

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2017

The Regular Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Mucci presiding. The meeting was opened with a silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmen Dressel, Johnson, Paul, Timmons, Villamagna and DiLoreto.

Mr. Paul moved to excuse Mrs. Hahn from the meeting. Second by Mr. Johnson. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci.

Also present; City Manager James Mavromatis, Acting Law Director Costa Mastros, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Dave Gossett from the Herald Star and WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Paul moved that the minutes of May 2, 2017 be accepted as written. Second by Mr. Johnson. Roll call. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Mucci.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2017-37 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. DiLoreto, Johnson, Hahn

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THE PROJECT KNOWN AS JEF-STEUBENVILLE SHARED USE PATH FROM FRANKLIN AVENUE TO THE NEW MARINA ENTRANCE, PID NO. 105885, CITY PROJECT NUMBER 2016-126, AND COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SAID PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES, RIGHT OF WAY SERVICES INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY, UTILITY RELOCATION, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION/INSPECTION SERVICES, BIDDING SERVICES, ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, RE-BIDDING IF REQUIRED, ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST MOST QUALIFIED BIDDER AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-37. The second reading will be on May 16th. The third and final reading will be on May 23rd.”

NO. 2017-38 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEFENDANT, THE JEFFERSON HEALTH PLAN, FOR THE CASE STYLED THE STATE OF OHIO EX. REL. CITY OF STEUBENVILLE VS. THE JEFFERSON HEALTH PLAN, ET. AL, CASE NUMBER 17-CV-47 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-38. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-38 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-38 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-39 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

ORDINANCE DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATE AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT THE VOTE OF THE ELECTORS TO BE INSUFFICIENT AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-39. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-39 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mayor Mucci – “Just for a point of clarification; this is the renewal of the 5 mill operating levy that the City of Steubenville places on the ballot every five years; the 5 mill operating levy started in existence in the sixties at the City of Steubenville and it is still at that current level of evaluation; this is no new tax; it is simply a renewal of our 5 mill operating levy.”

Mr. Paul – “I was going to bring that up that it is a renewal; we are going to have a Finance Committee meeting next week and I’m going to ask Dave Lewis to tell us what we bring in with that levy so we understand. We were questioning this renewal levy and we’ll have more information on that next week but this is something that I remember my first year on Council we did this and I didn’t understand but it is nothing more than a renewal.”

John Mascio – “I live at 567 Braybarton. I asked the question because when you read it, it doesn’t read as a renewal; when it goes on the ballot it may not say renewal; I’m wondering if you can amend that caption in some form to reflect that it is a renewal because it might scare some people.”

Mayor Mucci – “In the ordinance I believe it makes reference to a renewal; however, the Board of Elections will not let the word renewal appear on the ballot; either you’re for it or against it; it’s in our promotions of the levy that we have to make sure and promote it as a renewal.”

Mr. Mastros – “Attached to the ordinance is a form of the ballot and just so there is no confusion it says renewing the existing levy; so it will be in the form of the ballot which will be approved by the Secretary of State’s office as you know and we have to pass another ordinance yet to get it there; but that is a good question and it is a renewal.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-39 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

NO. 2017-40 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Messrs. Paul, Johnson, Dressel

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT WINTER CONTRACT (018-18) FOR ROAD SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Mucci – “You have heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2017-40. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2017-40 please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Why is this an emergency?”

Mr. Mastros – “The paperwork has to be in to the state tomorrow so we have to rush this through; it’s a time issue.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Ok; thank you very much.”

Mr. Paul called question. Roll call. All ayes. Ordinance No. 2017-40 duly adopted declared Mayor Mucci.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Dressel – no report

Mr. Johnson – “Yes, your honor; I have two items; I’d like to call for a Planning Committee meeting on May 30th at 6:30; and I’d like to sunshine an ordinance which will result in the City quit claiming the property located behind the courthouse where the courthouse annex used to be in between where the PNC Bank is; to the County and declaring an emergency.”

Mr. Paul – “I have a couple things; I’d like to call a Finance Committee meeting next week on the 16th at 6:30; we want to discuss our budget and see if our taxes are catching up and we’ll also have Dave Lewis talk about that levy; I want to know what kind of money we bring in with that 5 mill operating levy. I’d like to call a Safety Committee meeting on May 23rd at 6:00; one of the issues we’d like to discuss is the problem with feral cats. I’m hoping Mr. Dressel will help me on this. We have a new person to sit next to you on the left; do we need to make a motion to hire this person? I make a motion that we hire Karly Haley as our new Clerk of Council.” Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll call. All ayes. So moved declared Mayor Mucci. The effective date of that appointment will be May 10th with a probationary period of 120 days.

Mr. Timmons – “I just have a few items; Jim, how are the applications going for the lifeguards?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We had twenty two students that volunteered from Big Red; we had four that submitted applications from last year; Wendy Tucker who is the swimming coach and a certified lifeguard instructor is going through these right now; they’re going to have to be certified so that’s where we’re at. Big Red stepped forward but I haven’t heard from Central.”

Mr. Timmons – “How about the nine seasonal employees?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “They’re in the process of the advertisement and the application process.”

Mr. Timmons – “That kind of leads into my next question; at 735 Oxford Blvd; nobody has lived there for like seven or eight years; I checked with Chris Petrossi; the grass is high all year; is that something we’re going to try to have those nine part time workers handle? I guess there are tax liens; Chris said eventually it could go to Sherriff sale; what happens at that point?”

Mr. Mastros – “It’ll go to auction at Sherriff sale; someone buys it; it has to be purchased for a certain minimum value; if the person buys it they will get an auditors deed from the court and then they will be responsible for maintaining it as their own.”

Mr. Timmons – “What if it doesn’t sell?”

Mr. Mastros – “It is forfeited by entry to the State of Ohio but there is no one to look to from the State or even the legal owner does not change or transfer the title; so there is no one to go too to say “Hey go cut your grass” it is kind of in abeyance; it’s kind of a gray area.”

Mr. Timmons – “That is where I’m concerned; the people right next door they both maintain their houses and their yards perfectly; it’s just this and rodents. That’s kind of see if we can maintain those and it’s even worse up on the hilltop.”

Mr. Mastros – “I think we do have the ordinance where we can cut the grass and put a lien on the property whether it gets paid or not ever but who knows; those get certain priorities.”

Mr. Paul – “Getting back to what he asked; I really think we got those nine (9) employees for the parks. Are we going too?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “A lot of the people are not solely needed for just the parks; they can be used for anything that we are facing; our grass issues; wherever their talents are needed we can put them there.”

Mr. Paul – “I thought one of the first things we were going to do was knock out the parks and then get that going.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Yes”

Mr. Timmons – “I just wanted to make sure it wasn’t all year round.”

Mr. Paul – “Well maybe next year we should split that up then; 5 and 4; 5 for parks and 4 to do the lots.

Mr. Timmons – “Okay that’s what I thought but if not it shouldn’t be the neighbors’ responsibility.

Mr. Paul – “I know that. I would be very angry myself.”

Mr. Timmons – “That’s what I was looking for was how that was going to be handled this year. Just one other thing; from the high winds last week; there are some trees and branches down in the alley between Kendall and Woodlawn; right there off of Oregon; I don’t think it is used very often but there are some branches down hindering traffic. That’s all that I have thank you.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Little update on the pool; I’ve had several volunteers up there and Kimberly had a crew up there and they did a lot of weeding; Mr. Mavromatis was up there and Mr. Timmons I believe; I can’t say enough about Jim Saltsman, Stevie Vukelic, and Roger Wells. They had man power up there that they ate the cost for and also equipment; it’s coming along nicely; the slide is down, they busted the concrete out where those pillars were at; it looks a lot better.”

Mr. DiLoreto – “I have an ordinance accepting the conveyance of a new 12-inch water line and dedication of a water line easement between Good Ventures Properties LLC. and the City of Steubenville; that’s the new water line that’s going on between Franciscan University and where they are going to put those new businesses by Stoney Hollow Blvd; this came from Mr. Murphy. Thank you.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Earlier today Mr. Dressel brought to my attention the water loss up on North 4th St. is affecting several of these streets on the North part of town. What has happened for the last week and a half our water department has been working on replacing two (2) collapsed valves that are up on North 7th St. While during this another line was found broken so it caused it to go into this; which is shut off or lower the water pressure to some of the homes there. A boil order has gone out but hoping this will be finished tonight and the water pressures will be back but the boil order will have to be followed for 48 hours and that’s it Mayor.”

Mr. Mastro – No report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM

Nathaniel Richmond – “My address is 239 South 5th St. here in Steubenville, Ohio. I would like to speak on the property issue; first let me speak on Councilman Paul issue about the Safety Planning Committee and to my knowledge you are concerned about some feral cats.”

Mr. Paul – “Yes sir”

Nathaniel Richmond – “I think it’s a more safety issue going on in our city with the influx of drugs coming into our town and the gang banging and the gun violence. Just last month I was shot at by an individual who is on parole and called the police at the time it happened and to make a long story short; the police told me they didn’t have enough evidence to investigate; let alone prosecute the case; so I think your Safety Committee”

Mr. Paul – “Well let me tell you something. When we have safety committee meeting; I make sure that the police are here and they talk about everything they do that month; we talk about the shootings so it’s not like we don’t, we’re not so smug about feral cats.

Nathaniel Richmond – “As far as the feral cats; there’s a guy next door I don’t know his real name but we call him Cat Man or Bird Man; he fed all the cats and the birds. I’m a resident of Jefferson Metropolitan Housing; I’ve got over this past winter; I got rats this big that come through the cellar down into my basement so I appreciate those stray cats out there but anyway I want to talk about the crime in our neighborhood and the loss of lives in our neighborhood; not just no feral cats. My other issue is there’s a lot at 1331 Wellesley that’s owned by Jefferson Metropolitan Housing; it’s the one that my mom lived in may she rest in peace; that died in a fire up there two (2) years ago and I would like the councilman in that area or someone to put some no trespassing signs on that lot until that lot is sold, or my family is able to take over, or buy that lot because the reason for that; the reason I’m asking; before my mom died my grandfather her father died in that same house from COPD. We had his body cremated and put in an urn which stood in her living room in her china cabinet; at the time of the fire the urn was destroyed so to me that lot up there is sacred land; so I’m asking for the city to get with Jefferson Metropolitan Housing; Mr. DiLoreto who’s on the board; to put some signs up there; no trespassing because I feel the land is sacred. That’s all I have to say.”

Mayor Mucci – “Thank you and I think you probably answered your own question the lot that you are making reference too is owned by Metropolitan Housing Authority; they would be responsible for marking the lot; the city could touch base; Mr. DiLoreto as you indicated is on the board to the housing authority for the signage that you spoke of and I think Mr. Paul addressed your issue. We do have a Safety Committee meeting scheduled for May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. here at the Council Chamber and you are welcome to attend that; let alone talking about the cat consideration; we’ll also be talking about updates on security that they are providing in our committee.”

John Mascio – “I live at 567 Braybarton. Eric that lot that you were speaking of; is that the lot next to (inaudible) Gilmore’s House?”

Mr. Timmons – “Yes”

John Mascio – “That’s inquiry in common pleas court; there was a involvement with the state and it’s a mess; I was involved in that; there was a partial (inaudible) with the real estate; there was a partition actioned and it was brought from some attorney out of town and the end result was to go ahead and agree with (inaudible) which would result in a public sale; anyone would buy it if they wanted to buy it. He’s done nothing on it whatsoever; it’s sitting there with our pending fund with our common pleas court and I don’t think the court is really pushing at that; that’s the real issue on that case. The part of it that I had I contacted; I provided all the names and addresses of the next of kin so he could do all the paperwork that needed to be done; he’s never done anything. There were errors in England, Scotland, Wales; we tracked them all down; we’ve found every single one of them and I’ve had provided him with all the information that he could go ahead and follow through on it and his big concern was how he was going to get paid. Well in our partition he actually gets paid once the property is sold. The issue lies with that particular lawyer. (Inaudible) so you should look (inaudible) into forcing him to come in and do something that might solve the problem. (Inaudible). Speaking of high grass; there is an empty lot up on Braybarton between Shady and going up where my part is; it’s guaranteed a good foot high; there has been no maintenance on that for some time; I don’t know who it is.”

Mr. Paul – “I think I do; I can go on the Jefferson county website real estate and find out who that is and turn it in.”

John Mascio – “If you have any idea (inaudible) Braybarton; one of the top of Iva Way; one just part way up the street which has had a cone on it for six (6) months. Do we have any idea on when anybody is going to go repave those holes? The top of Iva Way has been at least two (2) months; the other one has been there since last fall.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Does it look like we’ve put concrete in it?”

John Mascio – “It doesn’t look like concrete it looks more like that filler or (inaudible).”

Mr. Mavromatis – “There’s no seal or nothing on it? It’s just open? Iva way and where is the other one?”

Mr. Paul – “Right up the street”

Mr. Mavromatis – “On Braybarton?”

Mr. Paul – “Yes on Braybarton”

John Mascio – “Something else I brought up about a couple of months ago; we were talking about paving the alley up on the 600 block between North 4th and 5th; any of you driven the alley here between Market and Washington in the last couple of days? You can’t drive that road. It’s horrible and that services several businesses so if you can check that out. There was also a dead branch that has fallen on a wire on Sinclair Ave. between Lovers Lane and John Scott Hwy and it’s been leaning on that wire. My concern was whether or not if eventually that branch was going to pull that wire down so somebody will need to take a look at that.”

Heather Vinburg Deller - “My address is 248 Bryden Road. I do want to thank the city, Police Dept. for the presents on our road and I don’t know if any of you have any idea what terrible decision that there is no parking signs were; that has now become the drag strip; I would like to invite each and every one of you to come sit in my driveway; have a nice glass of dirty water because of the business we’re going through with Lovers Lane. My next door neighbor had a city pipe bust in their backyard; create a huge sink hole in their backyard; now they are trying to recover from that and Mr. Mavromatis wanted to write her a ticket for parking across the street because of those signs because the carpet cleaners were there to clean her carpet up and the mess that this has created. Now I also have video with me today that I took prior to coming to this meeting; I do appreciate the street signs; I was a little ticked off that I’ve had a police officer at my home the other day; taking my sign down off of my mail post; but they put a city 25 mph sign across the street from my home and I have video to show you that that is not working; the speed detector isn’t even on; and I would like to know what further steps are going to be taken from that speed detector? We have these signs on our street; in front of my house when my family comes to visit; and those of you who know me know that I have a very large family; we are parking ten (10) houses up the street if I have someone to my home. We’re a very strong family, we have many gatherings, I fear for my family when they are bringing my grandchildren across the street; that isn’t even a two lane; we have no place for parking and those signs were put up for people who are complaining that they almost get hit because one they are not going the speed limit and two you can’t see up over that hill side. I have driven that road for three (3) years and if you do the speed limit there’s no problem; so who are we going to listen too? Are we going to listen to the residents of Bryden Road or those complaining zipping through there? Now that Lovers Lane is shut down it is even worse; I have a five (5) minute video to prove to you that this is not working. So what are going to be the next steps?”

Mayor Mucci – “If you would like to submit the video to us we don’t have the apparatus here to review it but if you would leave it here with us this evening I’m sure our city manager will review it.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “The video is on my cell phone but I could e-mail it or send it to somebody or I could send it to Bob. I can do that.”

Mr. Villamagna – “We had the police out there and we know that has put a great inconvenience on the people on Bryden Road because of Lovers Lane. There is a problem there; that’s why Mr. Mavromatis has had the cruisers out to issues warnings; shortly after that Mr. Mavromatis told me the warning period is over; now they will start giving out citations. The parking signs...”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “I understand you want to continue those up the street what is wrong with you? Is nobody listening to the residents of the street; this is where we live; these are our homes; not those zipping through to go to the mall; not those zipping through to go over the hill to Sinclair to go the back way or out Lovers Lane.”

Mr. Villamagna – “The no parking signs that are there now were put up because of that hill there. If you’re coming North on Bryden Rd. and I went there with our Mike our Engineer to look at that bend and we went around the

bend and was almost hit head on. So we turned around and come back that way and the same exact thing happened; now I have had so many complaints about that bend.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “ It is a bad bend; we’ve only been there for three (3) years and in that time there has been two (2) accidents on that bend; not in front of my house; there’s has not been one accident in front of my house not one.”

Mr. Villamagna – “That’s why those signs were put up.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “And I understand that; when we first moved there; Mike told us where that telephone pole is where you guys mounted the detector, the sign, and whatever; that we could park from that point back; not towards that (inaudible). We the residents on that street feel that when we park on that street we are slowing traffic down; I don’t care who I piss off.”

Mr. Villamagna – “But you are causing a hazard.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Not if you are going 25 mph!”

Mr. Villamagna – “It’s still a hazard because it’s a blind there. When you are parking in the grass and you got the city cutting the grass they…”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “The city doesn’t cut the grass my next door neighbor does it.”

Mr. Villamagna – “They cut a lot of that grass down there but because cars are parked there they can’t cut the grass.

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Well how about you guys do us a favor? Do you know how many people; we have several families that walk on that street; they walk their dogs; we have a family of joggers; since probably the last maybe year I seen that (inaudible); you can’t put a sidewalk in to ensure safety? Then the city wouldn’t have to cut the grass.

Mr. Villamagna – “That might be something to look at down the road.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Because isn’t that a park that is across the street from me? That is considered a city park.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Not to my knowledge.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Well that’s what we were told.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Just the fact of parking in that grass; it’s illegal and if we would let everybody park in that grass there then we can’t stop somebody from parking in the grass anywhere else.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Oh I understand that completely.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Bryden Road is a hazard. That’s the purpose behind the no parking signs.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “You do see what the no parking signs have created?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Do you have a driveway?”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Yes I do”

Mr. Villamagna – “Then why don’t you park in the driveway?”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “We do! Do you know how many kids I have? You know my family; you know how big we are; they are not going to come in one car! My husband and I are parking tandemly in our garage to free up our drive way for any people that we have. Mr. Mavromatis suggested that (inaudible) our neighbors by borrowing their driveway; Why? Why should we when we have a street that we can use for that; (inaudible) that is double parking on both sides and I know it’s a one way street.”

Mr. Villamagna – “You’re not going to let me finish what I am telling you.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Oh yeah go head.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Bryden Road, Lovers Lane, John Scott Highway; those roads were not designed for what’s on those roads today; when we annex the city there’s 10,000 cars on Lovers Lane. Let’s just say half of those cars are going down Bryden Road; it’s created a problem; I’ve seen mailboxes knocked down and I sympathize with you and that’s why Mr. Mavromatis has those cruisers out there. There is not a whole lot else that can be done.

Heather Vinburg Deller – “We appreciate it we really do. With the whole speed detector how long is that going to be or what does that do?”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well we’re hoping people realize; most people don’t realize that they’re going fast until they see their speed limit.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “There’s a big sign there too.”

Mr. Villamagna – “I understand but most people don’t know how fast they are going until they see that and we’re hoping it wakes them up but that doesn’t mean we’re not going to give them a citation. Are they going to get everybody that comes down there?”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “No there’s no way. I know that and I understand that but you can see a difference when the officers are present and we thank them when they are there; if it’s not me then it’s my neighbors; we do appreciate that. Like I said when my kids come to visit and bring my grandkids I am terrified.”

Mr. Villamagna – “A lot of the problem is not from Lovers Lane; unfortunately they are trying to find out what is actually causing it; there were breaks out on Brockton on both ends.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Uh huh my neighbor next door had a break; we woke up and it was like a fountain coming out of their backyard.”

Mr. Villamagna – “There was a break because of Lovers Lane that one day but that was fixed.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Yea you know we have been having ongoing water issues.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes I’m aware of that but they can’t figure it out; the city put an automatic flusher out there to keep the water moving all the time; so that doesn’t happen and it worked for a lot of the houses except for a few houses by you.”

Heather Vinburg Deller – “Because of that and the water issue itself is also an extra expense to those of us on Bryden; I know that I don’t pay for water I don’t use but I have that luxury of going over and turning my spigot

and pouring myself a glass of water; if you could see what comes out of it sometimes; I buy at the dollar store every single week I'm putting up a new shower curtain because my shower curtain is orange. It has ruined my new sink, it has ruined my tub, now I'm buying extra cleaner for my laundry for my white clothes; I've had to throw clothes away because of it so therefore I don't feel like I'm saving any money I'm spending money. I was told at the water company that I don't get charged for what I don't use. I have the luxury; that's indoor plumbing people; I should be able to open up my spigot and get a nice clear glass of water and that's not happening. So do we have any more information as far as that?"

Mr. Villamagna – "No it's exactly what I told you we're trying to find out what's causing this problem up here."

Heather Vinburg Deller – "We did notice that since they put in the new fire hydrant in my front yard; a lot has changed."

Mr. Villamagna – "Well they (inaudible). We're trying that and that alleviated for a lot of people; a lot of people on Pembroke and Brockton it alleviated the problem that they put a flusher in. Unfortunately there's a few houses on Bryden Road that are still having issues; they're working on it and trying to figure out what it is. They brought in a company to try and help them find out what it is too."

Heather Vinburg Deller – "Because I didn't even complain when they were working on the road."

Mayor Mucci – "The leak detection company will continue their investigation on that."

Mr. Villamagna – "Yes that's what they're doing; it's not like we're just sitting here and saying oh well you got bad water."

Heather Vinburg Deller – "Well that's what it feels like."

Mr. Villamagna – "I can understand that but we are trying to get that corrected and that's all that we can do."

Heather Vinburg Deller – "Okay. So as far as the speed detection thing; we're just going to keep on that just to see how that is going to alleviate that?"

Mr. Villamagna – "Correct me if I'm wrong; that machine will also tell you how many people were speeding."

Mr. Mavromatis – "That's a device we use first of what we call goes black; it doesn't put anything out there; what we are capturing is the data; how many vehicles are traveling that a day and what their speeds are. The next thing we'll do is turn it on so the violators can see what exactly their speed is. We did this last year on Sunset Blvd; very little change; it dropped a little bit but it still gave us the data we needed for enforcement out there; that's why the Highway Patrol was asked to come in because many of our officers weren't trained on radar detection; now they are. To answer your question about the speeders there; last week they stopped six (6) people; four (4) of them lived on Bryden Road."

Heather Vinburg Deller – "Are you kidding me?"

Mr. Mavromatis – "No mam I am not and two (2) of them were cited based on the speed that they were there. I am telling you I have made this statement to the Chief the other day; we're doing more aggressive enforcement but the unfortunate thing is that is a thoroughfare now because of the work on Lovers Lane. We actually put because of the lady that lived on the curb of Lexington and Bryden; two (2) 15 mph signs; still didn't slow them down; you can put anything you want there; either they follow the law or they don't; now I will tell you right now based on what you said; and tell your neighbors because I don't want to hear any tears; there will be more enforcement there whether they live there or not; they are going to get pink slipped and they're going to explain to the judge why they are driving over the speed limit."

Heather Vinburg Deller – "I don't have a problem with that. Those who don't whether they live on the road or not that's going to be their ticket not mine."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And again not that these speeding problems are not important because they are but I will tell you this; that afternoon turn comes out sometimes they go from call to call and the number one priority is calls for service; after that they can spend the time out there; a lot of the neighbors have offered up their driveways for them to sit in. Night time is probably the best because it's too late before you come up and see the car there; they already have you on radar. So that's the purpose of the device being out there because it gives us the data; gives us the time of day; which is the most important times to be out there."

Heather Vinburg Deller – "And surprisingly enough between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. it's high."

Mr. Mavromatis – "And it will show; the reason this has increased because people are coming from Lovers Lane; go down Bryden Road and come up to Sunset. That's the data we give to our Captains and they can adjust their people."

John Mascio – "I just wanted to make a suggestion; why don't you look into speed bumps to put on Bryden Road."

Heather Vinburg Deller – "That is one thing that we would love to have on that street."

John Mascio – "And I believe that would solve the problem."

Mr. Paul – "I've asked for those for years."

Tammy Sweeney – "My address is 970 Buena Vista Blvd. and unfortunately I want to add one more house to this list of concerns; it's the one on Rosslyn where there was an arrest; I don't know how that falls or who takes care of what but I believe there is no one there although I have seen a light on in the kitchen. It is becoming more and more of an eye sore."

Mayor Mucci – "What are the numbers on Rosslyn?"

Tammy Sweeney – "130 Rosslyn"

Mayor Mucci – "Thank you"

Mr. Mavromatis – "To answer your question I'll give this to the Building Enforcement Officer to determine who owns the property; if the person is still in custody and he owns it there is someone to go after that; again this goes back several weeks; the guy was still in custody, the wife was not so if no one is living there it's still going to go back to the owner of the property."

Tammy Sweeney – "Okay thank you"

Mark Nelson – “272 County Road 26 in Steubenville. Just regarding the first ordinance is this the first reading I realize that regarding the share of use path down from Franklin to the Marina; this asks for council’s support of that as it comes and goes through the process. It started probably three (3) years ago with the city’s bike trail committee; Chris Petrossi, Mike Dolak, myself, Mrs. (inaudible), and a few others and escalated to VHJ getting involved and ODOT’s support for the project. From what I understand; it’s come up since last year and we hired the consulting company privately, city partnered on that, then SRG partnered on that, then it escalated to federal park service working on the project with us as well along with the trails around town. There’s one more step on the trail system and me being a citizen appreciate the council support and help funding with any large grant is actually due through VHJ that offset the cost of that path. Also Mr. Villamagna with the (inaudible) committee; ODNR the local game warden expressed interest to me a couple weeks ago (inaudible) water function that ODNR has funding and expressed an interest with helping create wild flowers spaces in the City of Steubenville; they are interested in a meeting with ODNR and the City of Steubenville. I don’t know who to go to with that but it’s the local game warden. I have an e-mail for him along with his supervisor.

Mr. Mavromatis – “Have him contact me Mark and I’ll send it where it needs to go.”

Mayor Mucci – “If there is anyone wishing to speak to City Council on City business please come forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Paul moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. DiLoreto. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Mucci.

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