

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2021

The Meeting of City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Barilla presiding. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll Call.

Present were Council members Timmons, Villamagna, Anyabwile, Dressel, Hahn, & Petrella.

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to excuse Mr. Paul from tonight's meeting. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Also present; City Manager Jim Mavromatis, Law Director Costa Mastros, Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi, Parks & Recreation Director Lori Fetherolf, Utility Director Chuck Murphy, Water Superintendent Jim Jenkins, Linda Harris from the Herald Star, & WTOV9.

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved by Mrs. Hahn for September 28, 2021. Second by Mr. Villamagna. All ayes. So moved minutes accepted declared Mayor Barilla.

PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Barilla – "Petitions and Communications Madame Clerk?"

Mrs. Haley – "I have one item." Mrs. Haley read a letter from the Secretary of State Frank LaRose about the 2020 census.

Mr. Petrella made a motion to accept the letter and make it a part of the minutes. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved motion carried declared Mayor Barilla.

Mayor Barilla – "Thank you Madam Clerk."

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NO. 2021-70- BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER OVER \$3,000.00 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.41.

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-70. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-70 please step forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-70 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on November 4, 2021.

NO. 2021-71 – BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Paul, Dressel, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING UNIFORM GUIDANCE POLICIES REGARDING ALLOWABLE COSTS, TIME AND EFFORT, PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING, AND CASH MANAGEMENT POLICIES.

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-71. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-71 please step forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-71 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on November 4, 2021.

NO. 2021-72 – BY THE SERVICE COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Dressel, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY ENGINEERS DEPARTMENT FOR THE ASPHALT RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF SINCLAIR AVENUE (COUNTY ROAD 77) FROM THE EASTERN MOST CORPORATION LIMIT TO APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET WEST OF JOHN SCOTT HIGHWAY IN THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFORE.

NO. 2021-73 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 3rd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF LAKE ERIE AVENUE.

Mayor Barilla – "You've heard the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-73. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-73 please step forward and state your name and address."

Mr. Villamagna called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-73 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect on November 4, 2021.

NO. 2021-75 – BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – 2nd reading

Messrs. Villamagna, Hahn, Petrella

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1992-20, AS AMENDED, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STEUBENVILLE, OHIO BY REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTISTS, LOCATED AT 600 LOVERS LANE, STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, FROM “R-1” LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO “B-4” PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS OFFICE DISTRICT.

NO. 2021-76 – BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Messrs. Dressel, Timmons, Anyabwile

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE LINCOLN BLVD. SANITARY SEWER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT TO BE PAID FROM FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barilla – “You’ve heard the reading of Ordinance No. 2021-76. If there is anyone wishing to speak on Ordinance No. 2021-76 please step forward and state your name and address.”

Mr. Dressel called question. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Ordinance No. 2021-76 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla. This ordinance will go into effect upon the Mayor’s signature.

NO. 2021-77 – BY THE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE – 1st reading

Messrs. Paul, Villamagna, Timmons

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 129 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (TITLE 5) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NO. 2021-78 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2021 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND OCTOBER 15, 2021 AS NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY.

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-78 by roll call. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2021-78 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

NO. 2021-79 – BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-9, 2021 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Mrs. Haley – “A resolution proclaiming the week of October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week. Whereas, October is Fire Prevention Month and the goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week October 3rd-9th) is to raise awareness about fire safety and help ensure your home and family is prepared in the event of an emergency;

Whereas, in 1922, the National Fire Protection Association named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, we celebrate Fire Prevention Week and Month by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, students and communities across the United States; and Whereas, during this month, fire departments educate their communities, and encourage parents and loved ones to practice fire safety and whole home safety; Whereas, Fire Prevention Month is the perfect time to talk with your whole family about fire safety – include testing alarms, changing the batteries or upgrading to 10-year sealed battery alarm for hassle-free protection and escape planning; and Whereas, the National Fire Protection Association has announced “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week; and

Whereas, this year’s campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact; and Whereas, this year’s campaign works to celebrate people of all ages who learn about home fire escape planning and practice, bring that information home, and spur their families to action; and Whereas, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” also focuses on alarm notifications and recognizing the different sounds alarms make and the action needed based on that sound; and paying particular attention to smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of the hearing impaired. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Steubenville, County of Jefferson, State of Ohio: Section 1: That this Council does hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. Section 2: That the Clerk of this Council shall present a certified copy of this Resolution to Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi on behalf of the Steubenville Fire Department. Section 3: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by Council; otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.”

Mr. Villamagna made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-79 by roll call. Second by Mr. Villamagna. Roll Call. All ayes. So moved Resolution No. 2021-79 is duly adopted declared Mayor Barilla.

Mr. Villamagna presented the resolution to Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi with a brief speech.

Also a brief speech was given by the Fire Chief Carlo Capaldi.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Petrella – No Report

Mr. Timmons – Mr. Timmons called for Finance Committee Meetings for the Budget Hearing we plan on having for the next 4 – 5 weeks. “A couple other things. First I’ve been hearing about the vandalism at the parks. What time do we close Lori the bathrooms?”

Lori Fetherolf – “At dark. So what happened at Murphy the other day was during the day not at night?”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay I had some citizens asking me you know when those are closed. So they are closed at dark.”

Lori Fetherolf – “They are closed at dark and then my staff opens them up in the morning.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay so some of these things are happening during the day. And Jim nothing on the cameras?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “No.”

Mr. Timmons – “Okay.” Mr. Timmons brought up how we talked about parking spaces downtown and how Council was talking about adding lines to the streets to show the parking spaces. Mr. Timmons was getting some complaints from the local shop owners and was wondering what the City could do. Mr. Mavromatis informed Mr. Timmons that they did look into it and having those lines on the street would cause the street to lose parking spaces because you have to allow a certain amount of feet for the biggest car to be able to fit in it. Mr. Timmons requested to have Jim and Mr. Dolak look into it again and see if there’s any other solution that the City could come up with. Finally Mr. Timmons asked to have Mr. Petrossi at next week’s meeting to ask him some questions about what was discussed last week about permit process.

Mr. Villamagna – “Yes Mayor. I have a resolution and two ordinances I want to sunshine.” Mr. Villamagna sun shined a resolution adopting the Jefferson County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan and declaring an emergency. Second by Mr. Petrella. Next he sun shined an ordinance amending Chapter 133, Division of Fire, of the City of Steubenville Administrative Code. Second by Mr. Petrella. Third he sun shined an ordinance amending Section 119.01 of the City of Steubenville Administrative Code. Second by Mr. Petrella. Mr. Villamagna also gave a brief speech about some facts from 1976 and the amount of employees the City had at the time.

Mrs. Anyabwile – “Yes Mayor thank you. Ongoing battle with weeds and on the pride committee I’ve done a couple of calls; we all talked about Dollar Tree and the weed situation down there so I went and saw the Store Manager and she said they sent information up to the corporate office and it just so happens the District Manager was there so I talked to him and he said he sent pictures up and they said they have a private contractor that comes and actually cuts but there is no way that they have control over who comes and cuts and corporate doesn’t communicate with them. So they gave me corporate’s number and I called and it was a dead end so I researched and found another number and left a message on Friday; called today and got a name and left a message with that person and I left a third message so I will keep calling them and find out if they even know that their property is not being taken care of. Down on 7th Street Sunset Motors where they have the weeds growing up on the fence I called them today and they just now hired somebody who going to take care of the weeds there. I have a marvelous report.” Mrs. Anyabwile talked about up on Pleasant Heights and how some streets are worse than others but the street Rosswell has made a big change and it’s all because of a woman who moved back to Steubenville named Moxanna Brooks and she has been keeping the street clean and getting the other neighbors involved to keep their property clean. Mrs. Anyabwile wanted to have her recognized and thank her on the work she’s been doing on her street.

Mr. Dressel – “Yes I have one resolution to sunshine.” Mr. Dressel sun shined a resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Steubenville to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) agreement on behalf of the City of Steubenville for construction of Water Facilities known as the West End Water Improvements Project and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay so a couple things.” Mrs. Hahn made an announcement about the Halloween Trick or Treat on October 16th in Beatty Park and how they still need donations of candy. “The other thing I wanted to ask about was two weeks ago I met with Jim, Officer Dorsey, and Bernie Battistel and Costa even asked him to finalize the wording in the Herald Star Ads; we want to get these ads; they were supposed to be in the paper the very next Monday and I have not seen them so I’m going to ask where they are? Where we are in the process? And how we’re going to move forward on this?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “To answer your question Mrs. Hahn when this was brought up Bernie and our Code Enforcement came up with a list of ones to post and it was posted in the paper. It was put in Sunday September 19, 2021 and Sunday September 26, 2021. Posted in the Ohio Legal number 598 so if you go to the classified section under legal and look for 598 and you’ll see it posted there so it’s been in the paper for two weeks. Now with that being in the paper I can now put this over to Mr. Baird and we can on those properties and do what we have to do.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I thought we had to have it listed for five days in a row?”

Mr. Mastros – “No.”

Mrs. Hahn – “We do not have to have them five days in a row. So just once?”

Mr. Mastros – “Once.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And it’s because the price we were paying you can have it in twice.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay so we just chose to do it twice.”

Mr. Mastros – “Yeah because it was the same price.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay and Officer Dorsey said that he had more than enough properties for us to just...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “And he’s preparing another list to go to Bernie and once it’s looked at and verified then another add will go into the paper. Once it’s advertised then it will go to Mr. Baird shop to proceed with what we have to do.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay was it possible for the second list to be the second ad? In other words couldn’t we do a group of homes each week?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We can but it’s better for me; my recommendation is to do it as you’re doing it now. You got two weeks to post it and there’s no guess work here it’s been advertised and then we can go on the property we do not have to wait and then the next following two weeks could be the next group like that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay then can we send the addresses to the Street Department so that...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “When this is posted and it’s been in the paper then it will go to Bob Baird. If he has the manpower then he will proceed to do what they want to do.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay is it possible that when we send the ad to the paper just so he can plan ahead knowing that; and once we advertise we don’t have to wait for the second advertisement. Like we put it in on Sunday...”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Here’s where your problem is going to be and Council is going to have to make a decision on this but when we have our budgeting I’m requesting five additional people for M & R so we can focus properly on some issues here. We are barely taking care of what we have to do with our City within in the City that we’re responsible for. That’s been part of the problem and the other is legally giving us the authority to go on those properties. Now we have that to go on there and we will do that so again...”

Mrs. Hahn – “Is there a half way thing that if we don’t have the manpower could we put it out to bid for some of the local landscaping companies and just find out what it would cost for us to do.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “(All inaudible) I would ask from a liability standpoint from the contractor, is he under our umbrella? Which I would think he would be whether it be a contractor or our people. If you think we’re fine there?”

Mr. Mastros – “I think we’re okay.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “I don’t have a problem subbing that out at all. As long as we get the work done that’s my concern and having the people to do it and I would much rather have the flexibility to use our people and contractors.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Because I think the implication from Officer Dorsey was that there was at least 100 properties and that he expected to have a number of ads ready for the paper. And so if we can decide you know do it in a group of maybe 5 properties a week and when we put it out to bid we’d be asking people to bid on cutting 5 properties a week. Just so they have a way to bid.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Again I understand that but the problem is each of these places are not the same they are all different and that’s going to depend on if you’re going to sub it out. If it’s our people then it doesn’t matter what it is the job will get done.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I mean what you all think?”

Mr. Petrella – “I was going to bring this up under miscellaneous because there’s been discussions on this so on and so forth and I agree with you; you know we’re going through the budget and we got to make a commitment; this Council got to make a commitment on what we’re going to do and when we’re going to do it. And also on the contractors (all inaudible) that they’re going to have their own COI’s right counselor?”

Mr. Mastros – “Oh yeah for sure. They all have insurance and we can ask them to make sure they provide it to us.”

Mr. Petrella – “But yes there is something that has to be done. I think we’re doing it in a very logical progression as well as we’re going to be treating these lots also for some of them anyways and so we need to get ahead of the game for next year. This is the perfect time to do it when everything is dormant and once it gets cut then it’s not going to grow anymore hopefully. But that’s my opinion.”

Mr. Dressel – “I was just going to say the one advantage of giving Jim the authority to hire a contractor is that they can start doing it now and most lawn and garden people’s businesses are starting to slow down. So we can have them do this all winter and even if we put five more guys on M & R’s list we haven’t been able to fill the empty sanitation slots all summer. Right?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “That’s correct.”

Mr. Dressel – “So odds are we won’t get anybody. So if we can you know use some of the people that have been working in the city already that way you don’t have to wait and they probably mow all winter unless it snows. If it doesn’t snow they can clean up the lots all winter until that next spring at least we’re not starting up with a field of weeds and debris that’s three feet deep and I drive around all the time and there’s hundreds if not thousands.”

Mrs. Hahn – “And we’ve already cited the people through all the normal needs and they were sent certified letter that came back I mean that’s the process that got us to the list and Officer Dorsey said there’s more than a hundred so I’m not sure I see a benefit to having two notices. I think we do the notice because then I think we’ve fulfilled our obligation to notify and then we just get it taken care of.”

Mr. Dressel – “Do we have to give notice each time we’re going to mow? Or can we say if we do this we’re going to keep the lot mowed every month for the year.”

Mr. Mastros – “I think you have to give notice every time.”

Mr. Dressel – “I do have to be sure.”

Mr. Mastros – “(All inaudible).”

Mr. Dressel – “I had to ask that because I’ve lived here 31 years now and they didn’t use to give anybody notice for anything and they mowed them all and I know they did because I remember the tractor driving down 4th, 5th, and 6th Street mowing all the vacant lots. So we need to then don’t lose our lists of the that we brand because essentially we’re going to want to republish that exact same thing four weeks later and keep this revolving so that that firm that we contract with until we have our own people can actually be told you’re going to do it and then they can go look at it and do it again in four weeks. I know you get tired of hearing the same thing every four weeks so it would be nice if we could set up a revolving notification mowing system so that you don’t have to get yelled at every four weeks about weeds.”

Mr. Timmons – “I’ve been here for six years and we’ve been talking about the same thing. I saw some emails the past couple of days I mean we can do; we just have to hire the people like you said Jim. That’s the bottom line.”

Mr. Mavromatis – “We also covered the back side of it in between hiring people as long as we can contract it out we’re still getting the job done and that’s going to continue to come up here. But it’s a never ending battle and again we’re not really solving the problem we’re accepting the problem and the responsibility.”

Mr. Dressel – “But most of the lots don’t have owners. And if they did it every four weeks minimum it’s way easier to do it every four weeks then every four years.”

Mr. Timmons – “I do think that I felt we’ve always owed it; I know we’re accepting it but we owe it to the citizens; you know no one is going to want to move here if it looks like it does in some of the spots in the city and it does show in statistics that crime goes down in the areas that look nicer. I mean I’m all for hiring those people. Let’s see how much it is (all inaudible).”

Mr. Petrella – “I want to go one step further just like Scott said if there’s no owners and we put this in and we start cutting it at a certain point can we ask the Prosecutor to put these properties up for sale? I think that’s what’s going to have to happen. Not only do we have to cut them, get them cleared off, but we have to make them marketable so either a neighbor or somebody else out there can come and purchase these lots at Sheriff sale at a reasonable price and if we have to forgive out portion of the liens against it then we can do that to get rid of it in order to get somebody the opportunity to either put; if they’re next door to a lot and want to put a garage then put a garage on it or something or if they want to expand their yard then that’s fine also. But these will be back on the tax roll number one; it’ll be maintained number two; so in my opinion it may cost now but we’re going to be in a win win situation if we can get them cleaned up and sold and people are going to be taking care of it and they’re going to go back on the tax roll.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Is there any special advantage to running this ad twice? If we only have to have run once? I would rather see us run it once and then start taking care of the properties. Because they’ve already been notified in several other ways this is really a formality but they may catch it.”

Mr. Mastros – “No it would comply with the statue. The reason why we just did it that way is because there was no additional cost it was going to be the same cost whether we ran it once or twice so we just said to run it twice.”

Mrs. Hahn – “So can we run two ads?”

Mr. Dressel – “If you change the content of your classified ad you have to pay for it again.”

Mr. Mastros – “I didn’t think of that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “But the difference is do we actually; once we kick this in do we mow twice a month or do we mow 4 weeks a month? I mean it’s really a multiplier if we run the ad then next week they mow.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well that’s the interesting question how soon do you have to run the second ad if you can run it four weeks later then you could mow again.”

Mr. Mastros – “Remember you still have to go through that process.”

Mr. Dressel – “I’m just saying if you get two for one then you can run it the first of June and the first of July then that means you can mow the second week of June and the second week of July without paying again for the ad because it’s already paid for. You can look at what the spacing is at the Herald Star (inaudible) doing the first run and the second.”

Mr. Mastros – “You could but remember you still have to cite the violation again. Then we have to go through the process.”

Mr. Dressel – “The vast majority of those have owners that we can’t find.”

Mr. Mastros – “Some of them are dead. I get it but it’s where you are.”

Mr. Petrella – “Here’s the whole thing in a nut shell it’s beyond our control it’s a State thing correct?”

Mr. Mastros – “In terms of?”

Mr. Petrella – “The notices and everything like that.”

Mr. Mastros – “Well no we have an ordinance which tells us our procedure for service.”

Few Council Members – (All inaudible).

Mr. Mastros – “That’s probably pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code that we (inaudible) way back when.”

Mr. Dressel – “Because if we can change it to once a year then we should do that.”

Mr. Mastros – “I think you have to cite every time it’s in violation. You can’t make a blanket violation. You just can’t.”

Mrs. Anyabwile – “So is it an additional lien every time you go up on the property and cut. Yes? So you just add more money to lien and more money.”

Mr. Petrella – “Yes that’s why I’m recommending at a certain point you know to the Prosecutor you see if we can get some of these properties to the Sheriff’s sale and get (all inaudible) so they can go be maintained by private citizens. That private citizen owns that property and then that property goes back on the tax rolls.”

Mr. Mastros – “But remember they have to be ripe if you will for Sheriff’s sale in the sense of their real estate taxes have to be unpaid for 2-3 years. Yeah it’s just that we can’t request it.”

Mr. Petrella – “I understand. (All inaudible) a lot of them are and only some of them are going to meet that criteria. So when they meet that criteria we should be on the spot and say it’s been three years the taxes are delinquent let’s try to get them to the Sheriff’s sale.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I would like to propose and I don’t know if this is something we can vote on but I would like us to only post once and then cut so that we can get four weeks of cutting with just losing one week that first week that we advertise because otherwise if we do it two weeks we’re only doing the cutting twice a month instead of four times a month. I don’t know if it’s something.”

Mr. Mastros – “Let me see if we can do that.”

Mrs. Hahn – “You said we only needed one time.”

Mr. Mastros – “Let me see if the Herald Star will do that because Scott brought up a good point and if you change it it’s another fee.”

Mrs. Hahn – “It’s a cost to us to have it be two weeks before we do something on the property. If we done the notification let’s get it cut. Isn’t that what we’re saying? What’s the benefit of an additional week with every set of properties?”

Mr. Mastros – “Nothing but if you purchase the ad and you run it twice; that’s what you get so we run it twice. I don’t know if we can run it five on this week and five on next week and five on this week if it’s changing the ad.”

Mr. Dressel – “You don’t have to wait for the second run to do the mowing. That’s just for fun.”

Mr. Mastros – “No.”

Mrs. Hahn – “But then we can’t do more properties.”

Mr. Dressel – “Well there’s nothing stopping you from running more ads at all. There’s no limit. They’ll take a full page.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Well that’s the question I had. There’s how many properties here?”

Mr. Mavromatis – “Seven.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Why don’t we run 20 to 25 of them.”

Mr. Mastros – “We can. I just think we need to get an idea on how to roll this out and get it cut.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right that’s what my next question was. So okay we roll out 20 of these so obviously they can’t cut 20 tomorrow is there a time frame that they have to be cut.”

Mr. Mastros – “I don’t think so.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Okay then let’s run 20.”

Mr. Dressel – “Except Bob can’t do 20 so we need to find contractors that can help us.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Right but if you have 20 on there then maybe you can get through 10 at least.”

Mrs. Hahn – “I like that a lot.”

Mr. Dressel – “Just whatever flexibility that you would have to do what you can do.”

Mr. Villamagna – “Because 7 doesn’t; I mean I don’t know how we’re going to get out of this mess because there’s just so many but you do have to. It’s a good start.”

Mr. Mastros – “It’s another tool in the tool box.”

Mr. Petrella – “Look at it this way we’re pushing demolitions right? So if you got a hundred vacant lots now and we’re pushing demolitions once those houses are torn down then they become vacant lots so you’re going from 100 to 125 and so on. So we’re doing demolitions and then we’re being the care taker after the demolitions so at a certain point when the tax things come up to 3 years (all inaudible).”

Mr. Villamagna – “There’s just so many of them it’s going to be a slow; the frustration I feel and everybody feels in this room and also the citizens it’s another tool in the tool box. But I just sympathize and there’s just so many.”

Mr. Petrella – “And some of the land owners play the system because they know; they won’t maintain them every week. They’ll go until they’re forced to cut it. They only cut their properties twice a year.”

Mrs. Hahn – “Thank you for showing me the ad. I really didn’t see it.”

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Mr. Mavromatis – “Thank you Mayor. I wanted to let Council know that the lowest bidder for the Lincoln Blvd. emergency sewer replacement project went to the Border Patrol. They were the lowest bidder at \$410,625.00 so they were awarded the contract. I talked to the Health Dept. today and there’s two events coming up here in Steubenville first one will be October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and this will be the booster vaccine location and this will be at the Urban Mission on North 7th St. at the north parking lot. Next event will be October 29, 2021 and that will be at Piece of Pie Park from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and that’ll be all the vaccines. There’s only one booster and that is Pfizer. Mayor that’s all I have this evening.”

Mr. Mastros – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Mayor Barilla – “We’ll now move onto miscellaneous reports and signing in this evening is Mr. Petrella.”

Mr. Petrella asked Mr. Mavromatis about an update on Alert Media. Mr. Mavromatis gave him a brief update on where they are on getting Alert Media up and running. They ran into a couple snags but it should be up and running shortly.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Villamagna moved to adjourn. Second by Mr. Timmons. Roll call. All ayes. So moved; meeting adjourned declared Mayor Barilla.

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR