

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, April 5, 2021. We have in attendance with us the following city officials: Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Safety Service Director, Barb Sylvester, Law Director, Justin Richard, Economic Development Director, Dave Maley and Nursing Director, Audrey Sylvester. Under item #5 on the agenda 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'd like to remind all of you that if you are not speaking, please mute your mics so that we can hold all the background noise to a minimum.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Roll call.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Jill Creamer, Mike Gregg, Ted Herncane, Ed Lewis, Linda Litman, Mark Lombardi, Jamie Slutz, Megan Starrett and Jim Thieret.

Roll call of 9 present

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. All present and accounted for. Councilman Mark Lombardi.

**2. INVOCATION**

**COUNCILMAN MARK LOMBARDI**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**LED BY COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Councilman Lombardi.

**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** – No ma'am. I'm still working on them.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Before we go into Remarks of Delegations and Citizens on matters on the agenda, Mayor, would you like to introduce Audrey Sylvester?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Yes. Thank you, Madam President. Last week you had asked for an update on the vaccinations within the City and our Director of Nursing is Audrey Sylvester and she's on the call tonight. She's been working six and many days per week and

late hours. So, we've asked and thank you to the chairman that she's going to be able to share with you the information on the vaccines this evening. Audrey.

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – So, the Massillon City Health Dept. started administering doses on December 27, 2020. In January, we averaged about 100 first doses a week and a 100 second doses. We're now averaging anywhere from 150 first doses per week to 200 doses of first and second. We administer every dose we receive per week, so we're not holding back any. We don't have extra. Everything we get, we do administer. We have completely vaccinated all of Massillon City Schools; St. Barbara's, St. Mary's, Massillon Christian, R.G. Drage and Indian River School employees. We have vaccinated all interested Massillon City Fire and Police officers as well as the guards at Indian River. That total to about 3,700 vaccines so far. Our next step is to completely finish scheduling off of our wait list and then we're going to launch an online portal to self-schedule to help reduce staff time and be able to start requesting more vaccines from the State to start being able to administer more. That's our current plan right now.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Does anyone from Council have any questions for Ms. Sylvester? Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you, Madam President. How many do we currently have on our wait list?

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – 682 people left to work through and we're finding about 70% of those people have received the vaccine at other places. We're just getting through and making sure that we reach out to every single person that registered with us is a little time consuming.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Councilman Thieret.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you, Madam President. Ms. Sylvester, have you been receiving the same vaccine or which vaccines have you been using?

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – Well, we get Moderna mostly. We have been lucky enough. We've received 300 doses of Johnson and Johnson. Most Johnson and Johnson doses are going to the mass vaccine sites or to private entities. But, we have received 300 of those and are finishing administering those this week.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you. So, the other 3,400 would have been the Moderna?

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – Yes sir.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Thank you, Ms. Sylvester for your update.

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – Thank you.

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

## 6. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Are we on schedule to meet next week in Council Chambers? Mr. Lewis, do you know?

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – I would have to defer to Mr. Lombardi.

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – Yes. Mr. Herculane and I installed the camera. It's already to be connected. I just want to go down there and do one more test. Diane and I were going to test tonight, but I'm not feeling well enough to be out in public. But, I'll go down this week and do one more test just to make sure that everything's ready properly. So, we should be back in by next Monday.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Is that something you can do on your own, Mr. Lombardi or do you need help?

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – I should be able to do that on my own.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you, Madam President. Would the Health Dept. confirm that that meeting in Chambers still is within the health guidelines?

**AUDREY SYLVESTER** – Yes, you would be.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Councilman Thieret.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you, Madam President. I have two concerns; one with the Wales Rd. construction. I understand that one of the engineers was online.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I didn't think that they were.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Neither one responded.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Well, my question is, I asked questions early on before the construction actually began about property and how much property people were going to sacrifice, if you would. I was more than a little shocked when I drove up and down Wales Rd. and seen telephone poles up against the porches and businesses along Wales Rd. I thought they spoke in matters of inches having to give up originally. But, that's in the magnitude of feet and yards. So, I'm just kind of curious. I know it's too late to ask the question now or the answer to the question. I'm just concerned because that doesn't seem to be in the same parameters that we were told of initially. Secondly, it's another question for the Administration and I'm sure they're aware of the issues at Diamond Court and Postal Place. A couple of incidents happened over the weekend. They want to take it and tow cars. I know in the grand scheme of "Imagine Massillon" that that is going to eventually be pedestrian traffic; at least at certain times. But I wonder if there's something we can move on that a little closer before the

summer starts so that those businesses have a more palatable set of conditions to operate under especially knowing that their peak times in the evenings and weekends.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Mr. Thieret.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you. I hope they can get something going on this.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

## 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### **ORDINANCE NO. 69 – 2021**

### **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Kimberly & Company Salon and Boutique to provide an economic development “inducement grant” to fund expansion costs including build-out, equipment, etc., at the property located at 921 Lincoln Way E., Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. First reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 69 – 2021 has received first reading. Ord. No. 70 – 2021.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 70 – 2021**

### **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into an agreement with Chloe’s Diner to provide an economic development “inducement grant” to fund start-up costs including build-out, equipment, etc., at the property located at 112 – 1<sup>st</sup> St. N.E., Massillon, Ohio.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. First reading.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you. Ord. No. 70 – 2021 has received first reading. Ord. No. 71 – 2021.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 71 – 2021**

### **BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE adopting the recommendations of the Massillon Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) with regard to the renewal and termination of Massillon Enterprise Zone (EZ) projects.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Starrett.

**COUNCILWOMAN STARRETT** – Thank you, Madam President. This is simply legislation to approve the two ongoing Enterprise Zone projects in the City of Massillon that have been recommended by the Tax Committee. Any questions or concerns or comments about this

ordinance? Hearing none, I make a motion that Ord. No. 71 – 2021, that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 71 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 71 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 72 – 2021.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – And I apologize; on the previous agenda that I sent out Friday, this was listed under the Community Development Committee and it should be under the Park and Recreation Committee.

**ORDINANCE NO. 72 – 2021**

**BY: PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to accept a donation from Campbell Oil, Inc., on behalf of the Massillon Park and Recreation Department, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Thank you, Madam President. As discussed at the Work Session, Campbell Oil Inc., has donated \$50,000 for the purpose of resurfacing the walking path at Reservoir Park and at South Sippo Park. This was discussed at the Park and Recreation Board meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> and the motion carried by 4 – 0 vote. Mr. Pedro was at the Work Session to answer any questions, but are there any other questions or concerns from any Council members?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Excuse me; Councilman Thieret, did you have a question?

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Yes, just briefly. As I recall, there was a question about if there was any extra, could it be used anywhere else? Or is this the budgeted amount and should take care of it?

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Per the Park and Recreation Committee notes and at the meeting, that the cost not to exceed \$49,999.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Okay. Thank you.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – You are welcome.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? Sorry, Councilwoman Creamer; go ahead.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – That's okay. Hearing none, I make a motion that we waive the rules requiring three readings and bring Ord. No. 72 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 72 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 73 – 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. 73 – 2021**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund for the Massillon Civil Service Commission, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This appropriation is for \$20,000 due to some of the retirements and promotions that have happened within the City that's resulted in more testing and other assessments related to those matters of employment in the City. I'm ready to move forward with this unless there's any discussion this evening? Hearing none, I make motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 73 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. NO. 73 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 74 – 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. 74 – 2021**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This is an appropriation for \$89,243 for the MMO Rewards supplies. Quick summary, due to the wellness program we have in the City, we are able to be reimbursed for certain expenses. Those expenses were given to us for review at the last Work Session. They've already been approved by the organization that is to give us these monies,

but they do have to be reimbursed. Now, we did have some questions and I thought about it later that night, I figured it out. I had come and call the Auditor and we talked through it. What we have created here, MMO Rewards supplies is an expense account. It is not a revenue account. So, we are putting the money into this account line item and we can spend out of it. When we get reimbursed, that money will come into the revenue which will just be the General Fund and it will re-intermingle right back into the General Fund where the money originally came from. And that was where some of that confusion we had last week; we thought it would go back into this account; it cannot. This is an expense only account. So, if there are no other questions, will you be ready to move forward? Hearing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 74 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 74 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 75 – 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. 75 – 2021**

**BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1234 Park and Recreation Fund, for the year ending December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilman Lewis.

**COUNCILMAN LEWIS** – Yes. This is the \$50,000 associated with the Park and Rec. project that we just discussed and approved. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 75 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 75 – 2021 has passed. Ord. No. 76 – 2021.

**ORDINANCE NO. 76 – 2021**

**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** – Yes. This is exactly as the title states. Is there any discussion this evening? Hearing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No 76 – 2021 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – And for passage.

9 yes for passage

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 76 – 2021 has passed.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I don't know if this is the right place to talk about this, Diane, but you and I talked about your copier.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes, ma'am.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Would you like to discuss that we Council?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – I've only gotten one quote and that was from Konica Minolta through Graphic Enterprises and they quoted me, I believe, \$147.00 per month to lease a copier with a service agreement; I didn't bring that paperwork home with me, but if we go over so many copies, it's like \$.079 per copy. I have a call into Copeco, but have not gotten a response from them yet, but I'd like to get a few more quotes because the old copier that we had prior to the one that we inherited from the hospital; our payment was every three months and I believe it was like approximately \$230 as opposed to \$147 a month. So, I'm still doing some research on that.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay, and have you contacted the people that we used to go through?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – That was Copeco and they have not responded to me yet. By me being off Friday and then off today, they could have responded, but I haven't gotten anything from them. But, like I said, I will continue to research on that to see if I can get us the best deal possible.



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. For those of you who weren't aware, Diane's copier died and you've been using whose copier, Diane?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – The copier from the prosecutor's office and I appreciate Justin and his crew for allowing me to do so. That is probably the reason for a lot of the errors because I have to copy it to a flash drive, take it over to the prosecutor's office, print it and then scan it back to myself. I'd also gotten in touch with Fred over in the engineering office to see if he could program the printer that we just purchased, the little miniature printer for me to work from home. If he could connect that to my computer and I can print and scan from that. So, I will be following up with him tomorrow, also. That's where we're at right now.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay. Keep us up-to-date on that.

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Oh, and the cost to repair the copier that died would be about \$2,300.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Creamer.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Just to clarify; that copier that Diane is speaking about, we received it from Affinity. I believe there was certain equipment that we acquired that we had a lease agreement. Is this one of those pieces of equipment that we had an "X" number of months or years of a lease agreement?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – No, it is not.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Do we still have those pieces of equipment in the City or are they all being used? Because I thought that there were a number of copiers on a list that we were still paying for a lease agreement for.

**DAVE MALEY** – Ms. Creamer, we did have a copier lease that we took care of and all those copiers, we took what copiers departments wanted out of the hospital and then at the last auction, many of those copiers were auctioned off.

**COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER** – Okay. Thank you.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you, Mr. Maley. Anyone else have a question or concern? Working in an office over at the AAA, I know that I would be lost without my copier. So, I hope we're all in agreement that as soon as she can get one and brings us the prices that we think could get her back in business.

## 9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Request for a Transfer of Liquor License from Bertie L. Marple, Est., N. Smith Coextr., 2954 Pinkerton Ln., Springfield Twp., Zanesville, OH 43701 to Village Tavern, LLC located at 146 – 1<sup>st</sup> St. N. E., Massillon, OH 44646. Permit Classes D1, d2 and D6 and is located in Ward 2.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Has the Council person from Ward 2 been given this information?

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Yes, he has.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Any questions or concerns with that?

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – They're just transferring the license from what I can tell.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Is that correct?

**COUNCIL CLERK ROLLAND** – Yes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you.

**10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS**

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| The Repository      | - | \$ 1,132.00        | Publication of February Ordinances |
| Graphic Enterprises | - | <u>140.00</u>      | Service Call for Copier            |
|                     |   | <b>\$ 1,272.00</b> |                                    |

**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 to pay the bills.

9 yes to pay the bills

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

**11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor's Report - February 2021

**12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Our next Work Session, will be next Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers unless something drastic happens.

**13. RESOLUTIONS AND REQUESTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Madam President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Councilwoman Litman.

**COUNCILWOMAN LITMAN** – Thank you. I just wanted to also remind the Police and Fire Committee that we have a meeting scheduled for April 12, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. as well, in Council Chambers if the committee meeting is in Council Chambers as well.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

14. **CALL OF THE CALENDAR**
15. **THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**
16. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**
17. **REMARKS OF DELEGATIONS AND CITIZENS TO MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – Madam President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Madam Mayor.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I wanted to see if you wanted me to give my report?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I would love that, thank you.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – You are welcome. First, I'd like to give a public thank you to Campbell Oil for the \$50,000 donation. That affects our entire City. It's recreation for all of our residents and so, we really do appreciate their donation. I'd also like to commend all of our departments. They've done an excellent job navigating through COVID with Barb Sylvester really, over all the departments, everyone has done a wonderful job, including Barb. So, I'd like to thank them, publicly. Our catch basin contract, one and two are signed, so that will be a beginning. Our income tax, you all received the report, but I'll report that again, we only have through February at this time. For February, we're down 8%, but for the year, we're up 11%. The Streetscape, today Central Allied was out working on that today as you can see on Erie St. and they'll continue to work until that is completed. Great news for all of our members of Council, as well as our citizens, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the income tax filing; it has been extended by the State and you can now file your taxes online and you can also pay online and that's new for our Income Tax Dept. You also all received "Massillon Matters". It's a publication we're going quarterly. It's going inside the sewer bill, but we all e-mailed a copy to each one of you and it just gives a few tips in there for our residents and some information. I wanted to report on Aultman Hospital, their patients; the numbers are up. We have had positive reviews. In fact, recently, calling me with positive reviews as well. Having this emergency room in our City and being able to do X-rays and labs, it's a huge benefit to the residents in our City. It's such a convenience for our patients and our EMS staff as well to have the ER here in our City. Duncan Plaza is 75% complete and we'll be bringing you more information as we move forward. The following contracts have been signed: Erie St. Underpass, the target street contract, Erie St. S. resurfacing, of course, I said Catch Basin one and two as well as Castlewest. So, all of those that you passed, they are all under contract. Our sidewalk program, great numbers here; we have 41 people that have been interested; nine are under contract and with those nine, the amount comes to \$20,767. If we would fund all 41, and the rest of them are going through the process now, we would be at \$54,685. So, the program has really taken off. I just want to remind everyone that they need to get their applications and their pictures in before April 30<sup>th</sup>. The fire ladder truck in on order and our records management system for the Police Dept. is on order and that system is going to connect us throughout the County with anyone that has ordered the records management system. That is a huge plus for Stark County. The catch basin Vac will be delivered soon and they will also provide training and maintenance for that. The K-9 officer, the second one, I thought you would be interested in this, is still in training and doing well. The Dalton bridge, the signing of

the contract with Wengert and we still don't have a start date but we will after we sign that contract. All the demolitions that we're going to do in the City, Jimmy Johnson and Sam Walters will be heading that up and we'll be able to give you more information as we go through that process and all other projects that we have not updated you on, are on schedule. So, if you have any questions, that's my report for April.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Does anyone have any questions for the Mayor?  
Councilman Herncane.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Thank you, Madam President. Are there any pending legal matters or any litigation that we need to be aware of at this time?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – I will turn that over to Justin Richard and he can answer any questions from there.

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Thank you.

**JUSTIN RICHARD** – Madam President.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Go ahead, Mr. Richard.

**JUSTIN RICHARD** – Thank you. Currently, we still have a couple of ongoing matters on the Wales Rd. Project that we're trying to close out. There's also, let me just clarify, Councilperson Herncane, you said pending litigation or active litigation?

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Any.

**JUSTIN RICHARD** – Either?

**COUNCILMAN HERNCANE** – Yes, thank you. Anything that we need to know

**JUSTIN RICHARD** – Sure. As you may have known, we got into a lease agreement per prior administration ago with Mayor Ciccinelli and we signed a lease that has to do with the Hampton Inn and the parking lot and some of the maintenance on that. So, we're currently trying to renegotiate that at this time. But, other than that, there's nothing else pending.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else? I have a question, Mayor, maybe you could answer it. On the Wales Rd. where they're going into the yards and they're digging and really, really, really big holes to put some of the utilities underground, is the City of Massillon doing that? I know it's a State project, but who is actually doing the work?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – I can go ahead and answer that for you if you'd like me too, Council President?

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

**BARB SYLVESTER** – The work that's being done there is the utilities companies. That's who's doing the work at this present time.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Okay, so, my yard escaped that but my neighbors didn't and they dig really two enormous, enormous holes. So once they put the dirt back, the seed and the straw, are they done?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – They will have to repair everything back to the original state that it was.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – So, they put the straw and the seed down, but the yard is just so uneven and before that, it was beautiful. So, is there any recourse for the neighbors if the yard is not put back to their satisfaction?

**BARB SYLVESTER** – Yes. If you want to have them call into our office and give us the address, we'll definitely take care of it with the utility companies and the contractors that are working for them.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – I appreciate that. Thank you. Councilman Thieret.

**COUNCILMAN THIERET** – Thank you, Madam President. I guess for the Mayor and the Safety Service Director; do we have the engineers on next week do give us a little more about this? Because, like I said, it's hard to imagine the inches turned into feet the way they did it on this project. So, I'm kind of curious to see how things are going to pan out. If you look down there by Joey's Kendal Tavern, the pole is almost against the building. So, does this mean if they walk out that front door, they're walking into the street? Questions like that and like she said, poles are in yards now up against porches. I didn't think it was supposed to be that invasive.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Ms. Sylvester, can you have the engineers on next week?

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – We can have them on next week; that's not a problem.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Thank you.

**MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY** – You are welcome.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK** – Anyone else?

## 18. ADJOURNMENT

**COUNCILMAN LOMBARDI** – Thank you, President Istnick. I motion that we adjourn.

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

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DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

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CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT