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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026  
6:37 p.m.

MAYOR KEITH BENJAMIN  
JOYCE BURKE-JONES  
DAVID DEWS  
TRACY HOEFLING  
GINA HUFFMAN  
DAVID KOZINSKI  
JIM PUFFENBERGER

DAVID J. MATTY, ESQ.  
NANCY L. MOLNAR, RPR, CLR

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1 MR. DEWS: Second.  
2 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It's been moved and  
3 seconded. Any revisions? Notations?  
4 Hearing none, roll call, please.  
5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
7 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?  
8 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
10 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
12 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
13 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
14 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
15 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
16 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
17 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Next on the  
18 agenda is the election of the Council President  
19 Pro Tem. We do this annually to elect a Council  
20 President Pro Tem to fill in for the Mayor if the  
21 Mayor becomes incapacitated for any reason.  
22 Is there a motion to appoint a Council  
23 President Pro Tem?  
24 MS. HOEFLING: Yes. First, I would like  
25 to thank Jim for serving as Council Pro Tem. I

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1 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Good evening. It is  
2 6:37. This is the regular meeting of Bratenahl  
3 Village Council on Wednesday, January 21st.  
4 Please stand, if you're able, for the Pledge of  
5 Allegiance.  
6 (Pledge of Allegiance.)  
7 MAYOR BENJAMIN: All right. Madam  
8 Clerk, whenever you're ready, roll call, please.  
9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
10 MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.  
11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?  
12 MR. DEWS: Here.  
13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
14 MS. HOEFLING: Here.  
15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
16 MS. HUFFMAN: Here.  
17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
18 MR. KOZINSKI: Here.  
19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
20 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Here.  
21 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Next on the  
22 agenda are the approval of minutes. Is there a  
23 motion to approve the minutes of the December 17,  
24 2025 meeting of Council.  
25 MS. HOEFLING: So move.

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1 would like to nominate David Dews for Council Pro  
2 Tem.  
3 MR. DEWS: I accept.  
4 MS. BURKE-JONES: And I would like to  
5 nominate Mr. Puffenberger for President Pro Tem.  
6 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. So there's  
7 a motion for Mr. Dews and a motion for Mr.  
8 Puffenberger.  
9 MR. PUFFENBERGER: I would like to make  
10 a comment before we go any further with that.  
11 I've been President Pro Tem nine or 10 times.  
12 It's time to pass the torch.  
13 Joyce, I appreciate the nomination very  
14 much, but I'd like to decline that nomination. I  
15 would put my full support behind Mr. Dews.  
16 MS. HOEFLING: Thank you, Jim.  
17 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Do we need  
18 a second on motions?  
19 MR. MATTY: Yes.  
20 MR. KOZINSKI: Second.  
21 MAYOR BENJAMIN: The motion has been  
22 seconded for Mr. Dews. And roll call, please.  
23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
25 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?

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1 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 2 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 3 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 5 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 6 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 7 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 9 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 10 MS. COOKS: Thank you.  
 11 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you.  
 12 MR. DEWS: I just want to say thanks.  
 13 I'm humbled and honored and looking forward. We  
 14 have a lot of work to do.  
 15 MAYOR BENJAMIN: And I'm leaving a week  
 16 from Saturday. (Laughter.)  
 17 MR. PUFFENBERGER: And now you  
 18 understand why I declined. (Laughter.)  
 19 MR. DEWS: Are you going with him?  
 20 (Laughter.)  
 21 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you.  
 22 Communications, additional  
 23 communications from Village Council this evening?  
 24 Hearing none, we'll move to reports of  
 25 the administration. We'll start with Dr. Leslie,  
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1 Shade Tree Commission.  
 2 DR. LESLIE: I have little to report.  
 3 In 2026, we plan to planting trees in the  
 4 remaining tree lawn vacancies. We want to  
 5 address our maturing aging canopy in the parks.  
 6 And we're going to continue on with our 20  
 7 percent tree lawn and parks maintenance. Thank  
 8 you.  
 9 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. We'll move  
 10 to our Fiscal Officer, Diana Cooks. Do you have  
 11 a report tonight?  
 12 MS. COOKS: Yes. Thank you. December  
 13 financials will be prepared after Auditor of  
 14 State Best Practices have been completed. The  
 15 annual filing and mandatory closing are due by  
 16 February 28, 2026.  
 17 As you may have heard, the State of Ohio  
 18 has delayed, was delayed in providing its  
 19 accountings with tax duplicates, normally sent  
 20 out in November. So as a result, the county has  
 21 delayed its releasing of property tax bills. So  
 22 normally we would expect property tax receipts in  
 23 February. However, that will be delayed until  
 24 March.  
 25 Also, income tax collections for 2025,  
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1 most notably December, were down by nearly 15  
 2 percent. So at the moment, the Village's cash  
 3 flow is hampered and I will be judicious in  
 4 releasing funds.  
 5 As I reported last month, the 2021/2022  
 6 audit is complete. And the exit conference with  
 7 village Council, the Solicitor, and the Mayor was  
 8 held on December 18, 2025. Later that day, I  
 9 received audit adjustments for that audit period.  
 10 However, with the support of Local  
 11 Government Services or LGS, I am challenging many  
 12 of those adjustments, because I believe many of  
 13 those were made in subsequent years by me and LGS  
 14 agrees. So at the moment, you will see no report  
 15 of that audit on the Auditor Of State's website.  
 16 And I would expect that by the end of this month,  
 17 LGS will have recalculated those adjustments.  
 18 I just felt that since this audit is so  
 19 far in arrear, that all of the challenges that we  
 20 faced previously were addressed and it would  
 21 seriously affect our books in 2025, if I were to  
 22 take those adjustments.  
 23 MS. HOEFLING: And if I could just say  
 24 something really quick, Ms. Cooks. I want to  
 25 acknowledge Ms. Cooks' diligence in everything  
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1 she's done to bring us to where we are today and  
 2 correcting a lot of the issues that the auditors  
 3 found in prior audits. They were very  
 4 complimentary of Ms. Cooks and all the work she's  
 5 done to turn things around here in the Village,  
 6 so thank you for that. (Applause.)  
 7 MAYOR BENJAMIN: I will second that. I  
 8 could not have said that better.  
 9 MS. COOKS: Appreciate it. Thank you.  
 10 And just one additional thing, during this first  
 11 quarter of the year, we will conduct, and all  
 12 departments will conduct, an inventory audit of  
 13 all equipment for audit and insurance purposes.  
 14 That concludes my report.  
 15 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Any questions for  
 16 Fiscal Officer Cooks?  
 17 MR. DEWS: I have one question. We have  
 18 a couple of legislations in front of us. So  
 19 you're saying you're being very judicious about  
 20 spending. How does this work on a lot of this  
 21 disbursements?  
 22 MS. COOKS: Both of those items that --  
 23 well, for sure one of the items, the police  
 24 vehicle has already been delivered. So we don't  
 25 have much of a choice. I can delay up to 60 days  
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1 that payment. And I will notify the dealer to  
2 let them know that it will be delayed. It will  
3 be coming, but it will be delayed.

4 As far as the other equipment and  
18:46:22 5 Service Department equipment, we can move forward  
6 with enabling of the purchase order and with the  
7 ordering of it. I would expect that -- how long,  
8 Service Director, do you think if there is a  
9 build on it?

18:46:43 10 MR. MAUND: I was told it was sitting in  
11 the parking lot. Not our parking lot, their  
12 parking lot.

13 MS. COOKS: Well, we will do something  
14 similar with that. I am almost confident that we  
18:47:00 15 will receive enough receipts in income tax in  
16 February that we'll be able to meet those  
17 obligations.

18 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It's more of a timing  
19 issue with the delays. It's a cash flow issue  
18:47:18 20 more than a budgetary issue. I think we moved  
21 some funds from UBS temporarily to cover --

22 MS. COOKS: We did.  
23 MAYOR BENJAMIN: -- to cover costs and  
24 cash flow losses while we wait that out. That

18:47:33 25 was the Fiscal Officer's idea. And I think it  
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1 was a very prudent measure to do to make sure it  
2 gets us through the next couple months without  
3 any issue.

4 MS. COOKS: And we will return those  
18:47:44 5 funds to the UBS.

6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Can you just explain  
7 to me, so I know we've put in our budget, for our  
8 coming budget, that we authorized the equipment  
9 for the Service Department and the police, but it  
18:48:02 10 kind of sounds like we're authorizing the  
11 purchase, but it's already here and I'm trying to  
12 figure out how that works.

13 MS. COOKS: So the Chief can correct me  
14 if I'm incorrect. Chief, why don't I not speak.

18:48:24 15 CHIEF LOBELLO: Okay. So normally we  
16 purchase our annual police car towards the end of  
17 the year. And this year, the vendor that we used  
18 contacted us and said, hey, we have some '25s,  
19 2025s leftover. Do you want to buy a 2025, to  
18:48:43 20 save us as little bit of money rather than buying  
21 a '26 at the end of the year, at which point we

22 said sure, it makes financial sense for do that,  
23 but we had to wait until the beginning of 2026 to  
24 get the appropriated funds that you guys had  
18:48:58 25 appropriated and approved available. So the

1 first week of January 2026, we spent that  
2 appropriation for the approved appropriation for  
3 the police vehicle. We will not be buying one at  
4 the end of the year. This will be the one  
18:49:12 5 purchase we make in 2026.

6 MS. BURKE-JONES: So you took action  
7 based on the approval of the budget?

8 CHIEF LOBELLO: Yes.

9 MS. BURKE-JONES: Okay. So this is just  
18:49:22 10 our --

11 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Well, if Council were  
12 to vote no, we would not have authorizations to  
13 purchase the vehicle, so it would just stay on  
14 the lot.

18:49:36 15 MS. COOKS: No.

16 CHIEF LOBELLO: No, it was authorized  
17 when you approved the budget.

18 MS. COOKS: It was. The payment would  
19 not be authorized.

18:49:48 20 MS. BURKE-JONES: Okay.

21 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Authorizing the  
22 purchase, this is authorizing the purchase of a  
23 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of the  
24 Ohio Revised Code.

18:49:59 25 MS. BURKE-JONES: So this is almost like  
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1 more authorizing the payment, would actually be  
2 more --

3 MS. COOKS: It says purchase.

4 MS. BURKE-JONES: I understand. I'm  
18:50:06 5 just trying to understand the process. I don't  
6 have a problem with getting the vehicles. I'm  
7 just trying to understand the process of how this  
8 works.

9 MS. COOKS: So ideally the process  
18:50:14 10 should be, and the reason it couldn't happen in  
11 '25, is I would not have been able to encumber a  
12 purchase order, a 2026 purchase order in '25, but  
13 now that it has happened, we have no choice but  
14 obviously to pay it. When we pay it becomes the  
18:50:38 15 question. And I think that a letter or an email  
16 or a conversation with both vendors should be  
17 suffice that we expect within the next 30 days  
18 that we will make payment.

19 MR. PUFFENBERGER: And how much did we  
18:50:59 20 save by going with a '25 versus a '26?

21 CHIEF LOBELLO: I believe the markup was  
22 four to five percent of -- what was the number  
23 appropriated?

24 MS. COOKS: 53. We appropriated 91. If  
18:51:15 25 you all recall, the Chief did ask for the

1 additional space to upfit the -- it's called  
2 upfitting the vehicle, which I have not seen  
3 those invoices yet. I don't think it has even  
4 happened yet.

18:51:30 5 CHIEF LOBELLO: Part of this. There's  
6 an expense that's been done already, the new  
7 Bratenahl Police markings are on it. It's  
8 sitting over at Service now, but the vast  
9 majority of the stuff has not come in yet and the  
18:51:47 10 build has not started in earnest yet.

11 MR. DEWS: What's the useful life of  
12 these vehicles?

13 CHIEF LOBELLO: We have six, so six  
14 years.

18:51:57 15 MR. DEWS: Six years. Is that the plan,  
16 turnaround every six years?

17 CHIEF LOBELLO: Yes.

18 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Any questions for  
19 Fiscal Officer Cooks?

18:52:12 20 Okay. A couple of notes while we're on  
21 that piece of Resolution, Resolution 1444,  
22 regarding the purchase of the police vehicle.

23 The heading says it's from Preston Chevrolet.  
24 And in section -- or was it the other vehicle? I

18:52:47 25 thought there was a discrepancy. Is that in the  
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1 police department?

2 MS. HOEFLING: It's in the first  
3 paragraph.

4 MS. MEADE: Gillingham is the first.

18:52:59 5 MAYOR BENJAMIN: There it is. Thank  
6 you. In the whereas it says Gillingham Ford, so  
7 that should be Preston Ford.

8 So, Mr. Matty, do we need a motion to  
9 correct that?

18:53:11 10 MR. MATTY: Yes.

11 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Okay. Is there a  
12 motion to correct Resolution 1444 to change the  
13 first whereas from Bob Gillingham Ford to Preston  
14 Chevrolet?

18:53:24 15 MR. PUFFENBERGER: So move.

16 MS. HOEFLING: Second.

17 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It's been moved and  
18 seconded. Roll call on the motion.

19 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

20 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

21 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dewes?

22 MR. DEWS: Aye.

23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

24 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

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1 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?

3 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.

4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?

18:53:36 5 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.

6 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. I wanted to  
7 make sure I took care of that before I forgot  
8 that.

9 All right. Moving on, we'll go to our  
18:53:48 10 Clerk of Court, Angela Takacs.

11 MS. TAKACS: Treasurer of the State  
12 received \$615.50; City of Cleveland received  
13 \$22.50; County Treasurer \$70 even; and the  
14 Village of Bratenahl received \$8,918.29. That is  
18:54:09 15 the end of my report.

16 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Any  
17 questions? We'll move on to Service Director  
18 Maund. Service Director, in your presentation,  
19 can you give an overview of the new equipment  
18:54:23 20 that you're purchasing and what it's purpose is  
21 for and all of that?

22 MR. MAUND: I do not have anything to  
23 report, but as far as overview, it's a 10-year  
24 old machine. We're basically replacing it with  
18:54:38 25 the exact same thing, just a little bigger. I'm

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1 going to be very honest with you, the one we have  
2 is like it's on borrowed time. Being in the old  
3 garage and it moves a lot of salt, it's just  
4 eating away at our electrical system. We have  
18:54:55 5 limited lights on the thing. Last week whenever  
6 they were using it, they were having some issues  
7 with it stalling out. I hate to delay it,  
8 because I hate to dump any money into the one we  
9 have now in order to keep the thing going if  
18:55:09 10 there's a new one sitting there that we're hoping  
11 to buy anyway.

12 I can work with the dealership to see if  
13 we can delay the payment as long as we provide  
14 them with a PO, but I can work with Ms. Cooks on  
18:55:23 15 that, but yeah, it's a 10-year old machine and  
16 it's really rusting out. It's a workhorse. We  
17 use it year-round for salt, brush, leaves.

18 MS. MEADE: Is it a truck or a tractor?

19 MR. MAUND: It's a tractor, our Kubota  
18:55:43 20 tractor.

21 MAYOR BENJAMIN: So we'll be placing  
22 that on GovDeals, the old one?

23 MR. MAUND: No, we're trading it in.

24 We're getting 20,000 for the one we have now.

18:55:56 25 MS. BURKE-JONES: Just one quick. Now,

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1 I'm forgetting when we built the service garage.  
 2 MS. COOKS: '17.  
 3 MS. BURKE-JONES: '17. Okay. So it was  
 4 just --  
 18:56:08 5 MR. MAUND: It's a 2016 loader.  
 6 MS. BURKE-JONES: So it started its life  
 7 in the old facility.  
 8 MR. MAUND: Correct. I think we have  
 9 one more piece, two more pieces of machinery that  
 18:56:20 10 were from the old garage, a truck and our leave  
 11 machine. I'll be coming to you later this year.  
 12 (Laughter.)  
 13 MAYOR BENJAMIN: We'll try to find some  
 14 grants, too.  
 18:56:32 15 MS. BURKE-JONES: Thank you.  
 16 MS. HOEFLING: And you're very humble in  
 17 saying you have nothing to report, because you  
 18 guys have been working very, very hard. I echo  
 19 the Mayor's sentiment in the email that he sent  
 18:56:42 20 out to Villagers. I know how hard you guys have  
 21 worked through the storm and weather in keeping  
 22 our roads clean and safe and the sidewalks as  
 23 well, so thank you for that.  
 24 MR. MAUND: Thank you very much. The  
 18:56:51 25 guys, they spent a lot of their holiday here in  
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1 Bratenahl.  
 2 MS. HOEFLING: Yeah, they sure did.  
 3 MR. MAUND: Really appreciate it. They  
 4 did a good job. It looks like they'll be back at  
 18:57:03 5 it this weekend.  
 6 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Any other  
 7 questions?  
 8 Hearing none, we'll go to the police  
 9 department.  
 18:57:11 10 LIEUTENANT SORIC: Good evening,  
 11 everybody. December 2025 Bratenahl Police  
 12 Department activity report. We had three 911  
 13 hangups; 19 alarm drops; one animal complaint;  
 14 one assault; 49 disabled motor vehicles; one  
 18:57:26 15 debris on street; six erratic drivers; one family  
 16 trouble; five general assists; one harassment;  
 17 two lockout, vehicle lockouts; one parking  
 18 complaint; three OVIs; 12 traffic crashes; 25 EMS  
 19 fire assists; three road hazards; two shots  
 18:57:46 20 fired; two stolen vehicles; six suspicion; two  
 21 thefts; 30 traffic stops with 15 citations; one  
 22 weapon offense; and five welfare checks.  
 23 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Any  
 24 questions for the police department? Ms. Meade.  
 18:58:03 25 MS. MEADE: With the stolen vehicles,  
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1 were they recovered?  
 2 LIEUTENANT SORIC: I think one was. And  
 3 it might have been an unauthorized use where it  
 4 was allowed to be used and they brought it back  
 18:58:17 5 later than they were supposed to have it. I'm  
 6 not sure about the other one.  
 7 MS. MEADE: It guess where was that  
 8 vehicle in the Village? Was it in a gated  
 9 community and it was stolen, was it on one of the  
 18:58:32 10 side streets?  
 11 LIEUTENANT SORIC: It was a side street  
 12 if I'm thinking of the one that this one pertains  
 13 to.  
 14 MS. MEADE: Okay.  
 18:58:41 15 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Any other  
 16 questions? Oh, Jeanne.  
 17 MS. LYONS: Any reason why the 15  
 18 percent drop in income tax revenue?  
 19 MS. COOKS: Not that I am aware of at  
 18:58:55 20 this time. I have not received a December '25 --  
 21 they send out trends. I haven't received that  
 22 yet.  
 23 MS. LYONS: Thanks.  
 24 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Hopefully it's a trend  
 18:59:11 25 that will be going up and not going down. Thank  
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1 you.  
 2 Hearing no other questions, we'll move  
 3 on to -- I'm sorry, Mr. Matty, did you have any?  
 4 MR. MATTY: No report this evening.  
 18:59:22 5 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. We'll move  
 6 on to public comment related to agenda items.  
 7 Any public comment?  
 8 MR. OREL: You didn't -- Mr. Armstrong  
 9 is not here, but had you been going to Recreation  
 18:59:35 10 Commission, I had a question about that that I  
 11 think you can answer.  
 12 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Okay. Go ahead.  
 13 MR. OREL: I think it was in October,  
 14 maybe it was November, Mr. Armstrong said that he  
 18:59:46 15 might not -- he's going to have a problem with  
 16 healthcare and he might have to leave the employ  
 17 of Bratenahl if it doesn't -- if there's not a  
 18 solution. Do you know what that -- he's still  
 19 here, so.  
 19:00:03 20 MAYOR BENJAMIN: He's still here. And  
 21 I'm very glad to have him. He has not updated me  
 22 on if he's going to need to leave any time soon,  
 23 but I'm happy that for the time being he's here  
 24 with us and he's working hard.  
 19:00:18 25 MR. OREL: So nothing's happened with  
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1 his healthcare as far as the Village is  
2 concerned.

3 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Again, his healthcare  
4 is through the private ACA market.

19:00:27 5 MR. OREL: But I mean, he hasn't been --  
6 he's not getting any more pay or anything else to  
7 so far cover it?

8 MAYOR BENJAMIN: No.

19:00:37 9 MR. OREL: Just FYI, because a lot of  
10 people are in that boat right now. I lost my  
11 coverage. I'm out of pocket 100 percent, too, so  
12 I have a lot of sympathy for that.

13 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It's had a big impact  
14 on a lot of people. I've known several people  
19:00:49 15 who have huge increases because of the loss of  
16 the exemptions on the ACA, a lot of self-employed  
17 people out there. Yes.

18 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. We didn't have a  
19 chance to hear from the engineer.

19:01:07 20 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Oh, I am very sorry.

21 MS. BURKE-JONES: And he's not here.

22 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Out of sight, out of  
23 mind.

19:01:15 24 MS. BURKE-JONES: He's usually sitting  
25 here.

1 Engineer Bierut when he gets back tomorrow and  
2 see if that's still a date that works, but more  
3 importantly, it's got to be a date that works  
4 with Council, because you're going to be  
19:03:05 5 interviewing.

6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Right. I know I've  
7 got one conflict, so I'm sure others have  
8 conflicts.

19:03:15 9 MAYOR BENJAMIN: So if I send out a  
10 Doodle Poll, is that the best way to ascertain  
11 your availability?

12 MR. PUFFENBERGER: That works.

13 MAYOR BENJAMIN: I want to make sure  
14 that Mr. Bierut is present at those meetings as  
19:03:25 15 well to answer any technical questions. And I'll  
16 get some dates that he's available and then we'll  
17 reach out as well.

18 MS. BURKE-JONES: Another question,  
19 also, when will the negotiations then be --  
19:03:40 20 negotiation with the contractor -- or not

21 contractor, the AE, will that occur after we've  
22 made the selection and then you negotiate with  
23 the first and then negotiate --

24 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yes.

19:03:55 25 MS. BURKE-JONES: -- as is.

1 MAYOR BENJAMIN: He unfortunately is in  
2 Columbus until late tonight. So the RFQ for  
3 architectural services was advertised on January  
4 2nd. And on January 9th, so far seven firms have  
19:01:31 5 requested the qualification packages. Hard  
6 copies and electronic copies are due on January  
7 30th. So the seven that we have, I can pull  
8 those up here, are: To date we have received  
9 RFQs from Bialosky Architects, Bowen, K2M, TD  
19:01:57 10 ThenDesign, DS, Sixmo, and Cordogan Clark. And  
11 so any additional RFQs are due at Mr. Bierut's  
12 office by January 30th, and that's where we're  
13 at.

14 Also on the agenda tonight, since it's  
19:02:18 15 an engineering issue, is the Cuyahoga County  
16 Board of Health MOU. This is our standard  
17 five-year renewal that has run simultaneously for  
18 several decades.

19 MS. BURKE-JONES: I have another  
19:02:33 20 question. Since there was some discussion about  
21 or at least in the RFQ that went out, there was a  
22 week for -- an interview week that was  
23 identified. Is that still --

19:02:49 24 MAYOR BENJAMIN: The week of February  
25 9th was the first week. I'm going to check with

1 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yes, you would choose  
2 who you would like to work with first and then we  
3 will move on from that.

19:04:06 4 MS. BURKE-JONES: So it will be somewhat  
5 like the 18th or something like that and you're  
6 going to be back --

7 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yes.

8 MS. BURKE-JONES: -- by the 18th.

19:04:15 9 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yeah, I'll be back for  
10 the next Council meeting. If you're not ready at  
11 that point to make an appointment or to choose an  
12 architect, certainly we can have a special  
13 meeting in between to make that appointment.

14 MS. BURKE-JONES: I know. I'm only  
19:04:31 15 looking at the schedule and we're trying to take  
16 action potentially at our next meeting, Council  
17 meeting. If not, we'll have to have a special  
18 meeting maybe.

19:04:46 19 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Toward the end of  
20 February.

21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Toward the end of  
22 February. It's just trying to get this whole  
23 thing going. So we'll also be wanting to check  
24 on the 18th, if that's the day, I mean, it was  
19:04:56 25 just thrown out there.

1 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yeah.  
 2 MS. BURKE-JONES: We have to come up  
 3 with a date for that meeting, too, amongst all of  
 4 us. Thank you.  
 5 MAYOR BENJAMIN: We will do that. Thank  
 6 you. Okay. If there are no other questions on  
 7 agenda.  
 8 MR. DEWS: I have a question. Where are  
 9 we on the tax liability for the property going to  
 10 auction?  
 11 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It is in the hands of  
 12 the state and we are patiently awaiting to hear  
 13 back from them later with a determination. So I  
 14 contacted them about a week and a half ago and  
 15 there was no update at that time. So I'm trying  
 16 to get them moving on the review and a  
 17 determination one way or the other, you know,  
 18 hopefully by the end of February at the latest.  
 19 They said they needed usually three to five  
 20 months, if not six months, so it's already been a  
 21 couple months, so I'm hoping by the end of next  
 22 month we'll have some direction.  
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Thank you for being so  
 24 diligent about trying to get something to happen.  
 25 It's a difficult process, I know.

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1 MS. COOKS: Yes, we're in the midst of  
 2 the payment plan, though, which will all be  
 3 refunded if and when the state authorizes it.  
 4 MR. DEWS: Is that a monthly payment  
 5 plan?  
 6 MS. COOKS: Um-hum.  
 7 MR. DEWS: How much is that?  
 8 MS. COOKS: Around \$2,800. They only  
 9 had one payment plan, 60 months.  
 10 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Any other  
 11 questions?  
 12 We will move on to legislation. So  
 13 Councilwoman Burke-Jones, will you handle the  
 14 first one, please.  
 15 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. Introducing  
 16 Resolution 1443 for suspension, a Resolution  
 17 authorizing the purchase of equipment for the  
 18 Bratenahl Service Department from Mentor  
 19 Manufacturer through the Sourcewell purchasing  
 20 service cooperative and declaring an emergency.  
 21 MR. DEWS: Second.  
 22 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Resolution  
 23 number -- oh, we have to do roll call. I forgot  
 24 the roll call. (Laughter.)  
 25 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Roll call before

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1 suspension, please.  
 2 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 3 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dewes?  
 5 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 7 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 9 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 11 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 13 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Service Department  
 15 said they needed it right away, so I'm trying to  
 16 do my best. (Laughter.)  
 17 MR. MAUND: Thank you for that.  
 18 MS. BURKE-JONES: Okay. Resolution  
 19 number 1443 for passage.  
 20 MR. DEWS: Second.  
 21 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It's been moved and  
 22 seconded. Roll call, please.  
 23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 25 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dewes?

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1 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 2 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 3 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 5 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 6 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 7 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 9 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 10 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Councilman Dewes.  
 11 MR. DEWS: Introducing Resolution number  
 12 1444 as amended for suspension, a Resolution  
 13 authorizing the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet  
 14 Tahoe for use by the police department from  
 15 Preston Chevrolet, Inc., in accordance with the  
 16 provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04(C)  
 17 and declaring emergency.  
 18 MAYOR BENJAMIN: As amended.  
 19 MR. DEWS: I did say that.  
 20 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Oh, you did say that.  
 21 Thank you.  
 22 MS. HOEFLING: Second.  
 23 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Roll call for  
 24 suspension.  
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

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1 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?  
 3 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 5 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 7 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 9 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 11 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 12 MR. DEWS: Introducing Resolution number  
 13 1444 as amended for passage.  
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.  
 15 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It's been moved and  
 16 seconded. Any questions? Roll call.  
 17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 18 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?  
 20 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 21 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 22 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 24 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 25 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?

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1 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 2 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 4 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 5 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 6 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 7 MAYOR BENJAMIN: So every five years we  
 8 provide the -- we consent to have the Cuyahoga  
 9 County Board of Health provide our stormwater  
 10 services and manage our stormwater management  
 11 plan. Just about every city in Cuyahoga County  
 12 does exactly the same and they all approve  
 13 five-year plans, so that's what this is.  
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Do we have a -- maybe  
 15 it's off topic. We haven't had a meeting of the  
 16 stormwater committee for a while. Is that any  
 17 problem?  
 18 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It's on the list to  
 19 have this year, particularly as we start dealing  
 20 with -- now that we have a sewer assessment  
 21 program and we can really begin talking about  
 22 some of the major projects now that we have some  
 23 funding, some of the major infrastructure  
 24 projects that we would like to complete and put a  
 25 plan together for the next several years on that.

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1 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 3 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 4 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you.  
 5 Councilwoman Hoefling.  
 6 MS. HOEFLING: Thank you. Introducing  
 7 Resolution 1445, which is a Resolution  
 8 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum  
 9 of Understanding with the Cuyahoga County Board  
 10 of Health for authority and consent to provide  
 11 Phase II stormwater services in 2026 through  
 12 2030, and declaring an emergency.  
 13 MR. DEWS: For suspension.  
 14 MS. HOEFLING: For suspension.  
 15 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Second? Is there a  
 16 second?  
 17 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.  
 18 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Roll call  
 19 for suspension.  
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 22 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?  
 23 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 25 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

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1 MS. BURKE-JONES: That makes sense.  
 2 Thank you.  
 3 MAYOR BENJAMIN: I've had that  
 4 conversation with our Village Engineer, so we'll  
 5 be getting that on your books soon.  
 6 MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Resolution  
 7 1445 for passage.  
 8 MR. DEWS: Second.  
 9 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Any further questions?  
 10 Roll call.  
 11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 12 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 13 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?  
 14 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 16 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 18 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 20 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 22 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 23 MAYOR BENJAMIN: And the most important  
 24 legislation of the evening, Councilwoman Huffman,  
 25 if you would take care of this for me.

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1 MS. HUFFMAN: All right. Absolutely.  
 2 Introducing Ordinance number 4292 for suspension,  
 3 an Ordinance confirming the appointment by the  
 4 Mayor of David Maund as Street Commissioner for  
 5 the year 2026, and declaring an emergency.  
 6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.  
 7 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Moved and seconded.  
 8 Roll call for suspension.  
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 10 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dewes?  
 12 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 14 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 18 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 20 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 21 MS. HUFFMAN: Introducing Ordinance  
 22 number 4292 for passage.  
 23 MR. DEWS: Second.  
 24 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Moved and seconded.  
 25 Any comments?  
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1 MS. HUFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Maund.  
 2 MR. MAUND: Thank you.  
 3 MS. HOEFLING: Yeah, thank you.  
 4 MR. MAUND: Happy to do it for another  
 5 year.  
 6 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Glad to have you. Okay  
 7 hearing no more comments, roll call, please.  
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 9 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dewes?  
 11 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 13 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 15 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 17 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 19 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 20 MAYOR BENJAMIN: And Councilman  
 21 Kozinski, our last piece of the evening, pay  
 22 claims.  
 23 MR. KOZINSKI: I'd like to introduce  
 24 Ordinance 4293 for suspension, that the following  
 25 claims against the Village of Bratenahl are  
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1 hereby directed from the funds and the Fiscal  
 2 Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw  
 3 her warrants for payment, to wit: For a total of  
 4 \$176,744.88.  
 5 MS. HOEFLING: Second.  
 6 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Moved and seconded.  
 7 Roll call for suspension.  
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 9 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dewes?  
 11 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 13 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 15 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 17 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 19 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 20 MR. KOZINSKI: And introduce Ordinance  
 21 4293 for passage.  
 22 MS. HOEFLING: Second.  
 23 MAYOR BENJAMIN: If there are no  
 24 questions, Ms. Meade.  
 25 MS. MEADE: I have a couple.  
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1 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Please.  
 2 MS. MEADE: For Diana, this month was  
 3 the last payment for the fire EMS through '24,  
 4 correct?  
 5 MS. COOKS: Yes.  
 6 MS. MEADE: Now, for '25, do payments  
 7 start next month for that?  
 8 MS. COOKS: No.  
 9 MS. MEADE: How is that going to be  
 10 paid?  
 11 MS. COOKS: We're doing quarterly  
 12 payments, so it will be in April. The first one  
 13 will be in April.  
 14 MS. MEADE: And do you know roughly how  
 15 much that is going to be a quarter? Is it like  
 16 300,000 divided by?  
 17 MS. COOKS: It's roughly the same that  
 18 we've made -- it's about 68,000 per quarter.  
 19 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yeah, it comes out to  
 20 three hundred and some thousand dollars a year.  
 21 MS. MEADE: So just divide it by four.  
 22 MS. COOKS: And we had legislation for  
 23 that last month, yeah.  
 24 MS. MEADE: Okay. And then I didn't  
 25 know if I understood correctly, but were the  
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1 Tri-B property, that tax bill that's still being  
 2 reviewed, did I understand that you're making  
 3 monthly payments until an answer is received?  
 4 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yes. As part of -- in  
 19:14:45 5 order to file for the exemption, you have to at  
 6 least be on a payment plan. So that was one of  
 7 the steps that we had to take.  
 8 MS. MEADE: Is that showing up in pay  
 9 claims?  
 19:14:57 10 MS. COOKS: Was that legislation?  
 11 MAYOR BENJAMIN: It was legislation.  
 12 MS. COOKS: But I do not list it on pay  
 13 claims.  
 14 MS. MEADE: Should it be?  
 19:15:11 15 MS. COOKS: I'm thinking not, because  
 16 I'm thinking that the state is going to rule in  
 17 our favor and they wouldn't really be an expense.  
 18 MS. MEADE: Okay. And then could we  
 19 have more detail on what Civic Plus does for that  
 19:15:30 20 \$9,000 annually?  
 21 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Sure. They provided --  
 22 MS. COOKS: So it is annual hosting and  
 23 there's a redesign this year.  
 24 MS. MEADE: That's what it is, okay,  
 19:15:48 25 because it seems high.  
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1 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yes.  
 2 MS. MEADE: I think that was it for my  
 3 pay claims. Thank you.  
 4 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you.  
 19:15:59 5 MS. COOKS: Roll call.  
 6 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Roll call. It's  
 7 difficult getting back in the swing of things in  
 8 January.  
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
 10 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?  
 12 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 14 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 18 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 19:16:13 20 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 21 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. We now move  
 22 to public comment. Any comments this evening?  
 23 Ms. Meade.  
 24 MS. MEADE: One comment and one just  
 19:16:21 25 FYI, I don't think you called for public comment  
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1 before agenda items.  
 2 MAYOR BENJAMIN: I did.  
 3 MS. MEADE: I didn't remember him saying  
 4 that. My only comment or question is there a  
 19:16:33 5 differed maintenance plan for the service garage?  
 6 MR. MAUND: Service garage does  
 7 maintenance every year. Some things are done  
 8 yearly, other things are done bi-yearly.  
 9 Everything we can. Maintain is maintenance.  
 19:16:50 10 MS. MEADE: Is there a written plan in  
 11 place though?  
 12 MR. MAUND: I do not have a written  
 13 plan.  
 14 MS. MEADE: Should there be?  
 19:16:57 15 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Yeah, we'll work on  
 16 getting a written plan. It's a good suggestion.  
 17 MR. MAUND: We can work on that.  
 18 MS. MEADE: That was it. Thank you.  
 19 MAYOR BENJAMIN: You're welcome. Mr.  
 19:17:10 20 Orel.  
 21 MR. OREL: Last month Mr. Matty said for  
 22 the public record, And I also do want the record  
 23 that Mr. Packard did what he was supposed to do  
 24 and had followed it up as I requested him to. I  
 19:17:26 25 would like that for the record.  
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1 So my question is what was that he was  
 2 supposed to do, because the Ohio Residential Code  
 3 is very clear on what Mr. Packard's duties are.  
 4 And Mr. Johnson of the -- Johnson Building  
 19:17:48 5 Administrator for the Ohio Board of Building  
 6 Standards also said that the authority having  
 7 jurisdiction and will not make determinations.  
 8 The residential building officer is that agent.  
 9 Any technical questions and enforcement related  
 10 to projects mattered are required to be addressed  
 11 by the residential building official.  
 12 So my question is did Mr. Matty actually  
 13 encourage Mr. Packard in nonfeasance, misfeasance  
 14 and misconduct, because those questions still  
 19:18:26 15 haven't been answered.  
 16 MAYOR BENJAMIN: So I understand your  
 17 frustration. I know you're frustrated. This  
 18 matter was reviewed over a year ago. You  
 19 received a written response from me in November  
 19:18:42 20 of 2024, summarizing that review, including the  
 21 findings from the Ohio Board of Building  
 22 Standards, which indicated no violations by the  
 23 Bratenahl Building Department.  
 24 Mr. Johnson responded, quote, Board  
 19:18:59 25 staff have not observed any violations to the  
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1 Building Department rules in relation to the  
 2 enforcement of the garage altercations located  
 3 at, I'm not going to give out the address just in  
 4 case that property owner doesn't want their  
 5 address public, in Bratenahl, Ohio, as enforced  
 6 by the Bratenahl Building Department and  
 7 considers this matter closed.  
 8 So as you've been told, under Ohio law,  
 9 inspection authority and oversight rests with the  
 10 Building Commissioner and the Ohio Board of  
 11 Building Standards, not Mr. Matty, not the Mayor  
 12 and not Village Council.  
 13 MR. OREL: That's true for the permit  
 14 itself, but conduct is clearly stated under your  
 15 jurisdiction and Council's jurisdiction. That's  
 16 under the Ohio Revised Code. That's under the  
 17 Bratenahl Building Code, the Residential Building  
 18 Code, the Ohio Revised Code and the Bratenahl --  
 19 and the Bratenahl Code. It's your authority for  
 20 conduct. The permit itself, you're correct on  
 21 the permit, but the conduct of Mr. Packard rests  
 22 solely with you and Council.  
 23 MAYOR BENJAMIN: And my response to you  
 24 in 2024 was, and I'll read it for the record.  
 25 I recognize the importance of  
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1 continuously improving how we communicate with  
 2 residents, contractors and the Building  
 3 Department. Ensuring that all parties are  
 4 treated respectfully remains a priority for our  
 5 administration. And we will look into improving  
 6 processes to ensure safety and best practices in  
 7 our inspection and permitting practices as  
 8 required by the Ohio Board of Building Standards.  
 9 MR. OREL: But, again, I still have  
 10 outstanding questions that have yet to be  
 11 answered that the building official is required  
 12 to answer by the Residential Building Code. You  
 13 haven't addressed that. You haven't addressed my  
 14 questions that you promised you would answer.  
 15 MAYOR BENJAMIN: I can't comment. I'm  
 16 not going to comment anymore on this. This is  
 17 something that we closed out in 2024. You're  
 18 more than welcome to continue talking about it,  
 19 speaking about it, that's your First Amendment  
 20 Right, but we're going to have to agree to  
 21 disagree on this.  
 22 MR. OREL: You're not following the law.  
 23 I mean, you're not. Explain to me how you are.  
 24 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you for your  
 25 comment. I appreciate your comments.  
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1 Anyone else have any comments tonight?  
 2 Hearing none, is there a motion to adjourn.  
 3 MR. KOZINSKI: Two things. Chief, I was  
 4 just wondering with that contract, I believe it  
 5 was a 10-year contract, is all the paperwork and  
 6 whatnot filled out for that?  
 7 CHIEF LOBELLO: I believe so.  
 8 MR. KOZINSKI: One other thing I had  
 9 avoided -- not avoided, but I didn't mention  
 10 anything last meeting is our resident Laura is  
 11 not here, but I wanted to let everybody know that  
 12 I've been working with the Commander and with Mr.  
 13 Polensek on the parking issues on 140th. It's as  
 14 slow as you can assume process. I've been making  
 15 that trip purposefully and it's still going on.  
 16 It's just a mess over there.  
 17 MAYOR BENJAMIN: I appreciate you  
 18 looking at that. I also spoke to the police  
 19 department, Cleveland Police Department, about  
 20 that. And anything we can do to continue to  
 21 advocate for continued safety on East 140th  
 22 Street would be great. Thank you for your  
 23 efforts, especially reaching out to Councilman  
 24 Polensek.  
 25 MR. KOZINSKI: Yeah, I'm going to double  
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1 up on it, too, in the future with this upcoming  
 2 project, because with those big construction  
 3 vehicles going on, you're coming into the western  
 4 lane as you're turning. Actually, my suggestion  
 5 for everyone here, if you're not very familiar  
 6 with that area, if you're coming in from the east  
 7 and getting off of the 140th exit, the first  
 8 right will turn you directly north, so avoid  
 9 that. But if you make the second, kind of a lazy  
 10 right that's on Sylvia, that will actually take  
 11 you to a stop sign. After that, it will take you  
 12 directly to 140th where there's a second stop  
 13 sign, so you don't even have to worry about a  
 14 stoplight or people hanging out on the corner,  
 15 you know. So my suggestion would be when I lived  
 16 on that side of the Village, just get off 140th  
 17 and head down Sylvia and you'll be golden. You  
 18 won't even have to worry about it.  
 19 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you. Okay.  
 20 Motion to adjourn.  
 21 MR. DEWS: So move.  
 22 MS. HOEFLING: Second.  
 23 MR. KOZINSKI: Second.  
 24 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Roll call, please.  
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?  
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1 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.  
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Dews?  
 3 MR. DEWS: Aye.  
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?  
 5 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.  
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?  
 7 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.  
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Kozinski?  
 9 MR. KOZINSKI: Aye.  
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Puffenberger?  
 11 MR. PUFFENBERGER: Aye.  
 12 MS. COOKS: Thank you.  
 13 MAYOR BENJAMIN: Thank you, everyone.  
 14 Have a good night.

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15 (Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.)

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