

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MASSILLON CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Welcome to the Massillon City Council Meeting for Monday, September 18, 2023. We have in attendance the following City officials: Mayor, Kathy Catazaro-Perry, Chief Counsel, Earle Wise City Engineer, Alex Pitts and Economic Development Director, Dave Maley. Under #5 on the agenda is where the public can speak on any topic that appears on tonight’s agenda and under #17 is where the public can speak on any topic that does NOT appear on tonight’s agenda. I’d like to remind you that if you have a cell phone, please set it to mute, vibrate or turn it off. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Roll call.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call for the evening found the following Council Members present: Jill Creamer, Mike Gregg, Julie Harwig Smith, Ted Herncane, Ed Lewis, Mark Lombardi, Jamie Slutz, Mike Snee and Aaron Violand.

Roll call of 9 present

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. All present and accounted for. Councilman Snee.

COUNCILMAN SNEE – Please join me for the Lord’s prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. INVOCATION

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL SNEE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LED BY COUNCILMAN SNEE

4. READING OF THE JOURNAL

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Councilman Snee. Before we go any further, Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, President Istnick. I just wanted to give a shout out to the Massillon Tigers on a huge win on Friday night against the previously undefeated; in defending Division I State Champions St. Edward’s Eagles. The boys played their hearts out; came away with a two-point victory and represented, as always, represented themselves, their community and Massillon Tigers with class. Next up is a team from Middletown, Delaware. So, we’re looking for a good effort next Friday night. I urge everyone to come out and support the Tigers. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – T-I-G

COUNCILMAN GREGG – E-R-S. Go Tigers.

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. **NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
7. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Ord. No. 98 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 98 – 2023

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the Massillon Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), pursuant to Section 1724.10 of the Ohio Revised Code concerning the lease of land described in the attached Exhibit “A”, and hereby further authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into the Ground Lease Agreement with the Massillon CIC for such land for the purpose of promoting the industrial and economic development of the community and hereby further authorizing and directing the Mayor and Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into the related Memorandum of Ground Lease Agreement with the Massillon CIC, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Madam President. I’d like to bring up Chief Counsel, Earle Wise this evening, again, to the microphone to give us an overview similar to what he did at the Work Session last Monday regarding this because there’s multiple parts regarding this and one falls under Community Development.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Wise.

EARLE WISE – Good evening everyone. The first ordinance is the ground lease. That is the lease between the City of Massillon and the Massillon Community Improvement Corporation. The same term and the term is beginning now or when it is signed through September of 2038 which is a fifteen-year term. There are then four optional fifteen-year periods, that’s sixty years, so, at this point, the whole thing would be for seventy-five years. Originally it was for ninety-nine years; we’re twenty years into it, so, it’s roughly the same time frame. The City owns the property. This is a lease giving control of the property to the CIC for one dollar a

year. They then have an agreement with Charles St., which doesn't involve the Council and then the next ordinance will be the Sublease for the agreement between the City and Charles St. But this initial ordinance is simply the agreement between the City of Massillon and the CIC and I believe, though I haven't seen it, I believe there was a meeting of the CIC and they have approved this Ground Lease. That's my understanding, someone correct me if I'm wrong on that. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Mr. Wise.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anyone have any comments or questions? Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you. So at this time, I would like to make a motion to waive the rules requiring three readings and bring forward Ord. No. 98 – 2023 forward for a vote.

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

9 yes for suspension

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – And for passage.

8 yes; 1 no for passage – Lombardi voted “no”

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 98 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 99 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 99 – 2023

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to enter into a Sublease Agreement with Charles Street Association LTD., for the real estate described in the attached Exhibit “A”, and further authorizing and directing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety to enter into the related Memorandum of Sublease Agreement, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This is part two of what we just voted on except this now is us leasing from Charles St. those sixty spots at the rate of \$12,000.00 per year. Are there any questions or discussion? Seeing none, I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 99 – 2023 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.

8 yes; 1 no for passage – Lombardi voted “no”

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 99 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 100 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 100 – 2023

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations from the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the purpose of the Massillon Fire Department, for the year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This ordinance is for \$173,124.00. It takes care of comp. paid and overtime paid for our Fire Dept. 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. 100 – 2023 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. 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. 100 – 2023 has passed. Res. No. 7 – 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – 2023

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION in support of waiving the building permit fees for the Massillon City School District's East and West Side Elementary Schools.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – First reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Res. No. 7 – 2023 has received first reading.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Thank you, Madam President. I just wanted to bring forward for Council to consider; we had a resident request several weeks ago regarding a question/answer type situation session during City Council meetings. I talked to that individual and we talked about perhaps having a period during regular meeting where any resident could come forward, probably during item No. 17 on the agenda to bring up questions that they had for Council, either specific Council people or in general. That's already happening, but in some

cases, but the answers aren't getting out there to the public. So, what President Istnick and I discussed was if people come forward during the regular meeting and ask questions under item No. 17 then we, as a Council or individual Council Members can get those answers and then respond, in public, at the following regular meeting so that not only the person asking the question gets the benefit of the answers but everybody that's interested gets benefit of the answers as well. I thought that was a good compromise as opposed to having a true question/answer period during the meeting. We didn't want to go back to that. So, that's what we've discussed and since it's a regular meeting and it's the President's meeting, it's up to her to decide.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I had discussed this also with other Council people and I think if the community comes forward and has any questions and no one ever gets back to them, it's just kind of a letdown. They don't know what's really going. So, I don't have a problem with doing that. So, when someone comes up and ask a question, rather than put someone on the spot and not have an answer, you have basically two weeks to get the answer and then at the next meeting, we could address the answer under item No. 17. So, Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – I think that's a great idea but, sometimes it's a simple question and there's no reason to wait two weeks, why can't we, if we feel we have an answer at that time, why can't we answer it at that time?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Gregg.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – As I said, we don't really want to turn into a true question/answer period, and I think that would lead to that; there's no issue of getting to that person right away after the meeting and giving them the answer, but we'd then would give them the answer again in the second meeting. So, I think what we discussed is that the answer would be provided under Miscellaneous Business, correct? Not under item No. 17, right?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Right.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – So, this doesn't mean that if you have the answer, you don't give it to the person right away, but this way, it's going to be publicly stated so that everybody could benefit.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I really like the fact that people afterwards do talk to people that have commented and I think that makes them feel worthy. Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Just to clarify, when the question is posed, will you be the individual assigning it to the Committee Chairperson to follow-up possibly after the meeting and in two weeks in this public forum.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I would be honest with you, Councilwoman Creamer, sometimes I don't know what committee it goes with.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Just so there's one individual following up instead of all of us; so that there's going to be one assigned person to address the concern is my concern.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Okay.

9. PETITIONS AND GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

10. BILLS, ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

US Bank Equip. Finance	-	\$ 127.00	September Payment for Copier
Office Depot	-	116.54	Copy Paper and Office Supplies
First Commonwealth Bank	-	<u>45.77</u>	Pedestal Sign Stand
Total	-	\$ 289.31	

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I make a motion to pay the bills.

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

9 yes to pay the bills

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

11. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor's Report - August 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. And for a live Mayor's report. Mayor, before I forget; may I ask a question?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Sure.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – I've seen a lot of activity over at Affinity. Do you know anything of what's going on with them?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – We know that they're working on it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – You have no idea of when they'll open?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – No.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Good evening, Madam President, Members of Council. The first item I'd like to talk about is our 2023 Fall Yard Waste. I know you're all excited about this for our residents. On Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from October 4th, the 18th, November 1st, 15th and 29th, and I'll leave this with the President and then Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to Noon October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th; November 4th, 13th and December 2nd the garage will be open on Saturdays. We will accept materials such as grass, leaves, shrubs, brush, branches, plants, stumps and you do have to have an I.D., a Massillon resident I.D. The next item, we did a walkabout in Walnut Hills. Some residents joined us and several Council

Members. It was a great time there to understand more of their issues and honestly, it looks pretty good. There is about four areas that need some attention to it and Code Enforcement is already working on those areas. So we were fairly pleased with our walkabout. The next item is we did a ceremony for Sgt. Corey M. Endlich to unveil the street signs. They are both up now. We had a nice service for them and the family was very appreciative. The update for Wales Rd.; so, you probably wonder, what's going on? There was a water line issue on Springhaven so they're working on that right now. As soon as that gets rectified, they'll be back working diligently on the project. So a little hiccup there with the water line and that's not uncommon. Erie St. and Charles; those have the curbing, the sidewalk, the ADA and the electrical placed and the lights will be coming early October. So that will be complete then. Castlewest; the first phase has been completed. So, Ward 6, Castlewest. Diamond Ct. as you can see if you've traveled around our building at the end of the bank and go to the ATM for bank service, you'll notice that it's a dirt road right now and they are working on the curbing. So that will be coming in and then next will be the sidewalk and then we'll get that repaved again. So that is in progress and going very well. That's all I have for you tonight.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Erie St.; where does that go to with the sidewalks and that?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – No, it's all by itself. It's a separate project.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – So that a City project?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – That's correct.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Yes sir.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – On Wales Rd., I just wondered; do we have a projected completion date for that project?

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Erie?

COUNCILMAN GREGG – No, Wales.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – Wales? Well, we've been told that the date is actually June of 2024, but if they can get this water project done, it may be much sooner.

COUNCILMAN GREGG – Good. Thank you.

MAYOR CATAZARO-PERRY – You are welcome.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you.

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Our next Work Session will be Monday, September 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

14. **CALL OF THE CALENDAR**

15. **THIRD READING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Ord. No. 82 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 82 – 2023

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE creating a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and establishing requirements to ensure public health and safety within such area.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Thank you, Madam President. We've had multiple discussions over the past few weeks regarding creating this DORA. Due to our discussions, I've asked Administration to be sure to include in the plan the number of safety staff members needed, the number of sanitation staff members needed; the border we discussed based on exhibits for the border remains the same. The days and times we're just going to have additional discussion. Every time we talk about certain time frames, additional input is gathered. So, we'll discuss that more and along with that, requesting signage for Veterans Park prohibiting participants to enter into the park with the DORA cups and beverages. So those are things we're still going to take place. At this time, I've scheduled a public hearing for October 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. here in Council Chambers. Are there any other additional questions Council Members may have at this time? Seeing none, I'd like to make a motion to table Ord. No. 82 – 2023 until October 2, 2023.

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

9 yes to table Ord. No. 82 – 2023 until October 2, 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 82 – 2023 has been tabled until October 2, 2023 for the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

16. **SECOND READING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Ord. No. 87 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 87 – 2023

BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 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 construction of the Roberson Splash Pad at Wampler Park, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilwoman Creamer.

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 87 – 2023 has received second reading. Ord. No. 90 – 2023. I’m sorry, Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I just want to make a request for that particular ordinance. I was contacted; do we know if the Park Board has approved going out to bid for this? If it’s going to reside in the park and become the responsibility, shouldn’t they have, somehow, state their agreement to that we put it out to bid before we vote on it?

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – I would like someone from Administration to answer that. I believe I know the answer, but I would like to hear from them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Mr. Maley.

DAVE MALEY – Is that specifically with regards to the maintenance of the facility?

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – No, just in general that if the splash pad is going to reside inside of a park and become their responsibility of the Park Board to maintain, shouldn’t they have at least put on the record their agreement for the splash pad to go out to bid and built in the first place?

DAVE MALEY – I do not know that they need to or not. That would be a question we could find out from legal. I’m not sure if it’s a necessity that they do that. I know one of the questions that was brought up earlier with regards to the park and using the park, the park as a DORA, I know that’s a discussion that needs to happen. I think Steve is taking that to the Board. I can follow up on that question, though.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – I guess more than just the legality; I would feel more comfortable if this Council would have agreement from the oversight authority of the Park Board that they are in agreement with this project.

DAVE MALEY – Okay.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Anything else? Councilwoman Harwig Smith.

COUNCILWOMAN HARWIG SMITH – We can follow up the director, Steve Pedro, but they did months ago approve it that it was going to be paid for and how it was going to be paid for and that they would be responsible. They all voted on it and it was unanimous support for it; the splash pad.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Councilwoman Creamer, anything else?

COUNCILWOMAN CREAMER – No, Madam President.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Ord. No. 90 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 90 – 2023

BY: HEALTH, WELFARE AND BLDG. REGS. COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE enacting CHAPTER 962 “CEMETARIES” under TITLE FIVE – OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES of PART NINE – STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Massillon, Ohio, for the disposition of deceased indigents and the administration thereof.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Slutz.

COUNCILMAN SLUTZ – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 90 – 2023 has received second reading. Ord. No. 92 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 92 – 2023

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE making certain appropriations for the unappropriated balance of the 1100 General Fund, for the purpose of the Roberson Splash Pad Project, for the year ending December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Second reading.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you. Ord. No. 92 – 2023 has received second reading. Ord. 96 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 96 – 2023

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to submit an application for funding to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the funding year 2024, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Yes. This ordinance is to submit the application related to the Tremont Ave. S.W. resurfacing project. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? I make a motion that we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 96 – 2023 forward for a vote.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Seconded by Councilman Lombardi. 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. 96 – 2023 has passed. Ord. No. 97 – 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 97 – 2023

BY: FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Mayor of the City of Massillon, Ohio, to submit an application for funding to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the funding year 2024, and declaring an emergency.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Lewis.

COUNCILMAN LEWIS – Like Ord. No. 96 – 2023, this one is to have the application go to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Lincoln Way Phase III improvement project. Are there any questions or discussion this evening? Seeing none, I make a motion we suspend the rules requiring three readings, bringing Ord. No. 97 – 2023 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.

7 yes; 2 no for passage – Herncane and Lombardi voted “no”

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Madam Clerk. Ord. No. 97 – 2023 has passed.

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

GAYLE DANZY – Good evening. First let me say that I’m elated that we’re going to have the opportunity to get answers from Council every two weeks or however often it is. Having said that, I still want to bring up that I’ve been asking; what’s going to be done with the slum landlords, commercial and residential and I know that I’ve been asking that for probably months now. So, I’m hoping that now that we’re going to do it this way that I will get an answer to that question. The other question that I have is; is there a way to find out the buildings that are downtown that have second floors. Are they available for rental? So, if there is someone that can tell me that here after the meeting, that’s fine. If not, I’ll wait until the weeks when we can do it. And then, when does this take effect that we will be able to ask questions? That’s my third question, if somebody could let me know that after the meeting.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Tonight.

GAYLE DANZY – Oh, okay. It takes effect tonight. Okay, thank you very much. So, I’m ready to go. Thank you. I am not a pest; do you hear me? I am a citizen of Massillon who is interested in what goes on in Massillon. I worked in Massillon since 1999 and the Mayor can attest to the fact. She was on Council at that time and I was just as active then as I am now and I believe every citizen of Massillon needs to stop their parking lot meetings and come to Council and find out what’s going on in the City. Ask the questions and act on that. So, I’m sorry; I don’t mean to be offensive to anybody. I just want to know so that if there’s something that I can do about something, I can do it. I had a wonderful interview with, thanks to Mr. Ress here, with the Superintendent of Schools last week. Wonderful interview. Because like I said to him, when Gayle wants to know something, I don’t ask in the community; I come to the people who are supposed to have the answers and I ask them. If I find out that they will not give me the answers, I leave them alone and go right on about my business. So, I don’t mean to be offensive to any of you. Let me publicly say that, that I just want to know what’s going on in my city. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Gayle. Anyone else?

BARB BERGMYER – This past Saturday I was able to go to the city of Wapakoneta and the downtown is a beautiful, beautiful city. There’s a bunch of old buildings, individual buildings very similar to Massillon. Then there’s a modern building. Steel, glass, beautiful. Same height as the rest of them. More antique buildings and more modern buildings. All in a stretch and we could do that with Massillon too. So, if the buildings are falling down, fix them up, get rid of them, start over again. I think it would be beautiful.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Thank you, Barb. Anyone else?

18. ADJOURNMENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Councilman Snee.

COUNCILMAN SNEE – I’d like to make a motion we adjourn.

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

9 yes to adjourn

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ISTNICK – Meeting adjourned.

DIANE ROLLAND, COUNCIL CLERK

CLAUDETTE ISTNICK, PRESIDENT