don’t think we’re going to disappoint you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: You never have, Dave.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: That was an effort. Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Hufman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Yonchak?

MR. YONCHAK: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Hoefling.

MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
Fiscal Officer. And so that’s what this ordinance does. And once we receive the valuation from the County Fiscal Officer, then we can move forward with a separate piece of legislation requesting that the issue go to the voters for the November 8th ballot.

And with that, I move passage of Ordinance 4152.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK: Aye.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Ordinance Number 4153 for passage.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion?

Recommended by Finance. There being none, roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. Introducing Ordinance Number 4153 for suspension. That the following claims against the Village of Bratenahl are hereby directed from the funds and the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw her warrants for payments to wit: Sum of $100,322.72.

MS. HOEFLING: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Ordinance Number 4152.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Budget Commission. Thank you. And they’ve indicated that their calculation using valuation and interest rates to generate the $9.5 million will be an effective rate of 4.7 mills, not 5. It’s less than we estimated. That’s a good thing for you as taxpayers. So now that will be variable until a certain point in time when it actually passes, interest rates, valuation, et cetera, et cetera, but we’re glad to see that the amount is less than we initially thought. So thank you for that.

Look, this has been a difficult process. When you make generational decisions, it should be difficult. It should involve and engage, it did. Jeff and his team, the steering committee, council, the town hall meetings, the input, it was really overwhelming. And the buzz in the Village is strong about this topic.

Now, we have to have a second meeting.

Would council consider -- the deadline is the end of day August 9th. Mr. Yonchak is out of town, as am I, in early August. Can we do an 8:00 a.m. meeting on August 8th to do the final step that should be perfunctory? That way we have all day to get it down. Going down there on the last day is a zoo. So check your calendars. You don’t have to tell me right now. I think a morning meeting to do the last step of this process, as I mentioned, is perfunctory would be preferred. If that doesn’t work for anybody, shoot me an e-mail. I’ll put the e-mail out asking you. That way you can go on with your business or your day.

So does that seem impossible for anybody at this point in time?

MR. YONCHAK: It’s possible. I’ll be back. I just have to check my work schedule.

MAYOR LICASTRO: So look at your calendars. It takes courage to put something on the ballot. Now it’s got to pass or at least we have to suggest it passes, so we’ll see.

Ms. Burke-Jones, if you would, 4153.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. Introducing Ordinance Number 4153 for suspension. That the following claims against the Village of Bratenahl are hereby directed from the funds and the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw her warrants for payments to wit: Sum of $100,322.72.
MS. COOKS:  Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN:  Aye.
MS. COOKS:  Mr. Yonchak?
MR. YONCHAK:  Aye.
MAYOR LICASTRO:  That ends the council agenda.  Any comments from councilmembers?
Anyone from the audience?  Ms. Meade?
MS. MEADE:  Yes.  On the insurance costs, I'm trying to remember the numbers.  There was one number for $111,000.  Was that just for adding the two liability issues?
MAYOR LICASTRO:  That's correct.
MS. MEADE:  Then how much was the additional insurance?
MAYOR LICASTRO:  I think it was 63,000.
MS. MEADE:  And what was the cost the year before?
MAYOR LICASTRO:  Total was about 64,000.
MS. MEADE:  Plus the increase in the deductible, correct?
MAYOR LICASTRO:  That's correct.
MS. MEADE:  That was it.  Thank you.
MAYOR LICASTRO:  Anyone else?
MS. LYONS:  Thank you, Mr. Mayor.  I would like to introduce my new co-chair, Dr. James Leslie right here beside me.  (Applause.)  Thank you for stepping forward, Doctor, glad to have you.
DR. LESLIE:  Thank you.
MAYOR LICASTRO:  Mr. Orel?
MR. OREL:  Will there still be a council meeting this Wednesday?
MAYOR LICASTRO:  No.
MR. OREL:  So this is that council meeting.
MAYOR LICASTRO:  It is.  And by the way, going forward, I'm not going to try to change these dates, because when I do, someone inevitably doesn't show up.  So let's stay on schedule.  August is usually -- most communities recess for August.  We'll have a perfunctory meeting, but it's like herding cats.  I'm glad you're all here, but getting everybody in the room is a struggle.  We're not doing it again.  Going forward it's on the calendar, it stays.
Anyone else?
May I have a motion to adjourn, please.
MR. BENJAMIN:  So moved.
MS. BURKE-JONES:  Second.

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