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CITY OF NORTH CANTON, OHIO  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
AUGUST 19, 2019, MEETING**

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Transcript of Proceedings of the North Canton City Council, taken by me, the undersigned, Laurie Maryl Jonas, a Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, at North Canton Civic Center, 845 West Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Daniel Jeff Peters, Council President, Ward 2

3 Doug Foltz, Council Vice President, Ward 1

4 Mark R. Cerreta, At Large

5 Daryl Revoldt, At Large

6 Marcia Kiesling, At Large

7 Stephanie Werren, Ward 3

8 Dominic Fonte, Ward 4

9 Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration

10 Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

11 Laura E. Brown, Director of Finance

12 Robert G. Graham, Engineering Services

13 Martin B. VanGundy, IV, Chief Building Official

14 Catherine A. Farina, Deputy Director of  
Administration and Development

15 David J. Held, Mayor

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1 MR. PETERS: Okay. I'd like to call to order  
2 the special committee of the whole Monday, August 19,  
3 7 p.m.

4 Laura, please call the roll.

5 MS. BROWN: Peters?

6 MR. PETERS: Here.

7 MS. BROWN: Fonte?

8 MR. FONTE: Here.

9 MS. BROWN: Revoldt?

10 MR. REVOLDT: Here.

11 MS. BROWN: Foltz?

12 MR. FOLTZ: Here.

13 MS. BROWN: Werren?

14 MRS. WERREN: Here.

15 MS. BROWN: Ceretta?

16 MR. CERRETA: Here.

17 MS. BROWN: Six present.

18 MR. PETERS: Motion? Motion to excuse Member  
19 Kiesling.

20 MR. REVOLDT: So moved.

21 MR. CERRETA: Second.

22 MR. PETERS: All in favor?

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries.

25 Okay. First up, Community and Economic

1 Development. Chairman Ceretta.

2 MR. CERRETA: Okay. So this is -- you  
3 remember before we left we had something that we sent  
4 to the planning commission, and this was about  
5 concrete work and different permits and what can and  
6 cannot be done. And the -- it did go to the planning  
7 commission and they went 2 to 2 on a tie for it. I  
8 did call both of those folks who voted "no" on it. I  
9 got a call immediately back from Peter and the other  
10 person did not call me. But and I explained to them,  
11 you know, and we'll start over here and bring back  
12 some memories, you know.

13 We got a group of contractors together  
14 because we were hearing for so long, you know, that  
15 North Canton is not the place to do work and build,  
16 and we were getting a pretty bad rap. So we did a  
17 nice job of the administration set up a meeting with  
18 a lot -- a few different contractors from our  
19 community, and they were -- and Greg Pucci was the  
20 concrete, Greg Kauth and John Pavlis, who most people  
21 know here, Todd Michaels, who does renovations, and  
22 Dave Mathie from Dave Mathie Supply. It seemed to be  
23 a good kind of variety of folks that -- that work  
24 around here and many of them are from here and want  
25 this community to succeed. I think all of them do.

1           And then we had Daryl was there and Dom was  
2           there and, of course, Pat and Marty was there also.  
3           So we listened, first of all, to, you know, what  
4           their concerns were, and we kind of talked it out  
5           what -- what could we do that puts us in line with  
6           the other communities. Because it looked like we  
7           were pretty far out of line with the communities.  
8           Starting with the permits, and the planning  
9           commission did pass the reduction in permit, which  
10          was about half -- we were about double what other  
11          people were at that time and it seemed like that went  
12          through really well.

13                 So as it was given to the planning  
14          commission, when I talked to the individuals,  
15          basically the one said that he really didn't quite  
16          understand it and there's no -- he's not going to  
17          vote "yes" on something he didn't really understand.  
18          They were just starting this whole mic stuff and  
19          there was a lot going on and he really couldn't hear  
20          and understand. And he understands exactly where we  
21          are on this and he's for us creating it. And the  
22          other individual, just looking at the notes there, it  
23          looked kind of like the same thing. He understood  
24          what we were trying to do. I think the biggest  
25          concern was he didn't want to hold back a yard of

1 concrete if somebody was doing something that was out  
2 of line with -- with, you know, what we would want as  
3 far as setbacks and so on. Because this whole kind  
4 of plan, on it you can redo what was there without  
5 getting a permit. And anything in the  
6 right-of-way -- our right-of-way required a permit,  
7 but anything on their property had to abide by the  
8 rules that were set in place.

9 I'm going to let Pat kind of come in on this,  
10 too, because we've been both talking about it and,  
11 you know, Pat was the one that was, you know,  
12 introducing it to them, but Pat, I guess everyone  
13 here probably wants to know, you know, what more kind  
14 of differences.

15 But before I do that, though, this was really  
16 meant -- and the first thing we said to these  
17 contractors when we brought them in, and they didn't  
18 really have a smile when we said this, is that we're  
19 not here to appease the contractors. This is not our  
20 job to do that. We want to be the best. And we  
21 don't want to necessarily be the most expensive, that  
22 doesn't mean most expensive, that doesn't mean the  
23 most, you know, informative or busy kind of thing.  
24 But this is what we want to be. How can you help us  
25 be that? Because there were a lot of people who

1 didn't want to do work in North Canton. And we want  
2 people to increase their home, make theirselves look  
3 good, update their homes, put a patio on. That's the  
4 cool thing to do. Put a fire pit in, that kind of  
5 thing. And when the contractors are going around  
6 saying I don't know if you want to do that here, it's  
7 going to take, you know, several permits in North  
8 Canton, this is probably not the place and maybe I'm  
9 not going to do that. Because a lot of people that  
10 work in our community are, you know, reputable  
11 contractors. They have to be certified to do the  
12 concrete work. And the last thing we want is people  
13 on weekends and after hours doing this stuff because  
14 we make it so hard for them to do.

15 Okay. Pat, I'm sorry. There were things I  
16 wanted to make sure I did say.

17 MR. DEORIO: No, I think you did a very good  
18 job covering that.

19 We tried to make it a point to members of the  
20 planning commission to understand that their concern  
21 about the -- the quality of the work, which we are  
22 all concerned about, but the regulations that were in  
23 place, we feel, were driving the quality down because  
24 it was inviting contractors into the community that  
25 weren't of the best standards, that didn't have the

1 best business practices, and, as a result, you know,  
2 did perhaps shoddy work. And consequently we look at  
3 what is happening in other communities, and many of  
4 the communities don't require permits for work that's  
5 being done on your private property.

6 Maybe I'm just not close enough. There we  
7 go.

8 So what we were explaining is that, you know,  
9 there's still requirements for zoning. I mean, you  
10 can't have 100 percent of your yard be a driveway in  
11 the front. There's still zoning requirements.  
12 5-foot setback from your property line if you're  
13 replacing your driveway. There's still those  
14 elements to it. But as far as, you know, your  
15 putting in your sidewalk from the front sidewalk up  
16 to your front porch, that was -- that's private  
17 property, and the -- what type of cement or work that  
18 you want done is just an agreement between you and  
19 your contractor. It shouldn't involve the city. And  
20 they understood that and they just respectfully  
21 disagreed.

22 MR. CERRETA: Questions from? Discussion?  
23 How do you guys feel about this?

24 MR. FONTE: I believe it's the right thing to  
25 do. We want to be more cost effective, efficient,

1 and it's not only the cost and, you know, having good  
2 quality contractors that understand the rules and the  
3 zoning, but it's also efficiencies to get these jobs  
4 approved. You used to have to -- like a, you know,  
5 40-, 50-, 60-, 80-square foot job, you know, it takes  
6 two days to get it done and then the rain comes. So  
7 time is money in the construction business and you  
8 have to be quick and efficient as well as, you know,  
9 pulling the permit, and have them reinspect and all  
10 that, so I think it's within the footprint, with the  
11 right contractors who know what they're doing and  
12 they follow the rules and work during regular hours,  
13 not moonlight, I think that's the way to go. So I'm  
14 all for it.

15 MR. PETERS: I agree, Mark. I'm for it as  
16 well. I would be a lot more comfortable once you  
17 have the conversation with Member Dalpiaz, and who  
18 else? You already talked to Peter?

19 MR. CERRETA: Peter. Right.

20 MR. PETERS: You know, get him on board, get  
21 him on a comfort level that he understands, at least,  
22 and yeah, I'm all for it.

23 MR. CERRETA: I think they both understand  
24 the whole process, they just need more information on  
25 it. And yes, Doug?

1 MR. FOLTZ: I'm all for it, too. I think the  
2 only concern I had, and that was addressed and  
3 Administrator DeOrio addressed it, too, was you don't  
4 want a situation where someone, on a weekend, decides  
5 they're putting a double driveway in or pouring  
6 concrete right on your property line. And that's  
7 happened. And neighbors point and say, well, they  
8 did it down there, I want to do it. Why can't I do  
9 it? There needs to be still some regulation with the  
10 setbacks. If it's already been approved, we can  
11 approve that. If someone has gravel next to their  
12 driveway and follow the setback requirements, I still  
13 expect inspectors or a permit pulled to say this  
14 meets our criteria as far as code enforcement and  
15 building -- building codes. Because that's the  
16 danger. But as far as replacing something that's  
17 already there, I'm with you. Replacing sidewalk  
18 that's already there, that makes sense. Let's make  
19 it easier for our residents to do that with qualified  
20 contractors, not harder. So I'm all for that.

21 MR. CERRETA: Right. But some of this --  
22 some of this sounds like you're not, because they  
23 will not have to pull a permit to do a new patio on  
24 this. They will not have -- but they have to still  
25 abide by the setbacks and all the standards.

1 MR. FOLTZ: Okay. As long as the setbacks  
2 are fulfilled. I understand that. That's all. Make  
3 sure they're following the rules.

4 MR. CERRETA: Again, these are contractors  
5 that are approved by North Canton. I mean, if they  
6 do do something out of line, who's it cost? Who's  
7 going to have to go back to one -- either the  
8 contractor or the homeowner. Probably end up the  
9 homeowner. But the contractors doing this beyond the  
10 scope, the good contractors will be the ones that  
11 will sign up for us and get approved will be the ones  
12 that know the information.

13 Yes. Daryl.

14 MR. REVOLDT: Marty, Pat, how many  
15 replacement driveways are we doing a year? What do  
16 you think? Ballpark it.

17 MR. VAN GUNDY: I don't believe we do all  
18 that many. I mean, that was one of those concerns.  
19 Or questions, rather.

20 MR. REVOLDT: So the point is this: We're  
21 talking about making a change that is only going to  
22 impact a very small number of projects. That's it.

23 MR. CERRETA: Marty, what do you have to say  
24 about the whole process? The changes? Do you see an  
25 issue on it? You're doing this. You're a

1 professional.

2 MR. VAN GUNDY: One of the things I believe  
3 is worth clarifying here is we're talking about  
4 zoning clearances or zoning permits in regards to  
5 sidewalks and driveways. The setback requirements --  
6 it's a very good point -- those still apply to any of  
7 the work that would be done without inspection on  
8 site. So really it's a shift from proactive  
9 enforcement to reactive enforcement. And essentially  
10 it's if someone does concrete work without requiring  
11 a permit and they do it without the permit and it's  
12 wrong and we do get the complaint from the neighbor  
13 that says, hey, this is impacting me adversely in  
14 some form or another, the nuisance officer will  
15 respond to that and there are ordinances that would  
16 still apply to that. And if it is wrong, they would  
17 have to correct it. So the downside, of course, in  
18 that is they may have to tear up concrete and redo it  
19 because we're not doing the inspection proactively to  
20 ensure that the ordinances have been met. So that is  
21 a shift. It does streamline the process where a  
22 majority of these projects come in.

23 Again, for -- I think the point that was  
24 made, you know, these -- most of these are done by  
25 contractors that are licensed and bonded. Well,

1 they're supposed to be, anyway, in the city. So  
2 they're familiar with the requirements. And again,  
3 you know, I do have to suspect that, you know,  
4 some of the regulations have, you know, encouraged an  
5 underground type of work where we are getting some of  
6 the work without permits. Now, of course, we're not  
7 seeing that outright so I don't know how many of  
8 those are or if it really is the case. But it  
9 certainly is one of the concerns.

10 The other thing is, if they wanted to get a  
11 permit, we would still honor that request and issue  
12 the permit at the same fees as, you know, though we,  
13 you know, weren't waiving those permit requirements.  
14 So that's an option as well. Someone did want the  
15 peace of mind to say I want reassurance that this  
16 concrete going in is going to meet code, we'll still  
17 do that for them. It's just not a requirement of the  
18 ordinance if -- if the proposed language is adopted.

19 MR. CERRETA: So will this put us in line  
20 with other communities then as far as --

21 MR. VAN GUNDY: Closer in line. It seems  
22 most of the communities in the area have no oversight  
23 on the concrete is what I found. I did call around  
24 to, I believe, all of the adjoining neighborhoods and  
25 communities. Communities, rather, not neighborhoods.

1 But and it seemed there wasn't any oversight that I  
2 found for similar work.

3 MR. CERRETA: Okay. And there's always room  
4 to make changes as we go forward. What we're trying  
5 to do is, of course, make it the best we can possibly  
6 have for the community members bearing the costs.  
7 And if there's issues, that's what we're here for.  
8 To make the changes. Where do we want to go from  
9 here then? Do we --

10 MR. DEORIO: We would like to move forward.  
11 Our recommendation, the administrative, that we need  
12 to move forward on that. Because, you know,  
13 particularly in cement work -- it might not be the  
14 same in electric, but with cement, as Dominic had  
15 mentioned, there's a coordination of the schedules.  
16 You can only pour at a certain time. And if we're  
17 having to get an inspection done before that, this is  
18 where we're seeing the level of frustration over the  
19 years is that the window is so tight on that and  
20 other communities aren't doing it, as you heard Marty  
21 say, then that just builds up the frustration in this  
22 community even more.

23 MR. CERRETA: So do we all agree to put it  
24 on?

25 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

1 MR. FOLTZ: I agree.

2 MR. PETERS: Okay. Thank you, Mark.

3 Moving on. Finance and Property. Chairman  
4 Werren.

5 MRS. WERREN: Okay. We have a few items  
6 under our committee. So the first is about our  
7 distribution of the Stark County allocations of the  
8 local government funds which will expire at the end  
9 of 2019. And SCOG, which is the Stark County of  
10 Government Members, met in April and talked about  
11 this. And there are two ways that they typically  
12 determine the formulation, which is a statutory way,  
13 which we haven't used, and then an alternative  
14 formula that we've used since really 1990 in ten-year  
15 increments. The thing that was different about this  
16 year is we're currently involved in the census --

17 Better? Okay.

18 -- currently involved in doing census for our  
19 community, and then a little bit about the valuation  
20 for tax years 2018, collected in 2019. And at this  
21 point we still have some people who're looking at  
22 those reappraisals and who have come before the  
23 county board looking at disputes.

24 So what was recommended at this meeting in  
25 April of 2019 was that we do a three-year extension

1 on this and that the SCOG board voted and said that  
2 they would hope that all the councils would typically  
3 go with this. So that's what I'm proposing.

4 And, Laura, do you have any thoughts,  
5 concerns?

6 MS. BROWN: I don't. It seems pretty  
7 reasonable to line something up with the census so we  
8 have population data rather than being off from that  
9 every ten years.

10 MRS. WERREN: Yeah. And they said from now  
11 on that's what they would end up doing.

12 So, okay? If there aren't any other  
13 questions, we will move forward with that. And then  
14 the next one, 2(b), an ordinance authorizing the  
15 mayor of the city, with the board of control, to  
16 enter an agreement between the auditor of state and  
17 Perry & Associates. I think -- I believe this is  
18 something we do every single year. So, Laura, if  
19 there's any concerns or questions.

20 MS. BROWN: Sure. This is something that the  
21 auditor of state has kind of jurisdiction over the  
22 annual financial audit. And if the auditor's office  
23 doesn't do the audit, they can bid that out to an  
24 independent public auditor, so that's what they have  
25 done in the past.

1           For the past five years, we've had Perry &  
2 Associates performing our annual audit and they can  
3 get up to a five-year extension on that contract.  
4 And the auditor of state wishes to do that with Perry  
5 as long as the city is in agreement. So they sent a  
6 contract. They actually kept our pricing the same  
7 for the next five years as we've had for the past  
8 five years, which is pretty good, considering when  
9 you think a ten-year period the cost is not going up.  
10 So that's excellent. And this would be for our 2019  
11 through 2023 audits. And like I said, the auditor of  
12 state is responsible for bidding these out, but in  
13 speaking with the law director, because this is over  
14 \$50,000 for the term of the contract, he recommended  
15 that we get council approval and board of control.

16           MRS. WERREN: Okay. Yep. Daryl?

17           MR. REVOLDT: What is the annual cost for  
18 Perry?

19           MS. BROWN: It is -- the bid price is 28,400.

20           MR. REVOLDT: And if the state were to do it  
21 with its team, what would the cost be?

22           MS. BROWN: The last time the state did it,  
23 which was six years ago, it was a little higher than  
24 that. I believe it was in the low 30s. It also can  
25 fluctuate slightly based if you have a federal or

1 single audit, and if you spend enough in federal  
2 dollars, we have had that in some past years.

3 MR. REVOLDT: Are there any marked  
4 differences in technique between Perry and the state  
5 auditors when they conduct the audit?

6 MS. BROWN: I think every audit team has  
7 different techniques that they use. What you see  
8 with an independent auditor is they spend less time  
9 on-site and more time back in the office. They run a  
10 lot more analytic procedures based on reports that we  
11 give them versus pulling individual transactions out  
12 of an update. It's just an efficiency and just kind  
13 of a methodology standpoint that they take. They're  
14 all held to the same auditing standards, though, and  
15 they have to find a way to meet those, no matter what  
16 method they choose.

17 MR. REVOLDT: Is there any wisdom in having  
18 the state do an audit once and then we have the  
19 private contractors do it and circle back and have  
20 the state come back in? Is there any rationale for  
21 it?

22 MS. BROWN: Well, the state has a rule that  
23 you can only be out with an independent firm for ten  
24 years, and then you have to go back to the state for  
25 at least one year. So at the end of the contract you

1 have to.

2 MR. REVOLDT: So it does recognize that there  
3 is a value to having the state auditors work on it?

4 MS. BROWN: They do every so often. Because  
5 again, they do hold the power over those audits so  
6 they like to get them back in at least once every ten  
7 years.

8 MR. REVOLDT: So really it's kind of up to us  
9 to decide whether it's prudent to have the state in  
10 on something shorter than a ten-year cycle?

11 MS. BROWN: Well, you can ask the state to  
12 come in, you know, rather than using an independent,  
13 but it is up to the state. You don't get to choose.  
14 Ultimately if they say it's going to be bid out to an  
15 independent based on their workload --

16 MRS. WERREN: Right.

17 MS. BROWN: -- that's what they get.

18 MRS. WERREN: That's what I thought. Okay.

19 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you.

20 MRS. WERREN: So it's not really a matter of  
21 choice. We'll move on. Okay.

22 MR. REVOLDT: Excuse me just a moment. That  
23 is an important note. It really is not; right?

24 MRS. WERREN: It's not.

25 MS. BROWN: They have the contracting

1 authority. They do have authority for that.

2 Just a kind of side note on procedure. I  
3 know we've been kind of going around and kind of  
4 saying yes, we're all in agreement moving something  
5 to the agenda. Since we don't have committee reports  
6 any longer, and I don't know that we did that on Item  
7 A --

8 MRS. WERREN: Do you need an "all in favor"?

9 MS. BROWN: Well, not necessarily that, but  
10 just, you know, we've kind of gone around the table  
11 and pass it.

12 MR. REVOLDT: I think what we need to do for  
13 the transcription is to note that -- we need to note  
14 two things. Number one, is we need to note each  
15 individual from the administration who's present, the  
16 administrative team, at the beginning of the meeting,  
17 just like we would for completing the form. The  
18 second is that we should indicate that we do have the  
19 votes on any particular item to move forward.  
20 Because you're authorizing legislation. So we'll  
21 need to have some expression of authorization.

22 MR. PETERS: It might be easier for the chair  
23 to ask if anyone is opposed to going forward.

24 MRS. WERREN: Do you want me to go back to A?

25 MS. BROWN: Just to be safe.

1 MRS. WERREN: So when we're talking about  
2 under Finance and Property Ordinance under A, an  
3 agreement with the Stark County local government  
4 funds, were there any issues about moving forward?  
5 Okay. No issues. We'll move forward.

6 Under Ordinance -- or under B, an agreement  
7 between the board of control to enter into  
8 professional services with the auditor of state and  
9 Perry & Associates, were there any concerns or issues  
10 to not move forward? Okay. We can move forward.

11 And C is an appropriation for 121,000 on  
12 Easthill, and we have already -- let's see. We've  
13 already -- the total funding for the project is  
14 203,000. 82,000 has already been appropriated. And  
15 we're requesting another 121 to continue that paving  
16 to get that job done.

17 Rob, any issues or concerns?

18 MR. GRAHAM: None whatsoever. Very good  
19 news. We had applied for municipal road funds for  
20 Easthill, and typically we're awarded 75-, 80,000; it  
21 depends. This year they gave us 203,000.

22 MRS. WERREN: Wow. That's great. Well,  
23 that's great news. Okay. Any questions or concerns  
24 moving forward?

25 MR. FOLTZ: No.

1 MRS. WERREN: All right. Then we'll move  
2 forward.

3 MR. PETERS: All right. Thank you.

4 Before we get started with the next, Chairman  
5 Revoldt, just to your point earlier, everyone here  
6 from the management -- or from administrative team is  
7 present.

8 MR. REVOLDT: Yes.

9 MR. PETERS: Member Revoldt.

10 MR. REVOLDT: Okay. Okay. We have two items  
11 for consideration. First is the annual adoption of  
12 replacement for our codified ordinances as -- maybe  
13 before we move on, before I go to Laura, these  
14 changes reflect changes in state code, which are  
15 incorporated in our codified ordinances, and then  
16 also our changes that we had made in our own  
17 ordinances as well that are codified.

18 One of the questions that always comes up is  
19 what's the technique involved in making sure that  
20 we've got everything. And Laura and I believe we've  
21 swept everything in. Laura, would you describe the  
22 process that your team went through to prepare this  
23 for Drane?

24 MS. BROWN: Sure. At the conclusion of our  
25 July 8 meeting, we went back and made a list of all

1 the ordinances that had gone through council for the  
2 past year, because the last time we sent things to be  
3 codified was last July, July of '18. So we created a  
4 list of all ordinances and then went through and  
5 identified those that impact our codified ordinances.  
6 Some things do not, such as budget, a contract, a  
7 purchase, but some things do.

8 So once we had our list, then we ran that  
9 past the law director to get another set of eyes on  
10 it and then sent that up to the Drane Company, who  
11 helps us with this process. Went back and forth with  
12 them to get all the language up to them. Once we  
13 received the printed copies, I had our intern, Ben  
14 Nist, go through, and you can see he placed all the  
15 little tabs in here as he verified to each signed  
16 ordinance what was in here. And once he did that, I  
17 doublechecked his work, so we had two sets of eyes go  
18 through this. Just at the end of last week, Drane  
19 also got this onto the website, so today we started  
20 going through and verifying that all the language on  
21 the website matches this and matches the signed  
22 legislation. And we have one more left to go, but  
23 everything looked good so far.

24 MR. REVOLDT: Are there any questions?

25 MS. BROWN: One other note -- one other note,

1 if I could. There were also a few other ordinances  
2 from past years, from before the July of '18 to  
3 July of '19 period, that the law director found  
4 didn't get included in prior years and so we sent  
5 those up to Drane as well and those have been  
6 incorporated.

7 MR. REVOLDT: Does council have any questions  
8 or comment? Is there anyone who is opposed to moving  
9 forward with this legislation? Okay. We'll have it  
10 on the agenda for next Monday.

11 Item 2 is, to that point, changing our  
12 codified ordinances. Our current codified ordinance  
13 states that we're to meet at North Canton City Hall.  
14 We are at the civic center, so Item B is an amendment  
15 that reflects the place of our meeting, and it will  
16 be changed to the civic center. And I think you and  
17 Pat have done a nice job getting that set up.

18 MR. CERRETA: I second that. Wonderful.

19 MR. REVOLDT: So if there are -- there are no  
20 objections, I'd like to have this placed on the  
21 agenda for next week.

22 MRS. WERREN: Sounds good.

23 MR. REVOLDT: Thank you very much.

24 MR. PETERS: Thank you.

25 Street and Alley, Chairman Fonte.

1 MR. FONTE: Yes. This is the annual bridge  
2 inspection program that ODOT is actually paying a  
3 hundred percent for, and the two bridges in question  
4 they want to peek at is Easthill and Glenwood. And,  
5 you know, it's like for the next couple -- I think  
6 it's good for what? three years, I think?

7 MR. GRAHAM: Yes. Correct.

8 MR. FONTE: And Engineer Graham can cover any  
9 other questions you may have. But I'd say it sounds  
10 pretty good, so it's on emergency and we should put  
11 it on the agenda if there's no objection.

12 MR. REVOLDT: No objection.

13 MR. PETERS: Okay. Seeing no objection, we  
14 will move on to Water, Sewer, Rubbish. Chairman  
15 Ceretta.

16 MR. CERRETA: Okay. I'll definitely bring  
17 Rob in on this. This is one that looks like we're  
18 submitting an application to get a grant for 10th  
19 Street, Northeast, sanitary sewer replacement  
20 project. Rob, what's that all about?

21 MR. GRAHAM: Yes. I've been working with the  
22 street commissioner, and we found we have some issues  
23 with the sanitary sewer on 10th Street, Northeast,  
24 from basically the high school driveway where it  
25 becomes a private system, west 1,800 feet to North

1 Main Street. And we've got various dips and do's and  
2 valleys, and it's not terrible yet but it's something  
3 we need to address. And the center of the sanitary  
4 sewer system runs right down the center of the road,  
5 so we figured that once we did that -- as you recall,  
6 10th Street is in pretty poor condition as well, it's  
7 worn and tired so it's time to redo the curb and the  
8 gutters, there's a few catch basins that are still  
9 the old style that need to be upgraded to precast and  
10 also complete reconstruction of the pavement. So we  
11 thought that was a good candidate to submit to the  
12 Ohio Public Works Commission for a grant package.  
13 We've got this roughly million-dollar project, quite  
14 significant project, so we could really use the  
15 assistance. And those applications are due Friday,  
16 September 13. And haven't decided whether I want to  
17 go the 50/50 route for a little better scoring or do  
18 an Easthill and go 75/25.

19 MR. CERRETA: You've got a cool hand at it,  
20 and whatever you --

21 MR. GRAHAM: I may go 75/25 and if we have to  
22 wait a year --

23 MR. CERRETA: Throw it out there. Blow on  
24 it.

25 MR. GRAHAM: So all this is, is allowing me

1 to submit that application. Questions, anyone?

2 MR. PETERS: Rob, do we get this -- how do I  
3 ask this. Because that is a bus route, I mean, that  
4 is a major route into the school. Does that --

5 MR. CERRETA: Good point.

6 MR. GRAHAM: I don't know that we get  
7 preferred status but that is something that I would  
8 definitely have in my write-up. That could get us a  
9 couple more points for importance and safety and  
10 things of that nature. So they have scoring at 0 to  
11 10 for various criteria and it's kind of up to the  
12 committee, do they feel that's a 9 out of 10 or a 2  
13 out of 10, but I'll do my best to convince them that  
14 it's a 12 out of 10.

15 MR. CERRETA: And/or we need it done starting  
16 like in June and finished by August 12.

17 MR. PETERS: Yeah.

18 MR. CERRETA: Thank you very much.

19 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah.

20 MR. CERRETA: Any other thing? With that  
21 said, there's nobody against that I could hear, and  
22 we'll put that on the agenda for next Monday.

23 Okay. Item B here. Item B is -- it looks  
24 like we want to submit an application to the Ohio  
25 Public Works Commission for a grant and/or loan for

1 the sludge press installation. Rob, what do you say  
2 on that?

3 MR. GRAHAM: This is basically the same  
4 program as 10th Street. 10th Street I wasn't asking  
5 for any loan money, but we'll be working with Johnson  
6 Controls on a preliminary set of plans between now  
7 and the 13th, and looking to submit that. Once we  
8 have their cost estimate, we can look at kind of the  
9 grant/loan combination. You score better with the  
10 loan, but then again, if we have enough cash and, of  
11 course, Laura will be part of that to see if we even  
12 need to take a loan, but OPWC loans are zero percent  
13 loans.

14 MR. FONTE: Zero.

15 MR. CERRETA: And it just brings Dom to a --

16 MR. FONTE: I like zero.

17 MR. GRAHAM: So we haven't figured out the  
18 exact costs because they're working on the plans as  
19 we speak, but that's something, in order to get this  
20 legislation and have it passed by the 13th is why I  
21 wanted to discuss it tonight. But I don't have all  
22 the particulars yet.

23 MR. CERRETA: Okay. So any discussion on  
24 that? Anybody against that? With that being looked  
25 at, we will put this on the agenda for Monday.

1 MR. PETERS: All right. That concludes --  
2 oh. Patrick.

3 MR. DEORIO: I just wanted to say for those  
4 that were in the audience, if they didn't understand  
5 why there are monitors here and not monitors there,  
6 the monitors reflect what's on the screen behind the  
7 dais in the front so they wouldn't have to turn  
8 around to view the screens.

9 MR. PETERS: That's a nice addition.

10 MR. CERRETA: You all put a lot of work into  
11 this. Looks terrific. It looks like we could  
12 mobilize this if we wanted to go do it in the park  
13 someday or something like that.

14 MR. FONTE: I wanted to ask one quick  
15 question, which is not part of this, to Rob, about  
16 the intersection of Applegrove and Cleveland Avenue.  
17 That bad intersection. I know we're going to  
18 probably delay Applegrove, but how soon is that going  
19 to start? Because I get a lot of questions on it.

20 MR. GRAHAM: Yeah. Absolutely. Right before  
21 we went on break we actually had Applegrove paving, a  
22 joint project with Stark County, out for bid. That  
23 was from just a little bit west of the North Main  
24 intersection all the way to Marquardt. If you hadn't  
25 heard, we only had one contractor bid the project.

1 The other two local paving companies each called me  
2 the morning it was submitted to tell me they wouldn't  
3 be submitting bids, that they were just behind  
4 schedule and too busy. You know, they -- I mean  
5 Northstar is right on -- literally there on  
6 Applegrove on the other side of the highway. They're  
7 just so busy, everyone is so far behind. The one bid  
8 we had was horrible, it was three times our estimate.  
9 It was ridiculous. So we're going to go ahead and  
10 rebid that project, and that would have taken care of  
11 the middle of the intersection. But we'll rebid it  
12 and then that will be done in the spring as soon as  
13 the plant's back open.

14 But what we've done in the meantime is to  
15 hold that intersection and that joint up on North  
16 Main Street through Acme up to Wilbur, we just  
17 awarded a purchase order to a local paving company  
18 for 35,550 to put a patch on that. Just grind out an  
19 inch and a half and smooth that out. I mean, it's  
20 not going to hold for the wintertime. Just got to  
21 get that thing taken care of. It will blow apart  
22 with the freeze and thaw cycles. So the intersection  
23 will get done in the eight or ten months but we still  
24 have to do the patch because it won't last winter.  
25 And then the North Main Street portion up through

1 Wilbur, but we have a grant in two years, almost  
2 800,000 -- 860,000 to redo all of North Main from 7th  
3 to Orion. So this 14-foot wide patch over that bad  
4 joint will hold us for two years.

5 MR. FONTE: Thank you.

6 MR. CERRETA: Maybe we can somehow get this  
7 info out. They see it, they don't understand it when  
8 the contractors are busier the bids are much higher.  
9 If it's three times higher, we surely can't handle  
10 that. So if we can rebid that when they're starting  
11 to get their work together in the spring, the bids  
12 are usually lower. So we need to let our people  
13 understand that because they're going to say, Why  
14 aren't we getting this done? So maybe on Facebook we  
15 can kind of set that out there.

16 MR. GRAHAM: And the other kind of method to  
17 my madness is -- is we've got some major dollar  
18 amount grants to take care of these roads. Everhard  
19 we did last year, South Main we did last year. You  
20 know, Portage is a disaster but we're doing it next  
21 year. You know, mostly covered by grants. So if we  
22 can, you know, delay it a year, hold it together with  
23 band-aids and get the public to accept that, that  
24 gives us the monies to go then into the neighborhoods  
25 and pave all the neighborhood streets that are very

1           difficult to get grants for. So if we could kind of  
2           get them to maybe understand better and buy into the  
3           fact that, you know, yes, we absolutely know that  
4           North Main and Applegrove is a mess but there's a  
5           reason it's a mess and we're trying to duct tape it  
6           together so we can then take 800 grand and go into  
7           the neighborhoods.

8           MR. FONTE: So it's on the public record now,  
9           we're doing the intersection to hold us over until we  
10          can rebid it, save us money because we've got a bid  
11          that is 250,000 more than we were really hoping for  
12          because they were too busy. So when they rebid it  
13          next year, you know, this will be more competitive  
14          and save more money. If we save another 300, we can  
15          save it for the neighborhoods. So I just wanted to  
16          get that out there. Thank you.

17          MR. PETERS: Thank you, Rob. That concludes  
18          our agenda. May I have a motion to adjourn?

19          MR. REVOLDT: So move.

20          MRS. WERREN: Second.

21          MR. PETERS: All in favor?

22          ("Aye" in unison.)

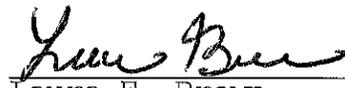
23          MR. PETERS: Opposed? Motion carries. We  
24          are adjourned.

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(Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.)  
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