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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
March 20, 2019  
5:30 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN LICASTRO  
MARY BECKENBACH  
KEITH BENJAMIN  
JOYCE BURKE-JONES  
GINA HUFFMAN  
MARLA MURPHY  
JAMES PUFFENBERGER

DAVID J. MATTY, ESQ.

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1 chance to read them.

2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yeah, you did get the  
3 today. The e-mails are working today. The ones  
4 in the queue prior to that will be downloaded in  
5 a thump once we get up and running. The website  
6 is still down. Bear with us, it's been a  
7 tortious few days.

8 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Are e-mails in both  
9 directions coming?

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes.

11 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Because at one point  
12 the were going out, but not in.

13 MAYOR LICASTRO: As of early this  
14 morning, they're working in both directions.

15 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Okay. Thank you.

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: But nothing prior. So  
17 for example, Jim, you sent one over the weekend  
18 or something we just got yesterday.

19 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Okay. Thank you.

20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Cornhoff, your  
21 report, please.

22 MR. CORNHOF: Thank you, Mayor. I have  
23 received from CCA the first quarter of 2019,  
24 \$851,576, which sounds great. It's probably our  
25 second highest amount received. However, the

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

3 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Would you  
5 call the roll, please.

6 MR. CORNHOF: Ms. Beckenbach?

7 MS. BECKENBACH: Here.

8 MR. CORNHOF: Mr. Benjamin?

9 MR. BENJAMIN: Here.

10 MR. CORNHOF: Ms. Burke-Jones?

11 MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.

12 MR. CORNHOF: Ms. Huffman?

13 MS. HUFFMAN: Here.

14 MR. CORNHOF: Ms. Murphy?

15 MS. MURPHY: Here.

16 MR. CORNHOF: Mr. Puffenberger?

17 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Here.

18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Now,  
19 because our website is still down and our e-mails  
20 are trickling in, I don't think you got the  
21 minutes from the February 20th meeting. So if we  
22 don't object, we'll just delay those and do them  
23 next month.

24 MR. CORNHOF: I did send those out  
25 today though, but they probably haven't had a

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1 downside of that is that over \$250,000 of that  
2 was from delinquent income tax from prior years.  
3 So if we back that out, it would be a little less  
4 than average first quarter.

5 We have met with the state auditors  
6 regarding the 2015/16 audit. And the content of  
7 that audit remain confidential until it's  
8 officially released in several weeks.

9 Also, I've received legislative updates  
10 from like Mike Kelly from Walter Drane and I have  
11 those sitting here. So if council and the law  
12 director would stop and see me before you leave,  
13 I'll give you your updated codified ordinances.

14 I just want to comment on the recent  
15 outage on the Village web page and e-mail. And I  
16 apologize to the Mayor and staff and council and  
17 everybody else, it clearly was my fault. I  
18 failed to act on an e-mail I saw that said our  
19 domain was expiring. So it's cost the Village a  
20 lot of headaches and work this past -- since  
21 Friday afternoon to put it back together. And  
22 right now we have e-mails, but it's my  
23 understanding we still can't utilize the web  
24 page, Mayor; is that correct?

25 MAYOR LICASTRO: That's correct.

1 MR. CORNHOFF: So I apologize.  
2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. We use this  
3 rag to sop up the blood from Tom falling on his  
4 sword. Thank you, Tom. Don't let it happen  
5 again.

6 All right. So the Mayor's court report  
7 for February is as follows: The Treasurer State  
8 of Ohio received \$10,184, the City of Cleveland  
9 \$390; the County Treasurer \$1,280; the Village of  
10 Bratenahl \$46,608. So thank you, Chief, and your  
11 men and women of the force and, of course, Mrs.  
12 Kreiner and Ms. Fernandez for handling this for  
13 us. Any questions from council on that? Thank  
14 you.

15 For my report, we have several  
16 presenters today, but I'll first summarize the  
17 Board of Health report. As you know, we're part  
18 of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. I sit on  
19 the Board. We had an annual meeting last week.  
20 This, of course, gives clinics for immunization,  
21 for cessation of tobacco use, rabies control,  
22 it's an incredible organization. Keep in mind  
23 that Boards of Health across the country emanated  
24 from the Spanish flu in 1918. Even though it  
25 originated in Kansas, it's called the Spanish

1 flu. Somewhere between 50 and 100 million people  
2 were killed by that strain of influenza.

3 So if you're wondering why they're  
4 really adamant about flu shots and all that,  
5 that's why. The flu can be deadly. That was  
6 truly a pandemic. But after that event, the  
7 Board of Health have been created across the  
8 country, including the Board of Health here in  
9 Cuyahoga County. Wonderful resource. If you  
10 have anything pertaining to health, give them a  
11 call. Again, we are a member of the board.  
12 They'd be glad to help mosquito control,  
13 community hoarding response, it's a wonderful  
14 thing. If you need their contact, they are on  
15 the web.

16 So, Mr. Benjamin, would you do the  
17 honors, please.

18 MR. BENJAMIN: Sure, thank you, Mayor.  
19 It's my pleasure to introduce to you County  
20 Councilwoman Cheryl Stephens, who is now our new  
21 as of November --

22 MS. STEPHENS: November 27th.

23 MR. BENJAMIN: -- November 27th, our  
24 representative on Cuyahoga County council.  
25 Cheryl is not only a colleague, but a friend, and

1 I have known her for --

2 MS. STEPHENS: We don't count that high  
3 anymore.

4 MS. BURKE-JONES: A while.

5 MR. BENJAMIN: Several decades. I first  
6 met her when we were both at the City of  
7 Cleveland Heights. Cheryl was director of  
8 planning and development. If you've ever gone to  
9 the Coventry parking garage, that was one of  
10 Cheryl's first major projects and we all call it  
11 the Cheryl Stephens garage. She is a former  
12 Councilwoman and Mayor of the City of Cleveland  
13 Heights, and also has worked with the land bank,  
14 City of Cleveland, and is now the director of the  
15 East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation  
16 in addition to her new duties as our Cuyahoga  
17 County council representative.

18 So I wanted to welcome Cheryl to our  
19 district and to Bratenahl and just have you  
20 introduce yourself and say a few words.

21 MS. STEPHENS: Thank you. Mr. Mayor,  
22 council members, I want to thank you for giving  
23 me a little time this evening to tell you a  
24 little bit about myself. I am the child of an  
25 Air Force retiree. We spent the first 16 years

1 of my life traveling the world. And I came to  
2 Cleveland for a job to specialize in economic  
3 development and development finance.

4 I was going to work for the City of  
5 Cleveland three years, then I was going to follow  
6 my father to Southern California. I never  
7 followed him to Southern California. I fell in  
8 love with Northeast Ohio. And I love what we  
9 provide as a part of America. We're affordable,  
10 but we're rich in history and opportunities. And  
11 because we have a major national airport, you can  
12 be anywhere in the country, except the northern  
13 tip of Alaska in less than four and a half hours.

14 So I stayed here and I have a commitment  
15 to good government. And so with a masters in  
16 public administration, I made a career decision  
17 in government, but I've also given back to the  
18 communities that I've fallen in love with. First  
19 as a development director. I was also  
20 development director for the county. And then in  
21 a variety of other positions.

22 What I want to talk to you most  
23 specifically about in my contributions this  
24 evening is that your county government is a  
25 \$2 billion dollar operation. It is still

1 positive cash flow for those of you who are  
2 business operators and owners. And we try to  
3 take care of various issues for all of you.

4 And those issues can range from the  
5 pre K programming we do through our Children &  
6 Family Services funding to care for seniors, care  
7 for veterans, as well as unfortunately what we  
8 see a lot of in the media is our problems with  
9 our jail. We're working through some of those,  
10 but one of the things I do need for you to  
11 understand is that with our change of government  
12 approximately 10 years ago, the county executive  
13 handles the day-to-day operational activities.

14 And your council members are legislators, much  
15 like your council members here.

16 And so while we do not direct staff, we  
17 have direct authority and control, because  
18 there's the power of legislation and the purse  
19 strings. And so if a cost or an activity is not  
20 authorized through legislation and/or our budget  
21 allocations, then it's not really authorized.  
22 And the executive on the other hand directs  
23 staff, asks us for funding authority. And so  
24 together we accomplish the things that you want  
25 us to accomplish. So we're having what my mother

1 and father and I would call a character building  
2 experience with our jail.

3 And in this seriously character building  
4 experience, we're learning that historically  
5 people had convinced administrative leadership in  
6 this county that we could underfund and  
7 understaff the jail. And that is curious to me  
8 as a development person, I've been in and out of  
9 the financing of operating businesses. And we  
10 all know that when you cut the workforce, you  
11 have to figure out ways to use technology or  
12 automation to increase your services or  
13 production. If you don't do that, then you're  
14 going to have a poorer product. And what we have  
15 is a poorer product that caused the loss of life.

16 And so we've got to figure out how to  
17 solve those problems. Council has been with the  
18 county executive talking with, for example,  
19 MetroHealth so that we have better healthcare  
20 support for the people in the jail. We hopefully  
21 will see legislation for that in the next 30  
22 days, because we've come to a gentler person's  
23 agreement with MetroHealth about the care for  
24 people incarcerated in the three primary jail  
25 facilities.

1 We have also been working with the  
2 correctional officers and their union, because we  
3 built the facilities to house approximately 1,700  
4 people. And on any given night, we have  
5 approximately 2,000 in them. I toured the  
6 facility personally at the end of January and  
7 there were 1,999 people in it. It's too much  
8 when you're only -- by law, you set up a  
9 1,700-person ceiling. So we have got to do  
10 better. Yes, these are people who have broken  
11 the law, but they still are people and we need to  
12 treat them appropriately.

13 So there are some things that are tough  
14 that we're working on and then there are the nice  
15 things like providing more money for pre K. But  
16 if you want to get a hold of me, you can go to  
17 our website an e-mail me. It's simple,  
18 clstephens@cuyahoga.us. I typically respond in a  
19 couple of days. We do have staff that provides  
20 us with support. My primary focuses are on  
21 community and economic development, which covers  
22 housing and business development in the county.  
23 I serve on both of those committees. And I also  
24 serve on sustainability and health and human  
25 services.

1 So there's a broad range of things. And  
2 most council members serve on three to four  
3 committees, so it's not unusual to be on four  
4 committees, but I'm not a stranger to Bratenahl.  
5 I have several friends who live here. I visit  
6 regularly. One of my closest friends live in  
7 Bratenahl Place, so I have dinner there  
8 occasionally, so you might see me there. It's  
9 not unusual, it's something I've been doing for  
10 years since she moved in. If there are any  
11 questions, I defer to the Mayor.

12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any questions for the  
13 Councilwoman? I have a anecdote to share with  
14 you. I was parking in the Cheryl Stephens garage  
15 when my oldest son -- my youngest son Mark, who  
16 is now 30, was perhaps six or seven. And he was  
17 excited to put the money in the meter. So I gave  
18 him the quarter, he put the money in the meter  
19 and we went to shop. We came back and there was  
20 one of Cleveland Heights finest writing me a  
21 parking ticket because Mark had put the money in  
22 the wrong meter.

23 So I explained to the officer, it was a  
24 mistake, whatever, he would not budge. I got in  
25 the car, we're driving off and Mark could tell I

1 wasn't very happy. He leaned over and said,  
2 "Dad, don't worry, maybe some day he'll speed in  
3 Bratenahl." (Laughter.)

4 MS. STEPHENS: Great story. We have an  
5 app so you don't have to put coins in it.

6 MAYOR LICASTRO: It was a while ago.  
7 Thank you very much, Councilwoman. You're  
8 welcome to stay as long as you would prefer.

9 MS. STEPHENS: I'll stay and watch the  
10 process.

11 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. We have two  
12 presentations. One of which will segue with  
13 Joyce's Public Improvements Committee report,  
14 which is coming up later and then we have the  
15 Heritage Home Program.

16 Chagrin Valley Watershed, you are on  
17 first, so please introduce yourself as well.

18 MR. LARICK: Mayor, Council, and  
19 residents, my name is Roy Larick. And there are  
20 four of us tonight and I'll introduce in just a  
21 moment. I'll draw your attention to the screen  
22 here. We are giving you five minutes tonight on  
23 the Village of Bratenahl Nine Mile Creek  
24 restoration project, which is a proposal being  
25 submitted to the Ohio Environmental Council

1 Association under a program that's called Section  
2 319 Grant Program.

3 Basically, that funnels federal money  
4 through the state into local concerns for  
5 watershed work generally and in particular  
6 restoring streams. So obviously tonight we want  
7 to talk about restoring a small section of Nine  
8 Mile Creek in Bratenahl.

9 And tonight I am Roy Larick with  
10 Bluestone Height. I would like to introduce  
11 Laura Bonnell and Kimberly Brewster with Chagrin  
12 River Watershed Partners and Paul Kowalczyk with  
13 the Regional Sewer District. We are your  
14 supporters, your facilitators in applying to this  
15 important program for undertaking to improve our  
16 streams throughout Ohio, Bratenahl tonight.

17 And we're part of a large organization,  
18 Bluestone Heights and Chagrin River, that's  
19 called a Central Lake Erie Basin Collaborative,  
20 which tries to focus this kind of work to make  
21 Northeast Ohio the part of Ohio that really is  
22 involved with restoring streams.

23 So tonight I want to talk about just  
24 three topics, streams in Bratenahl, which are  
25 very important; the existing conditions on Nine

1 Mile Creek; and our project goals. Bratenahl  
2 itself is home to the mouths of three important  
3 streams, Doan, the two Dugways and Nine Mile  
4 Creek and little Shaw Brook. Nine Mile Creek is  
5 our focus, but Bratenahl is important because in  
6 these three streams in this area, the blue  
7 forces, the map is ugly, forgive me, but we have  
8 the blue forces. And that is the first time  
9 these streams are open since their source areas  
10 on the heights.

11 So these waters during flood times come  
12 shooting out of the culverts under I-90 and  
13 they're open, of course, in Bratenahl, there are  
14 problems with erosion, especially that's what  
15 we're concerned with with Nine Mile Creek. So if  
16 we look up here at Dugways and Shaw, forgive the  
17 ugliness of the map, and Nine Mile Creek from  
18 I-90 to Lake Shore is our general area. And it's  
19 in these areas that you see these sampling  
20 points. The streams have been tested time and  
21 time again and they don't meet state water  
22 quality standards. So that's part of what is --  
23 a big part of what we're addressing with this  
24 grant.

25 I want to draw you to this area, which

1 is our project area on Nine Mile Creek just  
2 lakeward of the I-90. And it's the white line  
3 that is our focus tonight. And from an arbitrary  
4 area downstream from the culvert, which you'll  
5 see in a minute, a few meanders, and then an end  
6 point. The yellow circle represents a very  
7 difficult part of this reach of the stream where  
8 there is some failing infrastructure for which  
9 the Sewer District is responsible. And that's  
10 part of this project as well.

11 So at I-90, the stream coming out of its  
12 culvert, if we turn around, then we see that the  
13 stream looks pretty normal. It's in its banks.  
14 Notice that the banks are a bit eroded along  
15 here, that's natural. The stream, as it comes  
16 out with velocity during storm events, is digging  
17 into this floodplain. It's entrenching itself.

18 So if we go a few hundred feet  
19 downstream, we see that the stream is deeper in  
20 relation to the floodplain and it is more eroded,  
21 especially on the meanders, the cut banks that  
22 are extremely eroded in this area. And then this  
23 is the failing infrastructure as it's called near  
24 the end of our reach, which is culvert in what's  
25 called a headwall that is actually eroding out of

1 the bank there and this does need work. And  
2 we'll touch on this project.

3 So, basically, we have three goals. And  
4 the biggest one is to reduce the meander cut bank  
5 erosion, which you've seen; to improve the  
6 habitat considerations in this part of the  
7 stream; and to reduce the sediment load to Lake  
8 Erie that is generated in Bratenahl downstream in  
9 these culverts.

10 Specifically, we have designed this  
11 grant to restore 750 feet of the stream by  
12 stabilizing the eroding banks and then  
13 reconnecting the stream to the floodplain. That  
14 is to actually raise the stream up a little bit  
15 so when it does flood, it covers more of that  
16 floodplain area that was eight, 10 feet above the  
17 stream during this area.

18 And we also have requested funds to  
19 restore an acre of what we call the riparian  
20 area, so the immediate area of the floodplain  
21 where we can do some planting and a bit, just a  
22 tiny bit of regrading to make sure it doesn't  
23 erode more. And then educate the community, of  
24 course, very important in these things.

25 So that's it basically. And the area,  
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1 once again, the red represents the area of stream  
2 bank restoration and the green is that riparian  
3 area. And now the structure of the proposal is  
4 we have to meet the guidelines for the Section  
5 319. We've shown that it will have water quality  
6 benefits and improve the quality of the water  
7 going through Bratenahl and to Lake Erie.

8 The Nine Mile Creek is part of an  
9 approved watershed plan that's called Doan  
10 Friends of Lake Erie. We have a 40 percent match  
11 that's required and that's coming from the Sewer  
12 District. And we're here tonight to bring the  
13 Village of Bratenahl in as the community sponsor,  
14 which the grant must have. We have done the  
15 work, but Bluestone Heights, Chagrin River, the  
16 Sewer District can't be the sponsor. The Village  
17 has to be the sponsor in this case.

18 So basically, we have asked for \$300,000  
19 with that match of 200,000. It is a total  
20 outlay, a total request of \$500,000 for which the  
21 Village has no fiscal responsibility. And the  
22 proposal had to meet the deadline of March 15th,  
23 submitted with the Mayor's provisional signature.  
24 So we're here tonight to ask the council to  
25 approve this project so we can make that more

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1 than provisional. Thank you. That's all I have  
2 to say. And we'll take questions.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes, Roy, you made  
4 mention of something we're very much aware. The  
5 three streams in Bratenahl are culverts and storm  
6 sewers south of us. Here they're open streams,  
7 critically important for the ecology of not only  
8 Bratenahl, but Northeast Ohio.

9 Nine Mile is probably the most volatile  
10 of the streams, the way it floods, the rapid  
11 water flow after a rain event, so great start and  
12 hopefully we're successful. Laura Bonnell was  
13 kind enough to come in on Friday, along with Dave  
14 Matty, and make the application, but it is  
15 contingent upon council approval. There was a  
16 much longer and more detailed presentation given  
17 at Joyce's public improvement committee, I'm sure  
18 she'll summarize that.

19 Now, some monies will have to be  
20 reimbursed to the Village, but, again, the net  
21 cost is zero to the Village. We have signed  
22 documents from Ms. Weller, it's on her property;  
23 myself on behalf of the Village; and Dave Matty.  
24 And David had thoroughly reviewed all aspects of  
25 the application and, again, concurred that it's

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1 zero cost to the Village. But questions from  
2 council, Mr. Puffenberger.

3 MR. PUFFENBERGER: I do. I'm certainly  
4 grateful there are no upfront costs for this.  
5 Are there any ongoing costs, maintenance costs  
6 that could be incurred by the Village as time  
7 goes on to maintain the project?

8 MAYOR LICASTRO: I can answer that,  
9 because it was actually an eleventh hour  
10 discussion we had with Ms. Weller. No, we  
11 believe there is no maintenance cost ongoing.  
12 The maintenance cost is on private property and I  
13 believe Northeast Regional is going to help Ms.  
14 Weller address that, but we do not have ongoing  
15 responsibility.

16 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Is Ms. Weller then  
17 responsible for this in the future?

18 MAYOR LICASTRO: That's my  
19 understanding, but I do believe Northeast  
20 Regional had a discussion with her and will help  
21 in that regard, but the Village has no  
22 maintenance responsibility going forward.

23 MR. LARICK: Mr. Kowalczyk, would you  
24 like to say a few words about the long-term  
25 maintenance of the project?

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1 MR. KOWALCZYK: Sure, Mayor, Council,  
2 thanks. Under our Regional Stormwater Management  
3 Program, we have the stormwater inspection and  
4 maintenance group. And we are responsible for  
5 conveyance on what we call our regional streams.  
6 Nine Mile Creek is a regional stream under our  
7 program. And so we are already maintaining these  
8 streams under the program. So we would continue  
9 to maintain this property or this segment just  
10 the same way we do with any of our other regional  
11 stormwater assets, so no real change.

12 MAYOR LICASTRO: And to that point, Mr.  
13 Larick pointed out the collapsed headwall, which  
14 is seriously eroded. That's the stormwater  
15 outflow from Oakshore Green that the Village  
16 owns, but it comes under the purview of Northeast  
17 Regional and Mr. Kowalczyk said that that should  
18 be addressed hopefully simultaneously with this  
19 project, if not shortly thereafter. Is that your  
20 understanding, sir?

21 MR. KOWALCZYK: That's my understanding,  
22 yes.

23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you.

24 MR. MATTY: Jim, in answer to your  
25 question, the agreement says the Village will

1 work out, formalize the maintenance terms with  
2 the owner if there is a grant award. So if there  
3 is a grant award, we will have to have a separate  
4 agreement with Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer  
5 District, which will come before you.

6 And Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer  
7 District or Mrs. Weller is going to have to  
8 agree to maintain the stream from that point on,  
9 because I've represented to the Mayor and in  
10 talking to Don Beirut that we will have no cost  
11 in this, other than to have some upfront cost in  
12 having to seek proposals and to have some -- this  
13 is a reimbursement grant. So we have to pay for  
14 the project to get done and then we get  
15 reimbursed from the grant and/or Northeast Ohio  
16 Regional Sewer District.

17 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Thank you.

18 MAYOR LICASTRO: It runs about two  
19 years, about a year to plan and a year to  
20 actually construct. And the costs are spread out  
21 over that period of time. And Joyce has a  
22 breakdown of anticipated hours when we get to her  
23 committee report.

24 Anything else for Mr. Larick?

25 MR. BENJAMIN: Yes, thank you, Mr.

1 Mayor. Do we need to look at -- I know this is  
2 on private property. Is there a sub agreement  
3 regarding providing enhanced riparian setback at  
4 all?

5 MR. LARICK: I'm not sure that I can  
6 answer that very well.

7 MS. BREWSTER: Yeah, I'm no sure. Would  
8 you mind repeating the question?

9 MR. BENJAMIN: This is on private  
10 property, so that property owner, you know, has  
11 the right to build or to get close to the stream.  
12 I was just wondering as part of this process any  
13 work that's done, will that continue to require  
14 what we have now in terms of riparian setback or  
15 maybe even an enhanced setback.

16 MS. BREWSTER: So every project that's  
17 funded through the Section 319 grant program, the  
18 project area must be protected with an  
19 environmental covenant. The EPA requires that.  
20 That's to protect their investment when the grant  
21 funds the work, that it cannot be taken out in  
22 the future or so forth. And so is that what  
23 you're asking?

24 MR. BENJAMIN: In that you can only  
25 construct or build within a certain number of

1 feet from?

2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Benjamin, these 34  
3 acres are protected by -- they're deemed green  
4 space forever. It's a conservation easement.

5 MR. BENJAMIN: Oh, this is part of the  
6 conservation?

7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes.

8 MR. BENJAMIN: That answers my question.

9 MAYOR LICASTRO: No problems. That's a  
10 good question. So this is owned by Ms. Weller,  
11 but she worked with Land Conservancy to put a  
12 conservation easement on this property. And Nine  
13 Mile runs through my property and, unfortunately,  
14 not the portion that they're going to restore. I  
15 put a conservation easement on my property as  
16 well to protect the support and the watershed.  
17 Ms. Meade.

18 MS. MEADE: Yeah, I just didn't know if  
19 you were able to look at the tree that had fallen  
20 over the creek.

21 MR. KOWALCZYK: I did. I looked at it  
22 after the council meeting and then went back  
23 again because there were some people on vacation  
24 last week, went back again on Friday last week in  
25 the morning, walked in, took some better pictures

1 and I had my field clothes on. And as far as I  
2 know, our inspection and maintenance crew is  
3 looking at it.

4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Paul.

5 MS. MEADE: So you don't have anything  
6 to report as of yet?

7 MR. KOWALCZYK: As of yet, no. And the  
8 interesting thing is because that tree did fall  
9 onto that conservation easement area, we need to  
10 do a little bit more coordination with Western  
11 Reserve Land Conservancy and Lucy Weller about  
12 how we access and potentially remove that tree.

13 MAYOR LICASTRO: The access will be  
14 pretty much through Ms. Weller's property. The  
15 day we had the 65-mile-an-hour winds, there were  
16 numerous trees that came down throughout the  
17 Village and several on that property. The one  
18 Ms. Meade is talking about is about this big  
19 around (indicating.)

20 MS. MEADE: Yeah, my concern is should  
21 we get some kind of flash flooding. I don't know  
22 if it hasn't been removed, what that will really  
23 do for flooding of the whole area.

24 MR. KOWALCZYK: I guess it could flood a  
25 little bit more, backup a little bit more behind

1 that tree if we do get a major storm come  
2 through. I guess the good thing is we're down in  
3 the lower area, kind of in that floodplain of  
4 that stream, so there really isn't much to flood  
5 down there.

6 MAYOR LICASTRO: It floods. It floods.

7 MR. KOWALCZYK: We're a little bit more  
8 concerned about if it actually starts to erode  
9 around where that tree has fallen and people  
10 start losing property.

11 MAYOR LICASTRO: We'll make sure it  
12 stays on Northeast's radar.

13 MR. KOWALCZYK: It is.

14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone else? Ms.  
15 Burke-Jones, do you have any questions or do you  
16 want to just wait and get to your committee  
17 report?

18 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes, we'll just wait  
19 then. Thank you.

20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you to Bluestone  
21 Heights, the Chagrin Valley Watershed, Northeast  
22 Regional. Now, we should have notification on  
23 our success in late spring, my understanding, and  
24 we're excited. This is a great start, so thank  
25 you for partnering with us. And I've had

1 promises from Chagrin Valley that they'll help us  
2 going forward with administrative time, et  
3 cetera, et cetera, so thank you very much.

4 MR. LARICK: You're welcome.

5 MAYOR LICASTRO: While we wait for him  
6 to break that down, I'll just give you an update.  
7 Everyone is aware we have a tax initiative on the  
8 May ballot. It is Issue 5. Issue 5. It is an  
9 issue to raise our income tax rate from 1.5 to 2  
10 percent and restore a 50 percent residential  
11 credit, so you'll be seeing it on the ballot on  
12 May 7th. This is probably not the last you're  
13 going to hear about it, but it is Issue 5.

14 Heritage Home Program made two mailings  
15 in the Village. One of which mistakenly included  
16 a letter from Mayor Kennedy of North Olmsted.  
17 They were kind enough to resend my letter, which  
18 was their original intention, with a cover sheet  
19 explaining the error.

20 So, Elizabeth, the floor is yours and  
21 introduce your colleague as well, please.

22 MS. CARDARELLI: Thank you, Mr. Mayor,  
23 Council and residents. Thank you for having us  
24 this evening. My name is Liz Cardarelli. And  
25 this is my colleague Audrey Thomas. We are

1 associates of the Heritage Home program. Audrey  
2 actually is the primary contact for Bratenahl  
3 residents. And we have nearing 50 participating  
4 communities, so we had to split the legwork up  
5 between us.

6 And Audrey, of course, will be working  
7 directly with Bratenahl residents, so I'm going  
8 to let her take the floor and explain the program  
9 in a short time. And we did also bring  
10 information, so if you would like to take some on  
11 the way out, we will set it on the back table.

12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Let me interject, this  
13 is sort of a brief overview. On April 8th, we're  
14 having a more extensive meeting in this chamber.  
15 It was in the letter. And if residents are  
16 curious to get more information, please attend  
17 the meeting.

18 Audrey, proceed. Thank you.

19 MS. THOMAS: So, I'll just give a quick  
20 overview about what we offer homeowners in  
21 Bratenahl. We have two main services that we  
22 offer. And the first one is technical  
23 assistance. So we have a construction specialist  
24 on our staff who is a contractor for decades  
25 before getting this job and now he's retired. So

1 he can offer site visits to homeowners, basically  
2 come out to your property, talk to you about any  
3 prospective projects that you're thinking about  
4 doing, kind of giving you a rough idea about how  
5 much those projects should cost, kind of help you  
6 prioritize projects you're thinking about doing,  
7 all that information and really just answer any  
8 questions you have about any the construction  
9 process moving forward to get home improvement  
10 projects completed.

11 We also have a preservationist on staff.  
12 And we'd be happy to talk to you about how to  
13 maintain your house in a historically compatible  
14 way to be respectful of the historic nature of  
15 your home and to make updates that are compatible  
16 with that.

17 We also do color consults. We have a  
18 contractor database, so we can offer you -- or  
19 offer residents the information of contractors  
20 who work in the area and might be helpful for a  
21 project that you're thinking of doing. And we  
22 also can review any estimates that you get just  
23 to make sure the price looks about right, if  
24 they're missing estimates that you want to  
25 clarify with your contractor before moving

1 forward.

2 The second service that we offer is a  
3 low-interest fixed rate loan. We have two  
4 lending partners, Key Bank and Third Federal.  
5 And that loan is as low as 2 percent in  
6 Bratenahl, the interest rate. And those loans  
7 can be between \$3,000 and \$150,000, so it's kind  
8 of a wide range of options.

9 We can fund most interior and exterior  
10 projects. Typical projects are waterproofing,  
11 exterior painting, roofing, kitchen and bath  
12 remodels, compatible additions. The big things  
13 we can't fund are luxury items like pools, hot  
14 tubs and that. We can't do appliances that are  
15 removable and we can't do any vinyl siding or  
16 vinyl windows. Those are the restrictions.  
17 Other than that, we can pretty much fund most  
18 things.

19 The big kind of requirements to be  
20 eligible for the loan is that the home is 50  
21 years or older, that it's three units or less.

22 MS. CARDARELLI: And in a participating  
23 community, that's it.

24 MS. THOMAS: So with that, once you go  
25 through the loan process, the money is escrowed

1 with us and then we contract with the homeowner  
2 and the contractor. And that way we can be there  
3 throughout the whole process to make sure the  
4 contractor is pulling the permits, getting all  
5 their inspections passed, all of that. And if  
6 any challenges arise, we'll be there to kind of  
7 mediate that.

8 MS. CARDARELLI: Really, our focus with  
9 our program is to assist homeowners in feeling  
10 comfortable moving forward with their project.  
11 We definitely know that the list of to dos in  
12 homes that are 50 years old and older are long  
13 and extensive. And it can be hard to get to that  
14 jumping off point. So we're here to assist just  
15 moving forward. If all we do is get the  
16 homeowner comfortable with moving forward with  
17 the project, even if they do it on their own  
18 without the help of the loan program, we are  
19 thrilled with that. So again, just really  
20 wanting to make sure that homeowners are  
21 comfortable with their project.

22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any questions? Mr.  
23 Puffenberger.

24 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Yes. Aside from the  
25 mailings and the informational meeting which is

1 taking place in April --

2 MAYOR LICASTRO: April 8th.

3 MR. PUFFENBERGER: -- do you have any  
4 recommendations as to how we can better promote  
5 the program? I think we've had obviously  
6 homeowners take advantage of this in the past,  
7 but probably not as many as could. My feeling is  
8 always that perhaps we can promote it better.  
9 Are other communities doing other things that  
10 we're not?

11 MS. CARDARELLI: I'm not sure if it is  
12 linked on your website.

13 MAYOR LICASTRO: It is.

14 MS. CARDARELLI: We're happy to get that  
15 linked. We are happy to be in any mailing. We  
16 can get you some marketing information to put  
17 into newsletters. Any mailings that you put out  
18 on a regular basis, we're happy to be a part of.  
19 If you host any community events, we are happy to  
20 be there with a table set up. Really as often as  
21 you want us to be in the public, we're happy to  
22 set that up and be here in the area.

23 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Thank you.

24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Can you leave the  
25 literature you have? I think there's a little

1 table. I'm sorry Ms. Capello.  
 2 MS. CAPELLO: I'll take the letter and  
 3 put it out.  
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Again, there will be a  
 5 more comprehensive presentation on April 8th. I  
 6 think we have it at 6:30; is that correct? 6:30  
 7 in this chamber, so if you didn't hear enough  
 8 today, come back and bring your neighbors with  
 9 you. Thank you very much, ladies.  
 10 MS. CARDARELLI: Thank you.  
 11 MS. MURPHY: Excuse me, Mr. Mayor, do we  
 12 have an update when the website comes up, will we  
 13 that date listed on the website?  
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: We do. There's a link  
 15 to it, yes.  
 16 All right. Moving on committee reports,  
 17 finance.  
 18 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Yes, finance met  
 19 Monday, March 18th, just two days ago. And  
 20 subsequent to Mr. Cornhoff's usual report, our  
 21 primary focus at this meeting was to finalize  
 22 2019 appropriations. Any of you who have been  
 23 going to our rather lengthy meetings know that we  
 24 approved temporary appropriations in the month of  
 25 December for a variety of reasons.

1 This is the third consecutive finance  
 2 meeting where we have reduced appropriations for  
 3 2019, this time just by a little bit reduction  
 4 necessitated by a reduction in estimated  
 5 resources as it was presented by Mr. Cornhoff.  
 6 The ordinance is 4017 that you will see  
 7 on your agenda this evening. The committee  
 8 unanimously recommended that we approve Ordinance  
 9 4017 this evening to finalize 2019  
 10 appropriations. It is, by law, something we have  
 11 to have completed by the end of this month, by  
 12 the end of March.  
 13 Now, there are a couple of items that  
 14 went into this that were addressed a little bit  
 15 separately. And I think it's worth noting those  
 16 two since we reviewed quotations on these two  
 17 items just for informational purposes. One was  
 18 quotations for exercising equipment in the  
 19 community center that we reviewed for the first  
 20 time officially at this meeting. We did  
 21 appropriate funds for 2019 for this. This is out  
 22 of a reserve fund, but there were some additional  
 23 questions relative to maintenance and warranties  
 24 and those sorts of things, so we didn't move  
 25 forward to approve the equipment, but it is in

1 our appropriations. And once those questions are  
 2 answered, we can move forward with that should  
 3 council want to do so.  
 4 The other issue that we reviewed fairly  
 5 briefly was the purchase of a relatively  
 6 expensive vehicle for service. Mr. Zalar was  
 7 able to be incredibly creative in reducing our  
 8 cost on this by roughly half by transferring  
 9 equipment from an existing truck to another. I  
 10 guess being sensitive to the budget like that is  
 11 how you get your name on buildings.  
 12 MR. ZALAR: Always got to get it in  
 13 there.  
 14 MR. PUFFENBERGER: I can't go a meeting  
 15 without doing that. I just can't help it.  
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: You know he hates it  
 17 when you say that.  
 18 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Of course that's the  
 19 main reason I do that. I just can't help myself.  
 20 But anyway, we do appreciate that. That does cut  
 21 in half the cost and I appreciate Joe for being  
 22 this creative.  
 23 The other ordinance that we considered  
 24 4018. This is the monthly pay claims. We did  
 25 not have utilities and because we did not have

1 the appropriate invoices for that meeting, but we  
 2 did approve pay claims as they were presented to  
 3 us. We now have prior to this meeting since we  
 4 were able to get them through e-mail, the utility  
 5 invoices. Even though we didn't officially  
 6 approve utility invoices, we will be looking at  
 7 them later in the week. My understanding is that  
 8 Diana will supply those to us later in the week.  
 9 And we do recommend that we approve 4018 so we  
 10 can approve -- so we can pay our bills. We  
 11 obviously have to pay our utility bills even  
 12 though we weren't able to review them that day.  
 13 This was thankfully a much shorter  
 14 meeting than some of our previous meetings and  
 15 that concludes my report.  
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: We're all appreciative.  
 17 MR. PUFFENBERGER: I'm chuckling with  
 18 you.  
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any questions for Mr.  
 20 Puffenberger? Thank you. Public Improvements.  
 21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. So we met, as  
 22 you can see, last week and discussed the  
 23 presentation. Wanted to really thank Northeast  
 24 Ohio Sewer District, because this is a wonderful  
 25 opportunity and this is a match grant. And they

1 are matching \$200,000 of the 500 that is the  
2 total grant amount that we're requesting, so this  
3 is an excellent opportunity.

4 And I never had a chance -- you never  
5 had a chance to stand up and introduce  
6 yourselves. Please do so.

7 MS. BREWSTER: Oh, thank you. I'm Kim  
8 Brewster.

9 MS. BONNELL: I'm Laurel Bonnell,  
10 Chagrin Valley watershed partners, assistant of  
11 Roy Larick of Bluestone Heights and the Village.

12 MS. BURKE-JONES: Thank you very much.  
13 They did a wonderful job. There were many  
14 questions, many of which were ones that we had  
15 already asked at this meeting.

16 One question was it's going to cost us a  
17 little bit of money to do this. And the Mayor  
18 was good enough to check with staff and  
19 consultants to see how much time it would take  
20 for our participation in this grant. And it came  
21 up to 175 engineering hours, 40 legal, 40  
22 administration and, frankly, in the grant, you'll  
23 see there is an inclusion of, a number of cost  
24 for our continued work in this during the grant,  
25 during the project process if we are so lucky to

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1 get it, and this would be covered by the grant as  
2 well.

3 So the committee was really happy to  
4 have this opportunity. And we unanimously  
5 approved and recommended to council that we  
6 proceed with the approval. Our approval was  
7 necessarily only because they had to turn that in  
8 last Friday. So they needed to have somebody  
9 approve it. And in order just to turn it in, so  
10 we were more than happy to make that first  
11 recommendation on approval.

12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes. I was not  
13 comfortable bringing this cold to council and  
14 saying we already signed it. I didn't think that  
15 was fair to this body. So the time frame was  
16 tight. We could only do it at Public  
17 Improvements. Joyce was kind enough to call the  
18 meeting and we had Bluestone Heights and Chagrin  
19 Valley watershed and Northeast Regional present.

20 Ladies, do you have anything to add to  
21 this will?

22 MS. BREWSTER: No, just we're very  
23 pleased to work with the Village in the  
24 application. And if you have any questions,  
25 we're happy to answer them.

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: They've had a high rate  
2 of success in acquiring these funds. Again, it's  
3 a competitive situation. Mr. Beirut, do you have  
4 some comments on that.

5 MR. BEIRUT: We're in good hands. This  
6 is number one, so we'll easily be able to  
7 accommodate whatever staff the Village needs to  
8 put forward and work within the hours that are  
9 allowed.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: I think you commented  
11 you've seen other projects that did not have this  
12 level.

13 MR. BEIRUT: Yeah, I was involved in  
14 another project that was funded that was not  
15 nearly as worthy as this one, so I'm optimistic.

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: And we will know very  
17 soon. So thank you, Ms. Burke-Jones, thank you,  
18 ladies.

19 MS. BURKE-JONES: We're looking forward  
20 to being able to contribute to a cleaner lake and  
21 that's what we all should be supporting.

22 MAYOR LICASTRO: And Ms. Bonnell is no  
23 stranger in Village Hall. She's going to be hand  
24 in glove with us to make certain that we do what  
25 we need to do and make sure our time is well

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1 spent. Any other questions from council? Thank  
2 you, Ms. Burke-Jones. Legislative.

3 MR. BENJAMIN: Mayor, no legislative  
4 committee meeting was held. However, I am  
5 looking to schedule a meeting probably the last  
6 week of March to discuss some issues regarding  
7 the streets of public service code and Building  
8 Code. And as soon as I discuss with my  
9 colleagues when they're available to me, we'll  
10 get something on the agenda.

11 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Public  
12 Safety.

13 MS. BECKENBACH: Public Safety did not  
14 meet, but I would like to give a report regarding  
15 140th Street; or is this not the time?

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: As long as it's brief,  
17 proceed.

18 MS. BECKENBACH: A new plan to develop  
19 East 140th Street corridor is back in vogue for  
20 the 2019 year. The East 140th Street corridor  
21 plan first developed in 2013, is back on the  
22 table at the Cleveland City Hall. The new plan  
23 ideas envision the street as a residential rather  
24 than a commercial corridor. The neighborhood  
25 will only include small commercial and

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1 residential zoning in the new program that  
2 they're passing at council if they have not  
3 already done so.

4 The Longfellow School located  
5 immediately south of the freeway entrance/exit on  
6 East 140th Street has been selected for  
7 demolition this year. The property plan has been  
8 completed for a senior citizen housing complex  
9 with 93 units for seniors only and then will be  
10 surrounded by a park and single-family housing  
11 and there will be more, there will be lots of  
12 housing. I'm not sure of the number, but it's  
13 above 20 or 30.

14 The very large horseshoe-shaped house  
15 complex located on Lakeshore Boulevard and East  
16 140th Street immediately adjacent to the east of  
17 Bratenahl Kitchen has been sold and will be  
18 updated and completely renovated. The building  
19 currently has been completely vandalized and  
20 needs to be either torn down or completely  
21 renovated as I have mentioned. I will continue  
22 to keep you informed as more information becomes  
23 available.

24 MAYOR LICASTRO: And for clarity, Ms.  
25 Beckenbach has been involved with 140th Street

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1 group for --

2 MS. BECKENBACH: Since '05.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: Since '05. And even  
4 though it is not a part of Bratenahl, it is our  
5 neighbor, it is an entry to Bratenahl. And  
6 whatever they do to improve that corridor is a  
7 good thing for the Bratenahl as well. That  
8 horseshoe apartment, when I was a kid, was a  
9 beautiful, beautiful building.

10 MS. BECKENBACH: It showed that before.

11 MAYOR LICASTRO: And it is in complete  
12 disrepair. Councilman Polensek has been primary  
13 in this process. He has really worked with  
14 council to have the area rezoned. He's torn down  
15 several buildings on 140th, which were  
16 problematic. So we're hopeful with the new  
17 zoning and these projects move forward, it can  
18 only help our Village.

19 Any questions for Ms. Beckenbach?

20 MR. BENJAMIN: Mayor, as long as we're  
21 talking about our neighbors, I also want to  
22 congratulate the East Side Market and the opening  
23 in Glenville over at St. Clair East 105th Street.  
24 I have been there now seven or eight times. And  
25 it's just a fantastic place to go and get quality

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1 food. And there seem to be a lot of Bratenahl  
2 residents who are shopping there as well. I  
3 thank Pat Meade for the work that she did in  
4 helping to market the opening, the grand opening  
5 to Bratenahl residents and the communities.

6 MS. MEADE: Can I say one thing about  
7 that?

8 MAYOR LICASTRO: One thing before you  
9 do. It is so cool to have a grocery store close.  
10 It is just so cool. And they're off on the right  
11 foot. Ms. Meade?

12 MS. MEADE: My work will be ongoing with  
13 them, so I want feedback, okay, good, bad,  
14 suggestions, ideas. So when you guys go in, if  
15 there are things you like, don't like, let me  
16 know so we can always improve and make it better.  
17 It's a reflection on the community. So we want  
18 to make it everybody's grocery store and to  
19 provide the foods and services you want.

20 We want to start talking about delivery  
21 service, so I want to have some meetings with  
22 Bratenahl residents to find out if we can deliver  
23 in Bratenahl, how do you want it to work, like  
24 walking to Glenville, surrounding communities.  
25 Again, I might be calling up or e-mailing some

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1 folks and asking for input. Thanks.

2 MAYOR LICASTRO: You're right, Keith, it  
3 is a great place. Thank you, Councilwoman, take  
4 care. You can stay and vote if you'd like.  
5 (Laughter.)

6 Planning Commission did not meet.

7 MS. BECKENBACH: They're meeting next  
8 Wednesday.

9 MAYOR LICASTRO: We are. There are  
10 several things on the agenda. Mr. Puffenberger?

11 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Ms. Beckenbach, I  
12 guess, had the floor. I had a quick question. I  
13 recalled an e-mail a couple months ago about the  
14 grant that we typically get each year for the  
15 mailing for the rubbish. And I know that there  
16 was a reason we didn't do it this year. Maybe I  
17 missed something, but I didn't understand exactly  
18 why we weren't doing it this year.

19 MS. BECKENBACH: Do you want me to give  
20 that report?

21 MAYOR LICASTRO: Please.

22 MS. BECKENBACH: This one is more  
23 lengthy.

24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Oh, no.

25 MS. BECKENBACH: In 2009, I designed a

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1 program to commit to creating a cleaner and  
2 greener community. The Village selected the  
3 lowest and best bid submitted by Republic  
4 Industries to be our partner. For the past 10  
5 years, I have received grant funding from the  
6 Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District that pays  
7 for the annual brochure received by all residents  
8 each March.

9 The Village recycling and solid waste  
10 contract now serve as one of the models in  
11 Northeastern Ohio. Joe Zalar, our service  
12 director, and I designed an additional recycling  
13 brush and trash and rubbish pickup program where  
14 residents have a supplementary option to borrow  
15 containers from the Village for extra recycling,  
16 brush and trash disposal.

17 This is one of the most utilized  
18 programs in our Village used by all of our  
19 residents. And, thus, is a great success, also.  
20 There is a major upheaval because China and other  
21 small countries are no longer taking the larger  
22 countries recyclables. Therefore, these  
23 countries and states need to update their  
24 programs so that they are all the same. This is  
25 around the world, not just the United States.

1 Unfortunately, in recent months  
2 recycling processing plants have closed their  
3 operations plants in the United States. More  
4 than 450 recycling plants in California alone  
5 have shut down since February according to the  
6 October financial times, which is huge.

7 Why is this happening? The collapse of  
8 recycling is primary due to the contamination  
9 level in the recycling stream. The Solid Waste  
10 District and the State of Ohio are working  
11 diligently to correct this recycling strategy.  
12 This will be the first year that we have not  
13 applied for a grant. I feel that a grant would  
14 be confusing to residents because of the  
15 continuous changes related to acceptable  
16 recycling being made in this country and also in  
17 our county -- I'm sorry, not the country, county.

18 Therefore, the 2019 year I will be  
19 sending either an article or an ad to the  
20 Lamplighter as a way of keeping our program in  
21 line with other changes to the recycling efforts  
22 such as single use of plastic items, coffee cups,  
23 as examples and clear and universally endorsed  
24 definitions of other products. And I will also  
25 be sending out e-mails, if I may, with your

1 permission.

2 And so Bratenahl will be better served  
3 with articles defined in this change as they  
4 happen. The Village also has about 100 leftover  
5 spinners, which are those little rounds jobbies  
6 you got last year. And I will inform residents  
7 or those that have lost last year's brochure that  
8 we have 700 extras and I'll be happy to deliver  
9 them personally. That's my report.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Did you coordinate  
11 this, sir?

12 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Honestly, I was not  
13 expecting that level of detail, but thank you.

14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you.

15 MR. PUFFENBERGER: I do have a follow-up  
16 question if I may.

17 MS. BECKENBACH: Sure.

18 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Are we basically  
19 saying that people shouldn't be recycling as  
20 much?

21 MS. BECKENBACH: They should be  
22 recycling more. That's the reason that it's all  
23 in that spinner that you have. And there was an  
24 extensive article in the Lamplighter the last --  
25 when was the last Lamplighter?

1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Beckenbach spent  
2 considerable time with our IT consultant and  
3 updated the Village's website on recycling.

4 MS. BECKENBACH: It's huge, every little  
5 detail you can possibly imagine is on the  
6 website.

7 MS. MURPHY: Didn't at one point you  
8 send an e-mail stating that they were not  
9 accepting everything again?

10 MS. BECKENBACH: Yes.

11 MR. BENJAMIN: Mr. Mayor, countywide,  
12 most of -- as Councilwoman Beckenbach did talk  
13 about, a lot of recycling materials, especially  
14 plastics bags, are no longer being accepted by  
15 the countries that we used to send these products  
16 to. The main one being China. And that has just  
17 made the cost of recycling much more expensive.

18 I am assuming we currently have a  
19 contract with a rubbish recycling provider. And  
20 I think that most likely, as other cities are  
21 experiencing, when those contracts are up, either  
22 this council will have to really look at making a  
23 decision, unless something changes regarding  
24 recycling, as to whether we're going to continue  
25 to provide recycling and what the cost will be in

1 the Village, which is to continue to do that.

2 MS. BECKENBACH: The cost of recycling,  
3 by the way, with Republic Industries has dropped  
4 dramatically every time they renew our contract.

5 MR. BENJAMIN: But that will be  
6 changing, that will be changing, because these  
7 recycling companies can no longer sell the  
8 recycling material. It's much harder for them,  
9 so they are no longer making as much money.

10 MS. BECKENBACH: The only parts that's  
11 really endangered is the plastic. Especially if  
12 you look on the little circle thing, they're only  
13 taking big bottles with a cap. So there's still  
14 a gazillion plastic items made out there,  
15 gazillions, and we have to embrace the fact that  
16 we should not be using straws and buying plastic  
17 products and that kind of thing. And there's a  
18 lot of discussion about this on the websites and  
19 our website and magazines and that kind of stuff,  
20 so everybody is working hard.

21 MR. BENJAMIN: And the Solid Waste  
22 Management District is also looking at other ways  
23 that we can utilize that grant funding in the  
24 future. For example, the purchasing of trash  
25 receptacles and containers and things like that.

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1 MS. BECKENBACH: We're already doing  
2 that, also, by the way.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: I was approached by  
4 Waste Management indicating they would prefer to  
5 increase our contract in term. And I reminded  
6 them that that's why we had a contract. Would  
7 not do so. So when it's time to negotiate again,  
8 I'm not sure how they'll approach us, but the  
9 recycling topic has been discussed nationwide.  
10 And thank you for your segue to these  
11 well-informed individuals and thank you for your  
12 report.

13 MS. BECKENBACH: Thank you.

14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Recreation Commission.

15 MS. CAPELLO: Good evening everyone.  
16 Rec met March 6th. The only big news I have is  
17 they elected their officers and we have a beer  
18 tasting next Thursday.

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: What was the result of  
20 the election, Ms. Capello?

21 MS. CAPELLO: Dave Kozinski is chair,  
22 Brad DiFranco vice-chair, Tim Bauman is the  
23 treasurer, and Joyce Flanagan is the secretary.

24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you.

25 MS. CAPELLO: Otherwise, check the

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1 website for minutes.

2 MAYOR LICASTRO: And not to overbook,  
3 but having been to the wine tastings, there's a  
4 beer tasting coming up, if you're not busy that  
5 night, it's the best \$20 you've ever spent. The  
6 food is fabulous. I'm not sure what flights, how  
7 many flights of beer you'll have, but five, five  
8 flights of beer. It makes really a lot of fun  
9 and I think, Joyce, were you at the wine tasting  
10 last month?

11 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes, and that was not  
12 my first.

13 MAYOR LICASTRO: There were mussels and  
14 salmon cakes and pasta fazul and walnut cream  
15 cannolis, you couldn't go to a restaurant and get  
16 that for \$20.

17 MR. PUFFENBERGER: I would recommend  
18 Ubering there and back.

19 MS. BURKE-JONES: I was just going to  
20 say, and we all walked home. (Laughter.)

21 MAYOR LICASTRO: They were pouring  
22 pretty heavy pours, I must admit. Thank you.  
23 Shade Tree informed me they do not have a report.

24 Before we move to new business, there  
25 being no old, are there public comments on the

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1 agenda? Ms. Meade.

2 MS. MEADE: Yeah, I don't recall seeing  
3 or receiving anything on Resolution 1137, the  
4 COSE medical and vision coverage. Was that  
5 discussed anywhere or shared anywhere, the bids,  
6 the spreadsheet, any of that kind of information?

7 MAYOR LICASTRO: It was discussed  
8 briefly at finance. We mentioned the --  
9 actually, Mr. Puffenberger gave quite a lengthy  
10 report on that. We're looking at some options  
11 for 2020. We don't have the final bid yet.  
12 That's not done because it's still open  
13 enrollment. So what you'll see in the ordinance  
14 are estimates given the fact the population  
15 changes. We have some young employees having  
16 children. So we don't have the attachment to  
17 that and won't for a few weeks, so we're using an  
18 estimate of increase as seen in the resolution.  
19 That's really all we have at this time.

20 MS. MEADE: Is there a reason why then,  
21 if it's not finalized, why you're including it  
22 tonight as opposed to waiting?

23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes, because April 1 is  
24 our deadline. We have to approve it before April  
25 1. It can change -- it does change during the

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1 year as people are added or leave the program, so  
2 we're using -- we do this on a yearly basis. We  
3 do estimates.

4 MS. MEADE: Okay.

5 MAYOR LICASTRO: And the increase went  
6 up this year not because of increased healthcare  
7 cost, but because we have more individuals in on  
8 the plans, like babies, babies.

9 MS. MEADE: Okay.

10 MS. BURKE-JONES: And I might also add,  
11 I mean, Bratenahl Village is a small organization  
12 who doesn't really have a lot of options when it  
13 comes to this type of thing. And COSE has  
14 traditionally been very cost effective in  
15 programs they provide.

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: We have plans that are  
17 grandfathered. They're not under the Affordable  
18 Care Act, which insures our employees well. We  
19 are looking at options. Sir.

20 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Yes. This is an  
21 appropriate time probably to talk about the  
22 annual meeting that we have at our insurance  
23 broker. I happened to sit in on this it year.  
24 One of the reasons I wanted to sit in on it is  
25 that we wanted to have a discussion about health

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1 savings accounts, HSAs. They're becoming more  
2 and more popular. It's something we believe we  
3 should look into.

4 The recommendation was we should wait  
5 for a variety of reasons until the first of next  
6 year, but at least at first glance it appears to  
7 be an opportunity to save the Village money as  
8 well as save employees money. So it's something  
9 we will be looking into for the following year,  
10 not likely this year. There are a number of  
11 brokers out there who handle these things for not  
12 only private entities, but for government  
13 entities. And I think it's worth us taking a  
14 real close look at this.

15 MS. MURPHY: Mr. Cornhoff, could you  
16 please leave a copy of that insurance policy out  
17 so I can take a look at it?

18 MR. CORNHOF: Yes.

19 MS. MURPHY: Thank you.

20 MR. MATTY: I think I would advise  
21 council this evening is when you get to this  
22 piece of legislation, if you just take off --  
23 make an amendment to take off the last part of  
24 Section 1, which says a copy of which proposal  
25 was attached as Exhibit A. We do not have an

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1 Exhibit A this evening, so that last part of that  
2 sentence should come off in the form of an  
3 amendment.

4 And then if the proposal comes through  
5 for more than 339,000, we could probably do an  
6 amendment to the ordinance, Mayor, at a later  
7 point in time, but that way someone will not be  
8 looking for an Exhibit A that doesn't exist.

9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, sir.

10 MR. BENJAMIN: And, Mayor, just as a  
11 general comment, there are a couple new  
12 alternatives that I'm not sure you know about yet  
13 that are pretty new, the Ohio Government Benefits  
14 Cooperative that was recently formed. It's a  
15 council of governments that currently include  
16 South Euclid, Willoughby, Mayfield Heights,  
17 Strongsville and North Royalton. And there might  
18 be some potential for Bratenahl to join those  
19 communities in the future to look at lowering and  
20 providing healthcare costs, health insurance.

21 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Moving on  
22 to new business, if Ms. Beckenbach, before you  
23 introduce Ordinance 4017, please make note we  
24 have an adjusted appropriation that is hot off  
25 the presses. We couldn't e-mail it to you, so

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1 it's in your packet and that is the correct one.  
2 This is the amount we're recommending.

3 MR. CORNHOF: Yes.

4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Beckenbach, would  
5 you please introduce Ordinance 4017.

6 MS. BECKENBACH: I'd like to introduce  
7 Ordinance Number 4017 for suspension. An  
8 Ordinance to establish appropriations for the  
9 current expenses and other expenditures of the  
10 Village of Bratenahl during the fiscal year  
11 ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an  
12 emergency.

13 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on  
15 suspension, please.

16 MR. CORNHOF: Ms. Beckenbach?

17 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.

18 MR. CORNHOF: Mr. Benjamin?

19 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

20 MR. CORNHOF: Ms. Burke-Jones?

21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

22 MR. CORNHOF: Ms. Huffman?

23 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

24 MR. CORNHOF: Ms. Murphy?

25 MS. MURPHY: Aye.

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1 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 2 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 3 MS. BECKENBACH: I'd like to introduce  
 4 Ordinance Number 4017 for passage.  
 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Cornhoff, would you  
 6 read both General fund and a total of all funds  
 7 for this, please?  
 8 MR. CORNHOFF: Sure. The general fund  
 9 total is \$3,959,416. And we do break it out by  
 10 wages and nonwage items. Also, I want to note at  
 11 the finance committee meeting the other night,  
 12 which items were reduced by \$25,000, and  
 13 contingency was reduced by \$30,000. All funds  
 14 together total \$6,723,978. I did include in  
 15 there at the bottom about some changes that we  
 16 agreed at the finance committee meeting.  
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Questions?  
 18 Discussion?  
 19 MR. BENJAMIN: I don't know if there's  
 20 been a second, was there?  
 21 MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second?  
 22 MS. MURPHY: Second.  
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Questions?  
 24 Discussions? There being none, roll call on  
 25 passage, please.

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1 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Beckenbach?  
 2 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.  
 3 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Benjamin?  
 4 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.  
 5 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 7 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Huffman?  
 8 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 9 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Murphy?  
 10 MS. MURPHY: Aye.  
 11 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 12 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Benjamin, before  
 14 you get to 4018, again, this now includes utility  
 15 bills. So you should have a clean copy of that.  
 16 Ms. Cooks was kind enough to spend a considerable  
 17 time developing a matrix for review. The bills  
 18 are available for a physical review at any time.  
 19 So the copy given to finance did not include  
 20 utility bills. The copy you now have should.  
 21 Does everyone have that copy?  
 22 MS. HUFFMAN: Yes.  
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Benjamin, would you  
 24 proceed, please.  
 25 MR. BENJAMIN: Yes, Ordinance Number

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1 4018, paying the following claims against the  
 2 Village of Bratenahl, hereby directed from the  
 3 funds and the fiscal officer is hereby authorized  
 4 and directed to draw his warrants for payment to  
 5 wit. I move suspension.  
 6 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.  
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on  
 8 suspension, please.  
 9 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Beckenbach?  
 10 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.  
 11 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Benjamin?  
 12 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.  
 13 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 15 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Huffman?  
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 17 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Murphy?  
 18 MS. MURPHY: Aye.  
 19 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 20 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 21 MR. BENJAMIN: The total spending, if  
 22 I'm reading this correctly, and this does include  
 23 the utilities, is \$148,421.74.  
 24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Is that correct, Mr.  
 25 Cornhoff?

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1 MR. CORNHOFF: That is correct.  
 2 MR. BENJAMIN: I move passage.  
 3 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.  
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There  
 5 being none, roll call on passage, please.  
 6 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Beckenbach?  
 7 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.  
 8 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Benjamin?  
 9 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.  
 10 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 11 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 12 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Huffman?  
 13 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 14 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Murphy?  
 15 MS. MURPHY: Aye.  
 16 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 17 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Burke-Jones, it's  
 19 fitting you introduce Resolution 1136.  
 20 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes, introducing  
 21 Resolution Number 1136 for suspension. A  
 22 resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and  
 23 submit an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
 24 Nonpoint Source Program Grant application and to  
 25 enter into an agreement with Southside Acreage,

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1 LTD, to design, construct, implement, and  
2 maintain a stream restoration project and  
3 declaring an emergency.

4 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Thank you.

6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on  
7 suspension, please.

8 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Beckenbach?

9 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.

10 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Benjamin?

11 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

12 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Burke-Jones?

13 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

14 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Huffman?

15 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

16 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Murphy?

17 MS. MURPHY: Aye.

18 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?

19 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.

20 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing 1136

21 for --

22 MS. BECKENBACH: Passage.

23 MS. BURKE-JONES: -- for passage, yes.

24 For something, excuse me.

25 MAYOR LICASTRO: The more complete

1 presentation included rib cage to reduce the  
2 severity of the flow. They showed what it would  
3 be like to restore the banks.

4 I mean, when Mr. Kesselem and I were  
5 kids, Nine Mile used to run under the Fisher Body  
6 Coit Road plant. And they would dump solvents  
7 from the plant into the creek. As we waited for  
8 the bus, we would guess what color it would be  
9 today. One day it would be green, then white,  
10 then black. And we loved to play in the creek,  
11 but if we ever fell in the creek, we ran home and  
12 showered immediately. Now we have spawning  
13 trout, blue herring, frogs, amphibians. It's  
14 come a long way and this will bring it even  
15 further. Frankly, as a homeowner and a resident  
16 of Bratenahl, I'm thrilled with this and  
17 hopefully we're successful.

18 MS. BURKE-JONES: I also want to add,  
19 too, they did explain how they consider Nine Mile  
20 just a portion and then they showed us Dugway, et  
21 cetera. And they considered that like one single  
22 stream. At one time they considered hundreds of  
23 years -- I should say thousands of years ago that  
24 it indeed was a single stream going down to Lake  
25 Erie, but that this is like the first step in

1 having something, an ongoing program that is  
2 going to be improving all our creeks and brooks.

3 MAYOR LICASTRO: And you brought up  
4 Dugway, which is also quite volatile. That's

5 also on their radar. And the best thing that  
6 happened is Northeast Regional took over the  
7 tributaries of Lake Erie as part of the  
8 stormwater management system. I mean, they're  
9 coming up as \$200,000 as a local match. Because  
10 they do, we don't have to. They're going to  
11 eventually continue this program until all the  
12 streams, not only in Bratenahl, I know Dugway is  
13 a particular concern to Bratenahl Place, but all  
14 over Northeast Ohio, it's a great thing and  
15 hopefully we're successful.

16 Any other comments? There being none,  
17 roll call on passage, please.

18 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Beckenbach?

19 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.

20 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Benjamin?

21 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

22 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Burke-Jones?

23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

24 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Huffman?

25 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

1 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Murphy?

2 MS. MURPHY: Aye.

3 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?

4 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.

5 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Huffman, before we  
6 introduce 1137, I hope everyone struck out that  
7 last sentence of Section 1. Proceed, please.

8 MS. HUFFMAN: So am I introducing an  
9 amended resolution?

10 MR. MATTY: You can do it as read. You  
11 can just say as read, Gina, that will suffice.

12 MS. HUFFMAN: I'm sorry?

13 MR. MATTY: You can introduce it as read  
14 and we'll understand that the language after the  
15 words of copy are out.

16 MS. HUFFMAN: Introducing Resolution  
17 1137, a resolution accepting proposal of COSE  
18 Medical Mutual of Ohio for the renewal of the  
19 Village's employee healthcare insurance,  
20 including medical and vision coverage for the  
21 period April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, and  
22 declaring -- for suspension.

23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Second?

24 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.

25 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.

1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on  
 2 suspension, please.  
 3 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Beckenbach?  
 4 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.  
 5 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Benjamin?  
 6 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.  
 7 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 8 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 9 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Huffman?  
 10 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 11 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Murphy?  
 12 MS. MURPHY: Aye.  
 13 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 14 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 15 MS. HUFFMAN: Introducing Resolution  
 16 1137 for passage.  
 17 MS. BECKENBACH: Second.  
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: As read.  
 19 MS. HUFFMAN: As read.  
 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Discussion  
 21 or questions? There being none, roll call on  
 22 passage, please.  
 23 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Beckenbach?  
 24 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.  
 25 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Benjamin?

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1 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.  
 2 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 3 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 4 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Huffman?  
 5 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 6 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Murphy?  
 7 MS. MURPHY: Aye.  
 8 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 9 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: We're trying to mirror  
 11 Mr. Puffenberger's short finance meeting by doing  
 12 so here tonight. Anyone on council? Anyone in  
 13 the audience? Mr. Kesselem, he goes first.  
 14 MR. KESSELEM: Any idea of the  
 15 replacement on the ornamental work on Nine Mile  
 16 bridge yet?  
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: No. Mr. Beirut, do you  
 18 want to comment on that, please.  
 19 MR. BEIRUT: No, there is unfortunately  
 20 no update on that. The last time we were told  
 21 wait until the springtime. We're rapidly  
 22 approaching that.  
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: And the paint, the  
 24 paint on that top never --  
 25 MS. BECKENBACH: They have to take all

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1 the paint off.  
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: That paint never  
 3 adhered properly. I think they replaced it  
 4 twice.  
 5 MS. BECKENBACH: Two times.  
 6 MR. KESSELEM: Also, considering the  
 7 report that Mary had just given on 140th Street  
 8 -- Mary's report on 140th Street, I think we  
 9 really should make an effort to fix the fence at  
 10 Lake Shore Drive so it doesn't look as rundown as  
 11 the rest of the neighborhood. Let's get it  
 12 fixed. It's about six or eight months now that  
 13 it's been damaged. We're not going to wait for  
 14 the City of Cleveland or whoever broke it. Fix  
 15 it.  
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, sir. We'll  
 17 look into that. That's a good idea. Ms. Meade.  
 18 MS. MEADE: Yes. Is today's meeting  
 19 legal since it wasn't posted with proper notice  
 20 and there wasn't a paper copy posted in the  
 21 Community Center with 24-hour notice?  
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: We posted them in  
 23 posting boxes. We couldn't do it on the website  
 24 because the website was down. So is it legal,  
 25 Mr. Matty?

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1 MR. MATTY: If it was posted, it is.  
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: It was posted.  
 3 MS. MEADE: With the audit, I think Mr.  
 4 Cornhoff said it wouldn't be officially released  
 5 for several weeks. What's the likelihood of  
 6 residents knowing the outcome of that prior to  
 7 the May 5th election?  
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: It will be made public  
 9 prior to May 5th.  
 10 MS. MEADE: Okay. Do we --  
 11 MAYOR LICASTRO: That's what we're being  
 12 told.  
 13 MR. MATTY: We were told by the auditors  
 14 that it's a two-week process from the private  
 15 conference that we had till the time of public  
 16 release. So if we don't have it, the auditors  
 17 have misled us, but they said it was a two-week  
 18 process. And, Tom, my experience has been that's  
 19 usually what it is.  
 20 MR. CORNHOFF: Yes.  
 21 MS. MEADE: So you've met. So the clock  
 22 is ticking for the two weeks?  
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: That's correct.  
 24 MR. MATTY: Yes, it is.  
 25 MS. MEADE: Thank you. Do we know the

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1 total cost of the audit?  
2 MR. CORNHOFF: I do have that. And I  
3 believe I shared that with you. I think Mr.  
4 Puffenberger had requested that from me. I  
5 should have that for you.

6 MS. MEADE: So I guess -- well, I'll go  
7 quickly. Do we have a status of the marketing  
8 branding project? It seemed to just disappear.

9 MAYOR LICASTRO: No, it's actually --  
10 we're sort of at an impasse. There was an issue  
11 with the consultant. We will reconvene sometime  
12 in April or early May and bring it through to  
13 fruition.

14 MS. MEADE: Okay. And then in the  
15 budget meetings, there's -- I think it's still in  
16 there. I don't have a final copy of the line  
17 item budgets, but I think in the red budgets  
18 there's an ADA \$60,000 project that was discussed  
19 as part of capital improvements originally.

20 And I guess my question is how did it  
21 get in the rec budget since it was capital  
22 improvements general fund? Recreation has never  
23 talked about it. They've never recommended it.  
24 It's never been discussed with them in a public  
25 meeting.

1 comment on that, briefly? No?

2 CHIEF DOLBOW: My training is  
3 up-to-date.

4 MS. MEADE: Well, for the public,  
5 though, are you allowed to confiscate cars  
6 anymore?

7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Meade, that seems  
8 kind of a lengthy conversation. We'll see if we  
9 can get something on our website or perhaps the  
10 Lamplighter, too.

11 MS. MEADE: Well, if someone could  
12 respond to me directly via e-mail since I asked  
13 the question.

14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Send me an e-mail and  
15 I'll have a return path and I'll do what I can to  
16 respond. And I think you're actually at the end  
17 of your time.

18 MS. MEADE: I do have public record  
19 requests.

20 MAYOR LICASTRO: The meeting would not  
21 be complete without them.

22 MS. MEADE: I haven't done some in a  
23 while and I can put them in writing as well, but  
24 the total cost of the audits and the breakdown by  
25 line item, I did ask Tom earlier for the line

1 MAYOR LICASTRO: It's a placeholder.  
2 Mr. Matty ruled that we could do something along  
3 those lines if it's indeed maintenance, et  
4 cetera. We could use rec monies for that  
5 purpose. We had to complete appropriations by  
6 the deadline. We intend to have a full  
7 discussion with rec and the public as well.

8 MS. MEADE: But since you've had budget  
9 meetings for months and no one has bothered to  
10 loop in recreation publicly and to have a  
11 discussion, if they want their money used that  
12 way, if they recommend it, if they say no, it  
13 just seems really odd to me that even though I've  
14 been in meetings where I heard it's been talked  
15 about, recreation has been -- it's been hidden  
16 from them. And even the treasurer's never  
17 brought it up to them. The rec liaison hasn't  
18 brought it up, so it seems really strange to me.

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: We haven't spent a dime  
20 yet.

21 MS. MEADE: And then there's a new  
22 search and seizure law. And I didn't know if the  
23 police chief could talk about how that's going to  
24 impact Bratenahl with vehicles that it seizes.

25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Chief, do you want to

1 item budget. And I know he hasn't had time to do  
2 that yet.

3 Then if since October 2018 to the  
4 present for part-time and full-time police, if I  
5 could review the personnel records, anything  
6 that's in there as allowed by law, including  
7 applications, disciplinary action, et cetera, I'd  
8 like to see those. Then I'd also like to see any  
9 and all records pertaining to Lt. LoBello's  
10 recent training in Florida, along with his last  
11 training in Florida, which I think was about two  
12 years ago. Again, if there were flyers, airfare,  
13 any kind of expenses, I'd like to see all of  
14 those.

15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, ma'am.

16 MS. MEADE: And then the COSE things  
17 when those are available.

18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes.

19 MS. GRAY: I just wanted to extend kudos  
20 to the police department. John and I were  
21 awakened at 2 a.m. a couple nights ago and there  
22 was a police officer at the door, very nice young  
23 man. He goes, "I noticed that your garage door  
24 has been up." And so he's been patrolling and he  
25 said, "I just wanted to make sure that everything

1 was okay."

2 And I really -- John and I both really  
3 appreciated that, because that's really does make  
4 us feel pretty darn good that if they're willing  
5 to come up at 2 a.m., looking as we do, he did a  
6 great job. Thank you very, very much.

7 MAYOR LICASTRO: To that end, I'll close  
8 with this: Certainly the employees are not  
9 immune to financials, et cetera. And given the  
10 fact we have a tax initiative on the ballot, I  
11 met with the entire police force in stages and  
12 let them know the monies are there, we hope it's  
13 successful so they don't have to worry about  
14 their jobs.

15 A lot of attrition in police  
16 departments, hanging on to officers has become  
17 more and more problematic. Hiring ones that are  
18 qualified is nearly impossible. So we also  
19 talked about patrolling, being high profile and  
20 proactive. There's actually -- if you weren't  
21 home, they would give you a hanger on your door,  
22 but that's the kind of feedback we like to hear,  
23 so thank you.

24 Is there a motion to adjourn, please.

25 MS. MURPHY: So move.

1 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Second.

2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Call the roll.

3 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Beckenbach?

4 MS. BECKENBACH: Aye.

5 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Benjamin?

6 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

7 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Burke-Jones?

8 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

9 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Huffman?

10 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

11 MR. CORNHOFF: Ms. Murphy?

12 MS. MURPHY: Aye.

13 MR. CORNHOFF: Mr. Puffenberger?

14 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.

15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Have a nice  
16 spring.

17 (Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.)

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