

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, March 19, 2018. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Law Director, Andrea Scassa and Economic Development Director, David Maley. I don't usually introduce the audience, but since it's such a handsome group of young men, we have Troop #93 with us tonight from St. Mary's Church. They're working on their merit badge which is Citizenship in the Community. On the wall to your left are agendas for anyone who wishes to follow tonight's meeting. Also, if you look at the agenda, under item #5 is where the public can speak on any item that appears on tonight's agenda and then under item #17 is where the public can speak on any item that does NOT appear on tonight's agenda. I want remind anyone with cell phones, please turn them down or set them to vibrate.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Milan Chovan, Jill Creamer, Sarita Cunningham, Mike Gregg, Dave Irwin, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 8 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I make a motion that we excuse Councilman Manson from tonight's meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Irwin. Roll call.

8 yes to excuse Councilman Manson

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilman Manson has been excused.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN DAVID IRWIN - Gave the invocation for tonight.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Madam Clerk, are the minutes of the previous meeting transcribed and open for public viewing?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Yes, they are.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Are there any additions or corrections to be made?

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – No, there not.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

5. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 29 – 2018

BY: RULES, COURTS & CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 5(B) MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULE – 150 CIVIL SERVICE BOARD of Ordinance No. 6 – 2018 by repealing Section 5(B) MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULE – 150 CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, and enacting a new Section 5(B) MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULE – 150 CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Yes. Thank you, Madam President. This ordinance we discussed in our Work Session Monday. It's amending salaries for the Civil Service Board. Bringing our ordinance in line with what the procedures that have already been in place. Are there any questions regarding this? Seeing none, I move that we suspend the rules requiring three readings for this ordinance and bring it forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Chovan. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 29 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 30 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 30 – 2018

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to advertise for and receive sealed bids and to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, upon the approval of the Board of Control, for the 2018 Catch Basin Replacement Project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This is to authorize the Safety Service Director to receive sealed bids and enter into contract to start on our Catch Basin projects for the Spring. We did receive the list last week of the first round of catch basins. There's about 40 some on the list. It's not all that we're attempting to complete this year; just the first round. So, any discussion or concerns? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 30 – 2018 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 30 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 31 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 31 – 2018

BY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to extend the Roadway Use, Repair and Maintenance Agreement (RUMA), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This ordinance will just extend the prior RUMA agreement that we approved last year for an additional six months. This agreement has to do with keeping up the maintenance on the 9th St. S.W. in the 5th Ward where the pipeline trucks are going in and out onto Rt. 241. Any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 31 – 2018 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Creamer. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 31 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 32 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 32 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1205 Safety Forces Improvement Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This ordinance is dealing primarily with the Municipal Courts. The Municipal Courts collect money through fines and penalties and other fees and then they put them into the Safety Forces Improvement Fund. Periodically they send money over for whatever equipment that the Police and Fire Safety Forces may need. Are there any questions or discussion this evening for this appropriation? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing No. No. 32 – 2018 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 32 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 33 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 33 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1203 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. Since the CDBG Federal account, our fiscal is different than the fiscal for the City, we often have to do this “pull-forward”. So, what happened is that we have P.O.’s that were not completely exhausted by the end of 2017 and so, all we’re doing is bringing that money forward into 2018 so that we can continue the projects that they were originally allocated for. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 33 – 2018 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call for suspension.

8 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 33 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 34 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 34 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Law of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to renew the one (1) year contract with the City of Canal Fulton, Ohio, for the purpose of providing prosecutorial services, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 34 – 2018 has received first reading.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **PETITIONS & GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS**

9. **BILLS, ACCOUNTS & CLAIMS**

Copeco - \$ 337.26 Contract Base Rate Charge – 03/01/18 to 05/31/18

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion that we pay the bills.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call.

8 yes to pay the bills

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. We will pay the bills and charge them to the proper accounts.

10. **REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Treasurer’s Report - February 2018

11. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Does anyone have anything?

12. **RESOLUTIONS & REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

13. **CALL OF CALENDAR**

14. **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 23 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1401 Capital Improvement Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. I’d like to make a motion that we table Ord. No. 23 – 2018 until

the meeting of April 16, 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Starrett. Roll call.

8 yes to table Ord. No. 23 – 2018 until April 16, 2018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 23 – 2018 has been tabled.

15. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. NEW & MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to mention if they did not read the obituary today, Prosecutor Keith Warsler's father passed in case anybody wants to do the calling hours or send a card. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else?

17. REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CAROL CONNELLY – I live at 825 Campbell Cir. N. E., Massillon. And I belong to the group that still wants to restore our Rezyzy. We still have some hope and since the Boy Scouts are here, that's an opportunity for you all to be heroes. I would like to give one of the leaders my number to call. We have many projects in mind that would be good for merit badges and so, I want to give this to one of the leaders. And this is an opportunity, I mean, the reservoir is such a precious resource and to see what's happened to it is pretty scary because I would love for future generations to have what we've had. And so, I'll give this to you (the leader) and thank you.

GEORGE GLIBA – 222 Lake Ave. Tonight, I wanted to talk about accountability for the City and the City workers and everybody. Because it March and we're leading into summer, but, I talked about accountability last year and if some of the people, the higher ups here in the City would go behind some of the workers that work has been done. They might want to re-think who they working for them again. Because last year you paid a lot of money to get that lawn cut over there at Sippo Reservoir Park. I don't know how many times I've went over there and they just blow the clippings on the track, don't clean it off. So, me being kind of opinionated, I've said something to the workers there. I said "Hey", and they were already on the South side, they had already cut the North side and so, I went up to the main guy and said "Hey, why don't you blow off the track?". And he said "Well, my guys are supposed to do that. If they didn't do it, I'll go back over there and check it out". But, I'm just saying that it just leaves a lot to be desired that the people working in this City, working for the City, nobody from what I can tell, goes behind and checks their work. Because there's a storm grate at the end of my driveway and when they repaved Lake St., they took out all the manhole covers. They made these really big, huge holes in the middle of the road for the manhole covers. And what do they do? They planted grass at the end of my driveway. I live at 222 and there's a storm grate there. They just threw the old cover, the sewer cover on that newly grassed area at the end of my driveway and there's this big, huge div there. It's been there for three, four months or whenever. From last year it's been there, let me rephrase myself. But anyways, we pay taxes and sometimes it just leaves a lot to be desired; the accountability. Nobody goes behind anybody. Like, four or five weeks ago, I talked to Mr. Smith about filling the potholes on Wales Rd. He said "George, I made a call to Lee. We're going to take care of it". There's twenty potholes, they only filled fifteen. I'm like, "If you're going to do the job, do the job". Why do I have to stand up here and waste your time and my time going over this stuff? These are taxpayer dollars and it's like that it seems to me that nobody goes behind anybody and check their work. It's been March and we got all summer coming up. So, I'd like to see people in each Ward, especially the new guy in Ward 3, you got the park over there now? At least go behind those guys that cut the grass and see if they're cleaning off the track. Because we pay a lot of money to get that done. A pretty good chunk of money. And then the last thing I wanted to talk about was how you determine where to start on the road repair? Because, I live on Lake and last year, mine was the last street to be done. And I come up here to talk to Milan about it because when you unveiled all the streets to be done, I came up to this podium and

said "What about Lake St.?" And everyone said, "Well, Lake St. is getting done. It just got pushed back from the year before". And I said, "Alright, cool. No problem". Mine was the last street to be done and it's probably the most traveled road in Massillon, next to Lincoln Way; Lake St. I mean, Richville Dr. might get a run for their money, but. I was just miffed about it. I'm like, my car is getting beat, a lot of people's cars are getting beat up because that's a main street. But anyway, my main thing was, you're trying to get rid of the property over at the hospital. You got State St., it's tore up. You got Amherst, it's tore up. But anyways, my thinking is if you were to try to help sell that place, you would think you would want to do the roads in front of it and next to it first. Now I don't know how you figure out where you start on the roads, but I would really like to know how you come up that decision. Where to start; where to finish. Because I was kind of, I waited all summer last year; Lake St. ain't getting done, Lake St. ain't getting done. It was the last one done when you got done. So, anyways, I'm a taxpayer here in Massillon and I care about the City. I care about what it looks like. It's like that's why I'm up here today. Today is March and you know April is coming up. Things are starting to get busy, but if each person in each Ward if they're having work done, just go behind your workers and see how they are doing. Because, like I say, it leaves a lot to be desired because I'm going to have to fix the tree line in front of my house because it's been like that. I don't know if Lee has anything to do with that. If that's his job to go and have him do the road repair or not. I'm one voice. I convey everything I have to convey to you, City Council and you would think you would go to the people in charge and say, "Hey, people have concerns". And one other thing I'd like to say, if I could. And that's an open forum. Like maybe once every three months have an open forum where we can ask you questions and you could give us answers. Because I printed out that paper last year about why people don't come up here. Well, that's part of the reason because we sit up here and voice our opinions, but a lot of times we never get any feedback or anything. That's something for you to think about. You want to get people involved. It could be a cordial type of thing because they had that uproar with the Sippo Reservoir Park. The Mayor took over that situation over there at the Rec. Center. She said "Hey, we're not going to have a bunch of boisterous people in here yelling and screaming. We're going to have a nice calm conversation and that's the way it's going to be". And that's the way she conducted it and I think if you were to do that up here, it would mean a lot to the people and more people might come up and you'd get some feedback. It's something to think about. I don't know why you don't do it, but I think that's part of the reason is you're afraid that people might get out of hand. But if you say "Hey, we're going to talk about this rationally" and leave it at that. Anyways, that's all I got.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Irwin.

COUNCILMAN IRWIN – I make a motion that we adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded Councilwoman Starrett.

DIANE ROLLAND, CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT