

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, October 1, 2018. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Safety Service Director, Joel Smith, representing the Law Dept., Andrea Bartos, Economic Development Director, David Maley and Health Dept. Commissioner, Terri Argent. 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, Linda Litman, Paul Manson and Megan Starrett.

Roll call of 8 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to make a motion that we excuse Councilman Lewis from tonight's meeting.

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

8 yes to excuse Councilman Lewis

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Councilman Lewis has been excused from tonight's meeting.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILWOMAN MEGAN STARRETT

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT

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 are not.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Then the minutes stand approved as written.

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

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 118 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Auditor and Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a contract with the Local Government Services Section of the Auditor of State (LGS) to compile the financial statements for the City of Massillon until the year ending December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This ordinance is from the Auditor's office looking into contracting for the 2020 audit and this will lock in rates for that audit and they will prepare all of the financial paperwork for that audit. Questions or concerns? I know we haven't had the Auditor here, but they do want this passed before October 26th. Any concerns?

COUNCILMAN MANSON – We do it every year. We have to do it. So, it's routine.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Seeing no issues or conversation, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 118 – 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. 118 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 119 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 119 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a six months Lease Agreement with St. James A.M.E. Zion Church Life Center for office space to be used by the Massillon City Health Department, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This ordinance is a renewal of the Health Dept. lease. Currently, we are just looking into a short-term lease for a period of six months with no change in any of the terms from our previous lease. Obviously, after the expiration of the six months, we'll have to revisit this. Any comments or concerns? Just to check, Ms. Argent, do you have any comments or concerns or anything?

TERRI ARGENT – No.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Okay. Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 119 – 2018 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Manson. 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. 119 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 120 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 120 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This is an appropriation of \$96,386.54 into the NIP Program for reimbursement for prior demolitions. Any questions or concerns? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 120 – 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. 120 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 121 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 121 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This is appropriating \$38,000 into various accounts for the Fire Dept. in order to equip the new fire trucks in a timely manner. Any questions or concerns or comments? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 12 – 2018 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Manson. 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. 121 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 122 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO 122 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a Lease Agreement with Health & Fitness Equipment Centers for fitness equipment for the Massillon Recreation Center, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This is to renew the lease of fitness equipment for the Recreation Department at the Rec Center. Mr. Pedro was here last week and spoke with us about how this is saving the Rec Center money and it seems that most patrons are very happy with the fact that when the equipment breaks it gets fixed very quickly under the lease program.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Chovan.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Thank you. Is this a renewal of an existing lease or is this new equipment that's coming in, do we know?

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – It does say on the request that it is for replacing fitness equipment.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – But I think it is as the lease, I believe what Mr. Pedro said, it's as the lease goes on, they do replace it with newer equipment.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – It's my understanding that then they sell the equipment that is replaced.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – You mean at a fair-market type of deal?

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Yes.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – So, it will be a lease for new equipment, but it's just replacing.

COUNCILMAN CHOVAN – Replacing what's going out? Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Anything else? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 122 – 2018 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Manson. 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. 122 – 2018 has passed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

The Repository	-	\$ 380.80	Publication of July Ordinances
The Repository	-	54.40	Publication of Notice of the Public Hearing
		\$ 435.20	Total

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I make a motion that we pay the bills.

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

8 yes to pay the bills

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

10. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

11. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session is Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:30.

12. **RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBER**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Cunningham.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to put it into the record that I want to, on behalf of myself and other Council members send a “Thank you” to Libby Ginther. I’m not sure if anybody was aware, but when we played Firestone High School, some of the boys told her, she must have a child or a young man on the football team and they told her how some of the kid’s cleats didn’t have any. They had tennis shoes and some of them were taped with masking tape or what have you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – From the other team?

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Yes, from the other team and she thought that was just horrendous that those poor kids had to play like that. So, she took it upon herself to get on social media and ask people if they would consider donations and it just rolled into one thing into another where an organization then gave the school 40 pairs of cleats and she was still able to meet with the coach because he said he wanted to give her a hug because she took this upon herself and I believe she also won the kindness award through the Mayor’s Kindness Campaign. So, I just wanted to put that into the record that we know we have wonderful people in Massillon and that she cared enough to just step forward and help those kids out.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I understand that she met the coach at the game last Friday night?

COUNCILMAN IRWIN – It was Saturday.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Saturday? That I don’t know.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Good. Because I would have hated if she missed the Massillon game.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Right. And then she also, I guess, had enough to give the coach a gift card from Dick’s Sporting Goods as well.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Very nice. Thank you for sharing that. Anything else?

13. **CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

ORDINANCE NO. 92 – 2018 **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
Tabled September 17, 2018 until October 1, 2018

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 1151.02 of the Massillon Code of 1985 by rezoning a certain tract of land from R-1 One Family Residential to O-2 Office District, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. As Diane read, we tabled this on September 17th until tonight. From the beginning to now, there’s been no objections anywhere. The Zoning Board of Appeals, there were no objections. There were no objections at tonight’s Public Hearing. So, I recommend that everybody votes positively for this. So, it was third reading last week, so we’re moving forward.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Okay. Roll call.

8 yes for passage

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 92 – 2018 has passed.

14. **THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 98 – 2018 BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to transfer Parcel No. 43-18240, located at 2860 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, Ohio, from the City of Massillon, Ohio to the Community Improvement Corporation of Massillon (CIC), and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. We've had this for three readings and tonight we have a request to amend this to add some additional information; not really change the terms. If you go to Section 10 of the Agreement, you have the old verbiage there and what they are proposing here, I'll read it, "Additional Terms and Conditions. The parties agree that the purchase price to be paid pursuant to the terms hereof, shall be allocated as follows: Equipment - \$25,000, Building - \$111,600, Real Estate - \$43,400" and that is the new Section 10. Any questions? We have Mr. Maley here and he can talk about it. Mr. Paulus is here also. Does anybody have any questions that they would like to bring somebody forward and explain this further, feel free? I just got this tonight, I guess Dave tried to get a hold of my today, but we didn't connect. Like I said, I just go this tonight. I think we mention at the last meeting that they wanted to separate these things? Would you like to say a few things about it, Dave?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Maley.

DAVE MALEY – We had been talking back and forth with regards to this issue for some time and Dr. Paulus' attorney contacted our Law Director on Friday and basically had asked if we could put this language in. After discussion, we don't see any issue with the language. With regards to why its so important them, Dr. Paulus is here and he can answer that more than me. You should all have a copy of that in front of you.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Could we hear an explanation.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Sure. Dr. Paulus.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Mr. Paulus if you'd come forward, thank you.

DR. PAULUS – This would allow me to expedite the financing on the building. I'm afraid we were concerned that this may go into a phase two; an appraisal which is, if you guys are familiar with that, is an EPA because U-Haul, apparently, was a gas station at some point in time. The City doesn't have to pay capital gains tax anyway. So, it shouldn't affect you guys at all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Any other questions? Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Is there anybody that has a problem with moving this forward tonight? Okay.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – And David, you might want to mention about the Quit-Claim Deed.

DAVE MALEY – Oh, yes. There's not a Quit-Claim Deed attached to your packet, but there is a Quit-Claim Deed that will be part of the ordinance that Diane has.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – Once it's amended.

DAVE MALEY – Yes, once it's amended and we have the amended ordinance. I didn't pass that out, I think you'll all have a copy. Basically, we're just adding one sentence at the end that will say the Quit-Claim Deed marked as Exhibit "B" adding it to the ordinance. But, it's just a standard Quit-Claim Deed through CIC.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – That's not in what you gave me though, right?

DAVE MALEY – No. You don't have the Quit-Claim Deed. Diane has it to add to the ordinance. She didn't think it was necessary to pass it out to all members.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – How does everybody feel about that?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Could you confirm that the equipment that is in the building is going to be included with this contract?

DAVE MALEY – Yes, it is.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Okay.

DAVE MALEY – And there's an exhibit on the back that shows the equipment that we were talking about.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Oh, okay, there we go.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I make a motion that we amend Ord. No. 98 – 2018, Section 10 to what I had just read in before.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Chovan. Roll call on the amendment.

8 yes to amend Ord. No. 98 – 2018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 98 – 2018 has been amended which I believe that takes it back to first reading. Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring amended Ord. No. 98 – 2018 forward for passage.

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. 98 – 2018 has passed.

15. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 111 – 2018

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Custer Products to provide an economic development "inducement grant" to assist the business in start-up costs, including, but not limited to blacktop, paving expenses, etc. at 1320 Sanders Ave. S.W., Massillon, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – Thank you, Madam President. It's my intention to move this forward unless there's anybody that has any reservations about it. Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rule requiring three separate readings and bring Ord. No. 111 – 2018 forward for passage.

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. 111 – 2018 has passed. Ord. No. 113 – 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 113 – 2018

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1237 Economic Development Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – Thank you, Madam President. This is just the companion piece to Ord. No. 111 – 2018. This is just appropriating the funds for the grant. Any questions? Seeing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 113 – 2018 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Manson. 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. 113 – 2018 has passed.

16. **NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Does anyone have anything? I do. I talked to Mr. Smith before the meeting and I thought it would be just a lot of fun if maybe at every Council meeting we could an update on things that are going on in the City and the public that would be here could also here it. Like the streets that have been paved, the number of storm sewers and grates, an update on the fire station, updates on Downtown Streetscape, the Imagine project, Rezy updates, Duncan Plaza. Just things that are happening out there. If we could just get maybe a two- or three-minute update and he agreed to that, Mr. Smith. Is that okay with everyone?

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Great idea.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And if there's anything that you guys would like added to that, just let me know and we'll have to him every meeting.

JOEL SMITH – Well, thank you for this opportunity, Madam President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – You are more than welcome.

JOEL SMITH – Yes. You did give me the list and, I'm sorry, I was on vacation last week. The streets, I'll tell you what I know at this moment. I think it's progressing pretty well. Most of the east side streets, I think, have been paved. I think, I was told this morning that they were going to grind the section of Walnut between Rt. 21 and 6th St. on the southwest side. They had done the catch basins over there. That section was really bad. I'm glad that they're getting to that. Our one resident will be happy to know that we are going to be striping some roads. 1st St., Amherst, State, I think they're coming back for Tremont. They just did 21. You know, George, sometimes I complain about you, but, when you mentioned 1st St., I went down there and sure enough, you were right and it's going to be paved. So, thank you for bringing that to my attention.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Could you say that one more time? George was what?

JOEL SMITH – In this occasion, George was right. And again, sometimes when you drive a road every day, you don't notice things and certainly he did and brought it to my attention and, obviously, it was an issue and it's going to be painted. When the paving is done, that same company will be striping and we added Lake St. and 1st St. to the roads that they are paving this year. 21, we had complaints about on the south end. I think that was just done last week. So, the paving project is going along well. I think they have until November 1st to finish that. Storm sewers, Greg McCue just mentioned this to me today; I think we're up to 203 that we've fixed or are going to fix. We still know that there's a lot more out there. Our count on storm sewers has risen to about 5,200 is the latest count that I've heard that we have out there. So, we have a lot of work to do still with storm sewers and we know that. Update on the fire station, again, I don't have a lot updated information. It's progressing. There's update meetings every two weeks with our architectural firm that is overseeing the project. I think it's progressing on schedule. I think our contractor is hoping to be done by the end of February. So, I don't see any issues with that being done by that time. Update on Downtown Streetscape, as you all know, it's an ODOT project. Overseen by ODOT. ODOT plans to put it out for bid, I think, in January, but I think we're still on schedule for that in moving forward. Rezzy update, I don't really have anything new. You all heard, I'm sorry, go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Mr. Smith, can you back up just a second on the Streetscape. I understand that there was a meeting with the downtown merchants.

JOEL SMITH – There was.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – And how did that progress?

JOEL SMITH – I wasn't able to stay for the entire meeting. I see Mr. Weaver's here tonight. I'm not sure what he may have to say about it. I know he was present and there was a large group there. A couple of the Council members were there. So, maybe they could give that update. I had to leave before it was over, but, the part I saw, it seemed like it was going well. We had a pretty good representation of our business owners and answered a lot of their questions, I think. But, other than that, I'm not sure. I had to leave early.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Litman.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – I will mention that a few of the merchants were concerned about the time period that the road was going to be closed. And through conversation with Administration and the folks that were there as well as the engineer group, they were able to compromise and come to some conclusion that they were going to perhaps look into golf carts for some of the time period that the area would be closed if they, well, I think the one merchant had cakes or material that they were running in and out that they needed to have some transportation available. And that was something that I think was very welcomed. There was a lot of dialog between both parties and I think at the end result, everyone was happy.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

JOEL SMITH – Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I'd like to comment too on that. I was there, there was a lot of conversation about the shut-down period which will be from June 1st to the middle of September, right, Joel?

JOEL SMITH – Yes.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – And I've had a lot of people that still haven't got that. They thought maybe it was going to happen early in the spring or something. But, it's June 1st through the middle of September. And the discussion was about trying to make sure that each business has access, some type of access all of the time. And it'll just have to be worked on.

COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN – Parking was another thing that was discussed so that each business could perhaps have some assigned parking and there was further discussion that were going to be occurring between Administration and other businesses to try to free up some of the spaces.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you.

JOEL SMITH – The Rezzy update, going back to that, I know Steve was here a couple of weeks ago and talked about and our gentleman from Stark Soil and Water Conservation, talking about the issues with the soft ground. I know that, I don't believe we've got the ODNR letter yet because we're waiting for the final grass, that repair work by our contractor and until we got that done, we weren't going to get the letter from ODNR on releasing us from their oversight. So, beyond that, I really don't have anything more to add for the Rezzy. Duncan Plaza, the redo, I know that I don't think there's anything new there. I think most of the money has been raised through different entities; the State and several non-profits have donated money towards that project. I think we're still moving forward. The Mayor met with John Picard today to talk about a few suggestions that a couple of people have made to her about possibilities on some minor issues, but, that is moving forward. We would expect that to probably to bid around January as well. Anyone else have anything else they wanted to ask about?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – I just wanted to ask about, back to the street paving project. I know we'd mentioned before that a survey is done by the City, I believe, just surveying all the streets in the City approximately every two years.

JOEL SMITH – Well, originally when the tax passed and we knew now we had dedicated funds. OHM and our engineering office went out and they assessed every roadway. So, obviously, our roadways are changing each year and after each winter and so, they are updating those assessments. And then throughout the year, Greg and myself and the Mayor and really, all of us, we're out there running around every where and we're putting our lists together. Greg has the master list of the ones that we've all seen and said well, we need to get this one, that one and that list is massive as you all know. I mean, there's a lot of work to be done and so, we'll hopefully, obviously, probably finalize that list by the end of the year or potentially after that, because we have to wait and see what the winter is going to bring. We know we have a lot of work yet to do. We think we've accomplished a lot in these two years, though. If you drive around town, you'll see an awful lot of roads that have been ground and paved and our Street Dept. has done thin coats on several streets as well. Those are the roads that we know we need to get to, but we have other work to do. So, we're spending \$10,000 here or \$10,000 there versus \$100,000 to do a long road or \$8,000. That's kind of the cost depending on how much asphalt that goes down. So, we're running tight on the money. There were other roads that I wanted to thin coat this year, but we didn't get to because we're running short on supply money and the price of salt went from \$54 to \$68 this year. So, we're going to see a big increase in our salt expense. So, we'll probably be coming forward with a transfer or potentially ask for more money to add to our supply account in the Street Dept. to pay for salt for this end of year because we did a few streets at the end of the year that we felt we just had to get don and I knew that we still had some carryover money there.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Alright. I agree that a lot has been accomplished. I just wanted an update. So, you're saying the assessment process is ongoing?

JOEL SMITH – It's ongoing. It really is. Because the roads change so drastically.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – I think that's what our citizens want to hear is that we're constantly checking out the streets and upgrading the survey.

JOEL SMITH – Right.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Based upon the conditions of the streets.

JOEL SMITH – Right. And we are, and then based on how long it's been since they've been paved before. Our engineering office, you can call Greg McCue, any of you and ask, hey, how long has it's been since this street or that street was paved. He's been here, I think, 28 years and he has that at hand on his computer. So, we look at those things. We look at how much patch is down there, how bad are they happening. You know, and then we get calls. Like I said, with George (Gliba) and other residents call. Hey, my road is really bad or my catch basin's been like this for years. And I go out and assess it, talk to our people. Has it been that long? Probably pretty close. Okay, let's get it done, they've waited long enough. So, it's an

ongoing thing and we try and stretch those dollars as far as we can. We all know we have some concrete streets in the City and those are problematic. They're going to be had to fix and their very, very expensive. So, the ongoing debate is do you asphalt over them? Our brick streets are going to be extremely expensive to try to replace or repair. And we have that ongoing debate. How do we do it? You can't get contractors to do the brick streets. They don't even want to do the work because it's so time intensive. So, those are problematic and so, we're dealing with that almost on a daily basis.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Alright, thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Councilman Manson.

COUNCILMAN MANSON – I believe they're doing some CDBG work today on the southwest side up between me and Tremont, I believe.

JOEL SMITH – I know that there are a couple of streets up there that we're doing. That isn't CDBG money. The CDBG money was spent over there south of Lake in one area there in that neighborhood. We are doing some streets over there on the southwest side and if you'll notice, they started on the northeast side because it makes economic sense for them to get started on one part and then they move to a different section of the street, so they don't have to constantly move their equipment. Once they get moving, if you see it ground, usually, within a couple of days, it's going to be paved. The paving is the easy part. It's getting all of the catch basins done on the streets we're paving and then the handicap ramps are being done on every street that we pave because we're required to do that and most of our streets that haven't been paved for numerous years, we got to get that work done. And I'm sorry, Megan, I haven't been up on 19th yet. Has that been taken care of yet?

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – It hasn't been fully paved yet, but the curb work is done and the handicap ramps are done. Progress is happening so, it's much better than it was.

JOEL SMITH – And there was a problem. Our contractor that's doing the paving, he had a problem with one of the subs for the concrete work. He ended up changing companies, so that slowed that progress down a little bit. But, I apologize to you and others that have had those problems where they cut out those holes and they seem to sit for a long time. But, we're at the mercy of contractors just like everyone else that's ever hired contractors for their homes; you're at the mercy of them. Yes ma'am.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Mr. Smith, do I recollect right that 3rd St. N.W. is going to be done yet this fall?

JOEL SMITH – 3rd St. N.W., we've asked for funding through SCATS funding for next year. We should know probably within a month or so whether we're going to get that funding. It wouldn't come to us until next June. So, we feel pretty confident that we'll get the funding for that. We asked for funding, if you'll remember, we came to Council for 3rd St. and Jackson Ave./27th St. N.E. We're partnering with Perry Twp. over there and then 3rd St. is ours. 3rd St. is probably, I would say one of the worst streets in the City, but it's going to take quite a bit of work and quite a bit of money. So, if we're able to get 50% of that money from the County or State, you know, obviously, it's in our interest to do that. So, we'll wait on that.

COUNCILWOMAN CUNNINGHAM – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone else? Well, I'd like to say, Mr. Smith, I really, really appreciate this and I would never have called you up and put you on the spot without talking with you first.

JOEL SMITH – That is okay, ma'am. I was happy to do it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And did anyone else find it helpful or useful? The community, yes, no?

GEORGE GLIBA – Yes.

JOEL SMITH – George got complimented. Of course, he liked it.

GEORGE GLIBA – Well, you know.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Well, we can look for this at every Council meeting and if Council has any topic they wish to discuss let me know or let Joel know before the meeting so we don't blindsides him.

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

GEORGE GLIBA – 222 Lake Ave. N.E., Massillon, OH. I am a taxpayer of Massillon and I wanted to say what a good job you are doing, City Council, on the hospital. I know that I read the paper and you guys are taking a lot of heat on why it's taking so long. But, the one thing I don't understand is how you unveil a company, Paramount Matrix, with all the discussions you have in the back room and then it falls through. That just to me, I understand the process, you want to do right. It did sound like a sweet deal. I talked to Jill Creamer and I said, that's a pretty sweet deal that they laid out. I was here and the Mayor was excited and all the people here were excited. It was a win-win. But, through the process, it all worked out and we all read the paper and we found out it wasn't the people they thought they were. So, moving forward, I just wanted to say that's a good job on City Council's part. You need to be recognized for that. So, I just wanted to say that off the cuff. But, maybe what the City and the people here don't understand is how does it get to that point. There were other players in the game, so, what I'm trying to figure out is if this body and this body is two different entities and they didn't collaborate together to even get that to an unveiling. But, that's water under the bridge, let's move forward. Joel never really touched on the hospital situation tonight. But, I did want to say to the Madam President here, that's a great idea. Open discussion with the people here is important. Because a lot of times, we want to know what's going on but we really don't. And I even mentioned three or four months ago, maybe five, time goes by so quick, that maybe there should be an open forum here, like tonight. If we could have asked Joel a couple of questions, that would have been great. Because I remember way back when you brought this specialist in about the roads, the roads repair. They fix them and they don't last that long and whatever happen with that? We don't know. I mean, this guy came in and did a presentation and like I say, it's an opportunity for the people here to ask questions and I have questions. Because that fabric they lay down in front of Amherst because it's concrete over there, because I seen them do it because I live over there. But anyways, they laid down that fabric in between chipping it and then laying down the asphalt. That being said, I just would like to try to put that out there to have an open forum like once a month or something or once every couple of months where people here can ask you people here questions. That being said, no one ever got back to me on that. So, I don't know if that's off the table.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – We're taking baby steps, George.

GEORGE GLIBA – Yeah, I got that part. Communication is important because you represent our City and our interest and we care about the City. Other than that, I've got nothing else. I think I covered everything. So, was that my three minutes?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – At least.

GEORGE GLIBA – We got to get a timer.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I'll get a giant egg timer.

GEORGE GLIBA – Can I say one more thing?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Sure.

GEORGE GLIBA – It's about the streetscape. Jill mentioned something about working at night and there's a plus to that working at night. Traffic, there's no traffic at night. So, the people working there can get stuff done faster and they don't have to worry about traffic. Like if you put up road blocks up 3rd St. and go up North St. and come around Lillian Gish and come up that way; it's just an idea. Jill had mentioned that to Joel about them working at night. I don't know whatever happened with the answer to that.

COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND – That was Sarita.

GEORGE GLIBA – About the construction workers working at night? Oh, okay, I'm sorry. I'll give you credit, I'm sorry. But think about it. You save money because they're getting stuff

done faster and because they're working at night. I don't know what the trade-off is on that but you got until June to figure that out. It's just something that I thought of. I'll leave it at that. Thank you for your time and thank you for having Joel come up tonight because there is a lot of things that people want to know about and he answered a lot of questions. Good job. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Anyone else?

BOB RICHARDS – I live 1375 Benson St. S.W., Massillon, OH. We're talking about our roads. The roads that have been redone. This has been really great. We get these roads repaired and along comes somebody to dig up the roads and my thing is that when they leave, that road should be put back exactly like it was. Not two or three months until we complain about it. It should be done right then. No matter if it's the City or private contractor, but these roads should not be left like they are. Because we got a couple of spots up Main St. that was done last year. There's spots out there now that got a bump in them and that is ridiculous. For as long as we had to wait on these roads to come in here, I think we should make sure that they get put back like it was. That's all I got to say.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Bob. And no, George, you don't get his extra time. Anyone else? Okay, seeing none, I would like to apologize to the students and the adults in the back of the room. I didn't recognize you at the beginning. What school are you from? Central? Welcome to our meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Starrett.

COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT – I make a motion that we adjourn.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilwoman Litman. Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT