

**Village of Newburgh Heights
3801 Harvard Avenue
Newburgh Hts., Ohio 44105**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 3/7/2023**

Mayor Traore called the Executive Session of Council to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman.

Also in attendance: Mike Cicero (for Law Director Luke McConville) and Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to enter executive session. Councilperson Giersz seconded. Motion passed 5 yes - 0 no.

Executive Session began at 7:06pm.

Discussion of personnel issues (to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official), pending/potential litigation, and property acquisitions if necessary.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to exit the executive session. Councilperson Giersz seconded. Motion passed 5 yes – 0 no

Executive Session concluded at 7:30 PM. Mayor Traore called recess until Regular Session.

Regular Session of Council at 7:36 PM

Mayor Traore called the Regular Session of Council to order at 7:36 PM.

Roll Call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman.

Also in attendance: Mike Cicero (Law Director Luke McConville), Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski, Police Chief Majoy, Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham, and Engineer James Sickels.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Traore requested all cell phones and pagers be placed on silent mode.

Good and Welfare

The mayor and Council thanked the American Legion Post 627 for their \$500 donation to the Recreation Department.

Councilperson Moran congratulated Chief Higginbotham and the NHFD for the Push-In Ceremony of their new emergency vehicle. It was very well put together and fun for all.

Council Pro Tempore Graora gave a shout out to Mayor Traore for reconsidering the ARPA Grant.

Councilperson Giersz extended her, and all of Council's, condolences to Councilperson Kray on the loss of her sister-in-law.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Regular Session of Council as well as the February 22, 2023 Special Session of Council as presented. Councilperson Moran seconded the motion. Roll call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment

Robin McCorkhill of Pearse Avenue inquired about the possibility of providing CPR training to the residents of the Village and what one could do if you are alone and having a heart attack. Fire Chief Higginbotham responded, and discussion occurred.

Joseph Oravec of East 29th Steet wanted to make everyone aware of the letter he received from First Energy alerting him to tree trimming being done in the easement. They will also be doing general maintenance of the easement. Chief Higginbotham further explained where this work will be done.

Legislation:

Ordinance 2023-05

Introduced by Mayor Gigi Traore

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,334.85 TO REIMBURSE THE VILLAGE FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE BODY CAMERA EQUIPMENT AND ACCEPTING SAID GRANT AWARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-05, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2023-05 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2023-05 is adopted.

Ordinance 2023-06

Introduced by Mayor Gigi Traore

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE CIVIL TRAFFIC CAMERA ENFORCEMENT ATTORNEY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore made a motion to send Ordinance 2023-06 to the Finance Committee for further consideration. Councilperson Moran seconded the motion. Roll call on sending Ordinance 2023-06 to the Finance Committee: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 23-10

Introduced by Councilperson Kray

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 23-10, rules suspended, and that Resolution 23-10 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 23-10 is adopted.

A copy of Resolution 23-10 will be forwarded to the Governor of Ohio's office as well as the Ohio General Assembly.

Resolution 23-11

Introduced by Councilperson Kray

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH," AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE EDUCATION REGARDING THE OFTEN-OVERLOOKED CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 23-11, rules suspended, and that Resolution 23-11 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 23-11 is adopted.

Resolution 23-12

Introduced by Mayor Gigi Traore

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT ALL VILLAGE EMPLOYEES WILL NOT FORFEIT THEIR 2022 EARNED BUT UNUSED VACATION DAYS AND WILL BE PAID FOR THE VACATION TIME IN LIEU OF FORFEITURE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 23-12, rules suspended, and that Resolution 23-12 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 23-12 is adopted.

Resolution 23-13

Introduced by Mayor Gigi Traore & All of Council

A RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE NEWBURGH HEIGHTS ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (“ESID”), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 23-13, rules suspended, and that Resolution 23-13 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 23-13 is adopted.

Resolution 23-14

Introduced by Mayor Gigi Traore & All of Council

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS RELATING TO TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS AND WALMART, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 23-14, rules suspended, and that Resolution 23-14 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 23-14 is adopted.

*Mayor Traore asked that the agenda be amended at this point by adding on Resolution 23-15, a resolution recognizing Councilperson Kray for her long-time service and dedication to the Village and the recreational events hosted by the Village of Newburgh Heights for its residents. Council Pro Tempore made a motion to add Resolution 23-15 to the agenda with a second from Councilperson Moran. Roll call on amending the agenda: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 23-15

Introduced by Mayor Gigi Traore & All of Council

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT, THE DORENE KRAY EASTER EGG HUNT, IN HONOR OF COUNCILWOMAN DORENE KRAY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 23-15, rules suspended, and that Resolution 23-15 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes, Kray abstained. Motion passed.

Resolution 23-15 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4571

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL

JANUARY 2023 DISBURSEMENTS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,102,458.84 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4571, rules suspended, and that Payroll Resolution #4571 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4571 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4572

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL

EMPLOYEE PAYROLL P/E. 2/4/2023

PD. 2/10/2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$82,913.84 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4572, rules suspended, and that Payroll Resolution #4572 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4572 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4573

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL

EMPLOYEE PAYROLL P/E. 2/18/2023

PD. 2/24/2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH

HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$104,719.08 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4573, rules suspended, and that Payroll Resolution #4573 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Roll call on adoption: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4573 is adopted.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Traore announced that she will be speaking at the City Club of Cleveland tomorrow, March 8, 2023 which is International Women's Day. Mayor Traore, Mayor Blackwell of Maple Heights and Mayor Thomas of Richmond Heights will all be there, and they are the only African American, female mayors in Cuyahoga County.

Mayor Traore also announced that she received an appointment with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. She and three other women were nominated by County Executive Chris Ronayne. Her interview was today. The appointment will be a great opportunity for the Village to have a seat at the table to discuss

Fiscal Officer

The Fiscal Officer presented the January 2023 Fund Cash Report:

General Fund MTD Receipts	\$ 113,167.48
General Fund MTD Disbursements	\$ 694,347.32
General Fund Unexpended Balance	\$ -397,638.87*
All Funds MTD Receipts	\$ 202,469.98
All Funds MTD Disbursements	\$ 1,102,458.84
All Funds Unexpended Balance	\$ 559,853.18

*Fiscal Officer Nagorski went on to explain that the -\$397,638.87 does not mean that there is no money in the village bank accounts. There is money. This is due to the payment of outstanding bills in November and December and an unexpected invoicing from the photo enforcement company. It is under control and only poses an issue at year end with the auditor. Mrs. Nagorski opened the floor to council for questions.

Councilperson Dunman asked if an updated budget report was available at this meeting. Mrs. Nagorski responded that the report was complete and sent it to the consultant for review.

Rumpke Report: February 2023
RITA Report: February 2023
(please see attached reports)

Clerk of Courts:

Cash Flow Report January 2023
(please see attached reports)

Councilperson Giersz

Ms. Giersz received a call from Mr. Barcroft, a resident, about the property at 4048 Washington Park Blvd. He is concerned with the state of the property and what is being done about it. There is a gutter hanging across the front of the house, and it was mentioned to ask the Service Department for assistance with it. Discussion occurred. **It was noted that the Village cannot take the gutter off of the house.**

Ms. Giersz asked Mayor Traore **why the Commerce Committee was not invited to her event last fall and** as to whether the Commerce Committee will be invited to participate in development planning and other such activities. The mayor responded, **indicating they might be but not right now.** Discussion ensued.

She also inquired about the individual listed as the administrator of the Village's Facebook page, **Chura Dura.** Mayor Traore explained the reasoning behind the pseudo account, **that there is no such person,** and why it is necessary. **The account holder is in place to ensure that the Facebook page can be accessed regardless of who is working for the Village. It is to make sure former employees cannot take the account with them.** Further discussion occurred.

Councilperson Kray

Mrs. Kray announced that the Rules of Council were sent to Law Director Luke McConville for review.

March 9, 2023 is the second annual "Slam the Scam" Day. The Social Security department has initiated this day to raise public awareness of government imposter telephone scams that are continuing to spread throughout the country.

Mrs. Kray continued by wishing all a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Councilperson Kray inquired on the status of the Village's enrollment in the Tree City USA program. She was worried our membership lapsed. She was informed that the application for 2023 has been completed, submitted, and received by the Ohio Department of Urban Forestry. There will be no lapse in membership.

Mrs. Kray requested an update on the acquisition of Raus Park. She was wondering where we stand in negotiations with the City of Cleveland. Mayor Traore went on to explain that we are currently at a standstill and any further action is dependent on Mayor Bibb. Discussion occurred.

Councilperson Moran

Mr. Moran asked for an update on street cleaning. Mrs. Nagorski noted that the Service Department was hoping to have it done next week, weather permitting.

Mr. Moran stated he went to Kathy Edwards Park to follow up on equipment repairs that needed to be done. He wanted to know when these repairs were going to be done as they are safety hazards. **Mayor Traore noted that these repairs are on the to-do list for the Service Department.** Discussion ensued.

There was also discussion on fixing the fence at East 44th Street. He wanted to know when that would be fixed and what the holdup was. It was stated that the repairs were not simple and would be investigated further. **There is currently no start date for the project.**

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 8, 2023 at Kathy Edwards Park. Festivities are to begin at 11 am. If there is inclement weather, it will be moved to the Community Room at Village Hall.

Council Pro Tempore Graora

Mrs. Graora asked about our contract with PC Alternatives as their online request form does not yield results when asking for assistance. Mayor Traore advised that Will Robinson should be contacted directly via email.

The Safety Committee and Finance Committee meetings both need to be scheduled.

Councilman Dunman

The equipment used for broadcasting and recording should be checked at least a day before the council meeting. Discussion occurred. The mayor reminded the council they are free to check the equipment at any time prior to a meeting.

Mr. Dunman moved onto development projects and the status of contracts with GATSO. Council was reminded by Mayor Traore that these topics were for Executive Session. However, **the mayor noted there were no updates on the camera placement or development projects.**

How many jobs are open in the Village? Mayor Traore noted that the only open position is the Service Director's position. The job is posted on the Northern Ohio Service Directors (NOSDA) website as well as with the Mayors' Association board. She has interviewed three candidates. **The mayor also indicated that she is not his secretary, and that the information has been provided multiple times. This will be the last time she emails the job posting information to Council.**

Mr. Dunman asked Chief Higginbotham for the number of Fire Department grants that require a contribution from the Village. In reviewing those he is applying for this year, three require a contribution from the Village. He then posed the same question to Chief Majoy who stated that there were no matching funds required for the grants he is applying for. Discussion occurred. The Service Department applies for grants that do not require a village contribution.

Mr. Dunman wanted to know if there was an update on the Library Lockers. Mayor Traore noted that the issue seems to have developed when internet services were switched to Breezeline. She let him know that a meeting was being scheduled between us and the three vendors that are involved.

Mrs. Kray wanted to follow up on the CRAG (Community Recycling Awareness Grant) reward received and how many shred events were being scheduled. One shred event is scheduled for the year and will take place on Saturday October 21, 2023. Mrs. Kray was going to add that to the calendar on the mailer being sent out.

Chief Majoy

There is no formal report at this time. He did go on to say that the new body cameras are working well for the officers and in the long run, purchasing new cameras saved the Village money as the old cameras can now be used by the Housing and Building Department.

Mr. Dunman asked about updating the wi-fi network. The cost of the system will come out of the Court Automation Fund however, the mayor noted that nothing has been approved yet and that Chief Majoy has emailed her regarding this. She stated that updating the system is dependent on how the budget shapes out. Chief broke down pricing with an estimate for a state-of-the-art MESH system costing at least \$2500. Discussion occurred.

Chief Higginbotham

NHFD Monthly Report - February 2023 (please see report)

Chief Higginbotham thanked everyone for their support with the new squad and the Push In. It has been in service since that Sunday.

Council Pro Tempore Graora had questions regarding the \$50,000 cost of gear that is in the budget this year. The chief explained the cost and why it is necessary. Funds are used for the purchase of new gear and the repair of existing gear when possible.

Councilman Dunman questioned the cost of maintenance on the two staff cars supplied to the Fire Department and whether two cars were necessary. Chief Higginbotham responded by noting that the NHFD has one staff car that Chief uses daily and takes home so that he is prepared to respond in an emergency. For example, our minimum staffing is three (3) firefighters on shift. In order for us to keep our ISO rating four (4) firefighters must respond to a house fire. Chief can go straight to the emergency in the staff vehicle and be that fourth person. The second car is used in place of an ambulance or truck when sitting on a scene where there are downed power lines, when the assistant is out on inspection or when the Chief's car is in for maintenance or repair.

Engineer's Report

Engineer's Report (please see attached)

Mr. Sickels noted that the East 43rd Street and Alpha Avenue projects would be underway in the next couple of weeks. There will be no street parking for 60 to 75 days.

Mr. Dunman asked Mr. Sickels about the tracking system used by OHM to keep track of the projects they are doing. Mr. Sickels went on to explain the numbering system that is in place. Discussion occurred.

Mr. Dunman then inquired as to the status of the street sign replacement project. Are we moving forward with in or putting it on hold? Mr. Sickels stated that as of this meeting it is on hold. There is a meeting next week between OHM, the mayor and a county representative to discuss several things. It is a general update meeting. The mayor's position is the same as Mr. Sickels.

Mrs. Kray noted that there has been minimal participation from Council concerning the street sign project. The project is currently on hold and Mrs. Kray would like to know how long it can be kept on hold so that the allotted funds can be used elsewhere. Mayor Traore interjected and stated that is not a question for Mr. Sickels but herself as she has not decided when to move forward with the project. Discussion occurred.

Councilperson Dunman asked for an update on photo citations revenue. The mayor advised that he submit a public records request, ask the clerk, or email for that information.

Council Pro Tempore Graora asked about monthly reports from the Housing and Building Department with specific emphasis on the \$50,000 budgeted for the home grant program. The mayor stated the department will not be providing reports at this time as there is no department head. Mrs. Graora felt the \$50,000 is a high number but was assured the monies allotted in the budget are necessary and based on the previous year's usage of funds.

Purchases & Approvals:

- a. Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned for the approval of the January 2023 Fund Cash Report. Councilperson Moran seconded the motion. Roll call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.
- b. Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned for the approval of the \$500 donation from the American Legion Post 627 for the recreation department's youth sports programs. Councilperson Moran seconded. Roll call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.
- c. Before requesting approval of this purchase, Mrs. Graora asked for an explanation of Planet Technologies and what it is/does. Chief Majoy explained that this is our connection to Microsoft which gives us access to 365, Teams, etc. It is safe, secure, and well protected. The mayor noted that this was not included in the budget and is an extra expenditure. Councilperson Giersz asked if this was brought before the Finance Committee, and she was informed that it was not. She stated that this was quite an unexpected expense. Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned for the approval of 2023 licensing by Planet Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$10,729.00. Councilperson

Moran seconded the motion. Roll call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

d. Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to approve the annual law enforcement software from Lexipol at a cost not to exceed \$7402.00. Councilperson Moran seconded the motion. Roll call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

e. Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned to approve the annual law enforcement software from Sundance at a cost not to exceed \$5040.00. Councilperson Moran seconded the motion. Roll call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

f. Council Pro Tempore Graora motioned for the approval of the annual TASER basic bundle from Axon Enterprises at a cost not to exceed \$7200.00. Councilperson Moran seconded the motion. Roll call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Councilperson Dunman motioned to amend the agenda to approve \$2500.00 to finish the Wi-Fi update at Village Hall. Mrs. Graora seconded. *The mayor noted that if this is added to Purchases and Approvals then it is something that must be done at this meeting. There would be no looking at the budget; It would just be an additional expense. Chief Majoy suggested that if they do vote on this that the funds for the project come from the Court Automation Fund and not the General Fund. Mrs. Graora asked if this is necessary at this time and the mayor responded. It is not necessary and can be pushed back to 2024. She suggested it and the coordinating legislation go before the Finance Committee for discussion. Fiscal Officer Nagorski gave a brief description of the Court Automation Fund.* Roll call on amending the agenda: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted no. Motion did not pass.

Councilperson Dunman motioned to remove Ordinance 2022-63 from the table and place it on the agenda for consideration. Council Pro Tempore seconded. Roll call on adding Ordinance 2022-63 to the agenda: Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes, Giersz voted no. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2022-63

Introduced by Councilperson Dunman

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE VILLAGE'S EXEMPTION UNDER CHAPTER 4117 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilperson Dunman motioned to adopt Ordinance 2022-63, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2022-63 is placed on 3rd and final reading for adoption. Council Pro Tempore Graora seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes, Giersz voted no. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes, Giersz voted no. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2022-63 is adopted.

Public Comment:

Mr. Barcroft of Washington Park Blvd. voiced his concerns with the property at 4048 Washington Park Blvd. He asks if anyone can elaborate on what is being done about it. Mayor Traore explained the Village is going through the legal process with the property owner and that nothing more can be shared at this time.

Mr. Barcroft also commended the Police and Fire departments for their kind, compassionate and no-nonsense treatment when he injured himself. He feels they may have saved his life.

Robin McCorkhill hopes that the next meeting will be broadcast on Facebook.

Brian Wright of Washington Park Blvd. congratulated Councilperson Kray for having the annual Easter egg hunt named after her. He also mentioned he was concerned with the number of trees that have been lost over the past several years and that adding larger trees to the Village's landscape would help with air quality and noise reduction. Mr. Wright mentioned street repairs that need done in front of the UAW hall heading east on Harvard and asked for clarification of Ordinance 2022-63. Discussion ensued.

Joseph Oravec of East 29th Street asked council for a resolution against Norfolk Southern that would offer some protection for the residents of the Village. Discussion occurred. He also wanted to make everyone aware of the trees that are located on the western side of the Village and how many of them are over 80 feet tall.

Mr. Massari of East 42nd wanted to make everyone aware of the parking issues that have resulted from the building of the 42nd Street Plaza. He asks that no parking signs be erected to prevent driveways from being blocked. Discussion ensued.

3801 East 42nd Street had a successful open house, and the owners are hoping to close the sale by April 4, 2023.

Terry Miller of East 44th Street thanked the NHPD for keeping an eye on her house while she was out of town. She also noted that there is a scam going around involving the use of Venmo and that everyone, especially the elderly, needs to be careful. Ms. Miller asked if it was possible to lobby Cleveland mayor Bibb regarding Raus Park. Discussion ensued.

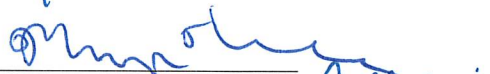
Mayor Traore took this time to address concerns over the businesses invited to the luncheon she held back in September. Council posed questions and voiced concerns; discussion occurred.

Adjournment:

Council Pro Tempore Graora made a motion to adjourn with a second from Councilperson Kray. Roll call: Giersz, Kray, Graora, Moran and Dunman voted yes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm.

Date Approved: 7/18/23

Mayor Gigi Traore: 

Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski: 