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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 16, 2022
7:00 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN LICASTRO
JOYCE BURKE-JONES
TRACY HOEFLING
GINA HUFFMAN
TOM McDONALD
ROD TAYLOR

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

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1 It is my appointment. We need him actually next
2 week, so I'd ask for a motion approving Mr.
3 O'Rourke to be an alternate in the Planning
4 Commission.

19:02:30 5 MR. McDONALD: So move.

6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.

7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? All in
8 favor of the motion?

9 Aye: 5.

19:02:36 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone opposed? Thank
11 you.

12 The discussion of municipal income tax
13 and where it's paid has become a real hot topic
14 across the state. COVID has had a lot of people

19:02:47 15 working from home, which has changed the
16 distribution of the revenue significantly.

17 Cleveland could lose somewhere between 27 and
18 \$94 million a year. Staggering. And all the
19 larger cities, Cincinnati, Toledo, Columbus,

19:03:04 20 Dayton, stand to lose. Other communities stand
21 to gain.

22 We're trying to find a solution that is
23 equitable for the greater good. We're not there
24 yet. I'll be meeting with the heads of Mayors

19:03:16 25 organization from those various cities as we try

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Please rise and join me
2 in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

19:01:31 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Would you
5 call the roll, please, Ms. Cooks?

6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

7 MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.

8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

9 MS. HOEFLING: Here.

10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

11 MS. HUFFMAN: Here.

12 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

13 MR. McDONALD: Here.

14 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

19:01:44 15 MR. TAYLOR: Here.

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. The Mayor's
17 court report is as follows: Treasurer State of
18 Ohio received \$2,531; the City of Cleveland \$96.

19 The County Treasurer, \$315; the Village of

19:02:01 20 Bratenahl \$18,750. Any questions on that? Thank
21 you.

22 We have a vacancy as an alternate to the
23 Planning Commission. As you know, Russell
24 O'Rourke is a construction attorney. He's

19:02:16 25 offered to take that position as an alternate.

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1 to come up with a solution. We're not there
2 yesterday. We're determined to find one before

3 the General Assembly comes up with theirs. If
4 they come up with one, I guarantee it will be

19:03:29 5 something local communities won't like.

6 For example, I have Lt. Soric right
7 here. The fact that there's no longer permitting
8 or training or notification of carrying a

19:03:42 9 concealed weapon. Does anyone think that's a
10 good idea? The General Assembly apparently does,

11 because it's now signed into law by Governor
12 DeWine yesterday. The General Assembly does not
13 really think about or care about local

14 governments. So that's why we're determined to
15 come up with solutions on our own and not to wait
16 for them.

17 Any questions on that?

18 MR. OREL: It take place in 90 days.

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. And the

19:04:06 20 safety for police officers approaching a vehicle
21 in a traffic stop, I don't even want to think
22 about that.

23 Bratenahl is part of the Cuyahoga County
24 Board of Health. We had a meeting last week.

19:04:20 25 Good news is COVID numbers continue to drop.

1 Mask mandates are dropping as well. That was
 2 always the threat of a new variant. I understand
 3 Pfizer is recommending another booster. Perhaps
 4 Moderna will follow. COVID is here to stay.
 19:04:35 5 This is not going to go away. It's not nearly as
 6 bad as it was with Delta. There's hotspots
 7 around the world. I think China is having some
 8 issues and other areas, but we're lucky to have
 9 the Board of Health as our advocate.
 19:04:50 10 And Terry Allen, who's been the director
 11 there for 25 years is stepping aside. Terry has
 12 been a good friend of mine. We wish him well in
 13 his next endeavor. Any questions on that?
 14 Okay. So before we begin with new
 19:05:06 15 business, any questions from the audience on
 16 agenda items?
 17 Moving to new business, we have
 18 Resolution 1246. Both 1246 and 1247, we've done
 19 this before. You have to have a submerged land
 19:05:23 20 lease from the state for those that live along
 21 the lake. They're pretty much boilerplate as far
 22 as we're concerned, but the Ruhlman at 13123
 23 asked us to authorize the land lease, which is
 24 with the state.
 19:05:38 25 Ms. Burke-Jones, Resolution 1246,
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1 please.
 2 MS. BURKE-JONES: Sure. Introducing
 3 Resolution Number 1246 for suspension. A
 4 resolution approving a submerged land lease
 19:05:52 5 application requested by John Ruhlman for 13123
 6 Lake Shore Boulevard and declaring an emergency.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second on
 8 suspension?
 9 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 19:06:00 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 11 suspension, please.
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 13 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 15 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 17 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 19 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 21 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 22 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Resolution
 23 Number 1246 for passage.
 24 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 19:06:18 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? We've done
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1 this before. There being none, roll call on
 2 passage, please.
 3 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 4 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 6 MS. HOEFLING: Aye. Sorry.
 7 MS. COOKS: I'm sorry. Ms. Hoefling?
 8 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 10 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 12 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 14 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 19:06:40 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: We've never had two Hs
 16 in a row. That's confusing.
 17 MS. HOEFLING: And they sound similar.
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: First one is you,
 19 second one is her. Thank you. If we could,
 19:06:54 20 let's move to Resolution 1247. Ms. Hoefling.
 21 MS HOEFLING: Resolution 1247,
 22 introducing a regulation approving a submerged
 23 land lease application requested by John Ruhlman
 24 for 13211 Lake Shore Boulevard and declaring an
 19:07:10 25 emergency, for suspension.
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1 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 3 suspension, please.
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 7 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 9 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 11 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 13 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Passage, please.
 19:07:30 15 MS HOEFLING: For passage.
 16 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: These are adjacent
 18 properties. Same family owns both. A family
 19 owns one and the other family owns the other.
 19:07:42 20 Any questions on this?
 21 There being none, roll call on passage,
 22 please.
 23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
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1 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 3 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 5 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 7 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Ms.
 9 Huffman, if you would, 1248.
 10 MS. HUFFMAN: Introducing Resolution
 11 Number 1248 for suspension, a resolution
 12 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum
 13 of understanding with the Cuyahoga County Board
 14 of Health for authority and consent to provide
 15 phase II stormwater services in 2022 to 2025, and
 16 declaring an emergency.
 17 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 19 suspension, please.
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 23 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 25 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

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1 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 3 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 5 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 7 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. McDonald, before we
 9 get to Ordinance 4137, so, again, the General
 10 Assembly in their wisdom has removed pretty much
 11 all restrictions on fireworks, when they're shot
 12 of, who possesses them. I just don't get it.
 13 This Council and past Council has worked to come
 14 up with parameters on the sale, possession and
 15 when fireworks are shot off.
 16 The legislation passed by the Ohio
 17 General Assembly does allow local communities, I
 18 think they finally remember what home rule is, to
 19 take exception to their very liberal legislation.
 20 So this would allow us to keep in place
 21 restrictions we have on fireworks. If you have a
 22 display, you have to notify residents, et cetera,
 23 et cetera, et cetera. We think that -- it took
 24 us months to come up with these regulations. We
 25 are strongly recommending we keep them in place

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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 2 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 4 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 5 MS. HUFFMAN: Introducing Resolution
 6 Number 1248 for passage.
 7 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Bierut, would you
 9 like to comment on this.
 10 MR. BIERUT: Sure, as part of our
 11 agreement with the Ohio EPA, there's six minimum
 12 control measures involving our stormwater that
 13 leaves the Village. This is the Board of Health
 14 is going to handle, I think, the number three and
 15 six. They look at discharges as well as good
 16 housekeeping. We've done this many years in a
 17 row. And it used to be a single-year agreement.
 18 Now, I think it's four years at a time. It's no
 19 cost to the Village.
 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any questions for Mr.
 21 Bierut? There be none, roll call on passage,
 22 please.
 23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

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1 and not let the free-for-all happen if we do what
 2 the General Assembly has authorized.
 3 Any questions on that? Mr. McDonald, if
 4 you would, 4137.
 5 MR. McDONALD: Introduce Ordinance
 6 Number 4137, an ordinance amending Section
 7 1519.04 of the fire prevention code entitled
 8 possession, sale, or discharge of prohibited;
 9 exceptions. To prohibit the discharge, ignition
 10 or explosion of fireworks on certain days each
 11 year and declaring an emergency, for suspension.
 12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Second on suspension,
 13 please.
 14 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 16 suspension, please.
 17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 18 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 20 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 22 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 24 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 25 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

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1 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 2 MR. McDONALD: Introducing 4137 for
 3 passage.
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second?
 19:11:35 5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 6 MS HOEFLING: Second.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: I know it's getting
 8 late. Yeah, hopefully this passes. We worked
 9 hard to come up with these restrictions. I think
 19:11:45 10 they're reasonable, they're generous, but
 11 necessary. Any further questions?
 12 There being none, roll call on passage,
 13 please.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 15 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 17 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 19 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 21 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 23 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 24 MAYOR LICASTRO: 4138 and 4139 were
 19:12:05 25 recommended by Finance. I think we went over
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1 them and understand their nature.
 2 Mr. Taylor, would you begin with 4138?
 3 MR. TAYLOR: Introducing Ordinance
 4 Number 4138, an ordinance confirming compensation
 19:12:22 5 for employees of Village of Bratenahl and
 6 declaring an emergency, for suspension.
 7 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 9 suspension, please.
 19:12:45 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 11 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 13 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 15 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 17 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 19 MR. TAYLOR: Aye. Introducing Ordinance
 19:12:49 20 Number 4138 for passage.
 21 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Again, no new money,
 23 just confirming what's already been approved.
 24 Any further discussion?
 19:12:59 25 MS. BURKE-JONES: Just a question. So
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1 there's no way we can just have a simple
 2 explanation of the change, because we show a
 3 change in it that's just Cobra.
 4 MR. MATTY: No, this is the way it
 19:13:15 5 should be. This is the way the auditors would
 6 prefer to have it. This is the way Diana
 7 contracted it.
 8 MS. BURKE-JONES: So no explanation.
 9 MR. MATTY: Just leave it as it is.
 19:13:24 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: The header explains the
 11 time frame, which is significant.
 12 MR. MATTY: Next year you'll go from the
 13 one that's in 2022, and Mr. McDonald's committee
 14 will go from that to do what it wishes to do as
 19:13:38 15 far as any additional compensation.
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: I know it sounds
 17 complicated. We actually tried to make it
 18 simple. And it's not easy to do, but this is
 19 what the law department and Ms. Cooks thought was
 19:13:52 20 the best approach.
 21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Okay.
 22 MR. MATTY: The two Villa Angela young
 23 ladies put their heads together and got this.
 24 MS. COOKS: I would breakout in song,
 19:14:03 25 but not right now. (Laughter.)
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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Do not encourage her.
 2 When Ms. Birch was with the Village and the two
 3 of them with the VA, they would sing it at the
 4 drop of a hat. Are you sure?
 19:14:22 5 MS. COOKS: No, I'm good.
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Has this been offered
 7 for passage, yet.
 8 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.
 9 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes, we were just on
 19:14:31 10 the question.
 11 MR. MATTY: I will say this: The Fiscal
 12 Officer has spent a lot of time getting it to
 13 where she wanted it to be. And the law
 14 department has tried to put it where she wants it
 19:14:42 15 to be.
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: And where the auditors
 17 want it.
 18 MR. McDONALD: Where the auditors want
 19 it to be.
 19:14:48 20 MR. MATTY: Right. She has one piece of
 21 paper they can review rather than all the pieces
 22 of paper she has to get them.
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Okay.
 24 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on passage,
 19:14:57 25 please.
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1 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 2 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 4 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 6 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 8 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 10 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 11 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Burke-Jones, if you
 12 would, 4139.
 13 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing 4139 for
 14 suspension, an ordinance authorizing and
 15 confirming compensation for employees of the
 16 Village of Bratenahl and declaring an emergency.
 17 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 19 suspension, please.
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 23 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 25 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 2 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 4 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Ordinance
 6 4139 for passage.
 7 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 8 MS HOEFLING: Second.
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any further discussion?
 10 There being none, roll call on passage, please.
 11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 12 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 14 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 16 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 18 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 20 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 21 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Hoefling, if you
 22 introduce 4140, would you please offer it as
 23 amended.
 24 MS HOEFLING: Will do. So introducing
 25 Ordinance 4140 for suspension. That the

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1 following claims against the Village of Bratenahl
 2 are hereby directed from the funds and the Fiscal
 3 Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw
 4 her warrants for payment, to wit: In the amount,
 5 amended amount of \$150,459.75.
 6 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 8 suspension, please.
 9 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 10 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 12 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 14 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 16 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 18 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: For passage.
 20 MS HOEFLING: For passage, 4140.
 21 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any discussions or
 23 question? There being none, roll call on
 24 passage, please.
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

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1 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 3 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 5 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 7 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 9 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Thank you.
 11 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Before we
 12 open it up to the audience, any questions from
 13 Council members? Anyone from the audience? Mr.
 14 Orel.
 15 MR. OREL: I got my letter regarding
 16 this building and maintenance.
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yeah. Joe and I
 18 discussed it. You saw some feedback from Mr.
 19 Benjamin. We're going to do what we to keep it
 20 functioning as long as we can.
 21 MR. OREL: I understand that some money
 22 has already been appropriated for paint. Has
 23 that been used yet?
 24 MAYOR LICASTRO: We don't really do that
 25 in the wintertime. That's outside painting.

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1 MR. OREL: But you have to take it out
 2 for bid and that's going to take time.
 3 MAYOR LICASTRO: We haven't authorized
 4 that. There's a project we talked about for
 5 Village Hall. We haven't done that for the
 6 Community Center yet.
 7 Ms. Meade.
 8 MS. MEADE: Yes. I voice concern for
 9 Chuck LoBello's promotion to Police Chief,
 10 because Mayor Licastro wants the public to
 11 believe that Chief LoBello's character and
 12 integrity is of the highest standard, but it's
 13 not. His checkered past includes taking a
 14 weapon, two shootings. One of which he was
 15 charged with assault, use of a weapon while
 16 intoxicated and pled to disorderly conduct with
 17 probation. He was fired from that job.
 18 His report from the Bratenahl shooting
 19 has disappeared. Is it commonplace in Bratenahl
 20 to remove negative incidents from a person's
 21 personnel file? Bratenahl deserves better as
 22 Mayor Licastro did not post the police chief's
 23 position or interview any other candidate for
 24 police chief.
 25 LoBello accidentally shot his girlfriend
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1 in the neck after they returned home from
 2 drinking at a bar and they decided to practice
 3 self-defense techniques. Although they used a
 4 straw as a knife when practicing, he used real
 5 guns instead of another practice object. He was
 6 fired over this shooting. While this report is
 7 missing from LoBello's file, three positive
 8 records from that same employer were included in
 9 his file.
 10 LoBello shot and killed a Bratenahl
 11 resident's dog in front of the homeowner on his
 12 property after the dog ran toward LoBello barking
 13 and growling. LoBello began kicking the dog and
 14 the dog responded and grabbed LoBello's ankle.
 15 LoBello feared great harm justifying the shooting
 16 as it was ruled by somebody as self-defense.
 17 While the Mayor described the event in
 18 detail, including the dog's 80-foot chain,
 19 LoBello's police report doesn't mention the dog's
 20 chain whatsoever. LoBello reported "two small
 21 abrasions." Not dog bites. And there was no
 22 mention of any bleeding or needing medical care,
 23 not even a Band-Aid. LoBello's incident report
 24 raises questions about his judgment and
 25 integrity.
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1 In one document LoBello told a BCI agent
 2 during an investigation that he didn't take
 3 anything from the Bratenahl police property room,
 4 but later admitted that he had taken a
 5 switchblade knife confiscated from a motorcycle
 6 rider and he still had it.
 7 MAYOR LICASTRO: One minute.
 8 MS. MEADE: He said this prior to taking
 9 a polygraph exam, which resulted as inconclusive.
 10 It was a forensic scientist's opinion that
 11 LoBello did not tell the truth during the
 12 polygraph exam. So BCI further questioned his
 13 integrity. Twice the BCI agents suggested
 14 someone other than LoBello recreate the missing
 15 evidence book since his polygraph was
 16 inconclusive, unless he retook a polygraph to
 17 clear up the first test, but the agent's request
 18 was ignored. LoBello recently --
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: 30 seconds.
 20 MS. MEADE: -- recounted how one police
 21 applicant admitted to taking drugs on his
 22 application. While LoBello appreciated his
 23 honesty, he said he didn't hire him, which seems
 24 hypocritical given his own conduct.
 25 I guess his checkered past should not be
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1 rewarded by being promoted to police chief as it
 2 sends the wrong message to other police officers
 3 within the department. How can residents trust
 4 him? I ask Mayor Licastro to reconsider his
 5 decision and reopen the search for police chief.
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Ms. Meade.
 7 The incident happened before LoBello was
 8 on Bratenahl Police Department. There was a
 9 shooting involving his then girlfriend who became
 10 his wife. Talking to Chuck about that, he said
 11 her family has forgiven him, his family has
 12 forgiven him. The only one who hasn't forgiven
 13 Chuck is Chuck himself. There are other
 14 allegations. I'm not sure how much they're
 15 founded in fact.
 16 MS. MEADE: I have public records for
 17 all of it.
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: All I know this, Ms.
 19 Meade, all I know is this department is fortunate
 20 to have someone of Chuck LoBello's character. He
 21 is a fine, upstanding man both as an individual
 22 and as our police chief. We can do far worse
 23 than having LoBello. And I'm proud to say he is
 24 the chief of this department for now and many
 25 years to come.
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1 Anyone else from the audience, please.
 2 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn, please.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mayor.
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: I didn't do the
 5 minutes, so motion to approve the minutes from
 6 last month's meeting, please.
 7 MS. BURKE-JONES: I so move.
 8 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? All in
 10 favor of the motion? Aye. How about a motion to
 11 adjourn.
 12 MR. McDONALD: So move.
 13 MR. TAYLOR: Second.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call adjournment.
 15 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 18 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
 20 MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 22 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 24 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Happy St.
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1 Patrick's Day, everybody. Be safe.
 2 (Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.)
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