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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 20, 2022
6:30 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN LICASTRO
KEITH BENJAMIN
JOYCE BURKE-JONES
TRACY HOEFLING
TOM McDONALD
ROD TAYLOR

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

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Chief LoBello's
2 appointment included a six-month probationary
3 period. We're at the end of that six months.
4 The Chief is out of town. He's done a fabulous
18:30:57 5 job for this department. We're thrilled to have
6 him. He's a man of great vision and character
7 and I don't need to tell you something you
8 already know. So I need a motion to end the
9 probationary period for Chief Chuck LoBello.
18:31:11 10 MR. McDONALD: So move.
11 MR. TAYLOR: Second.
12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? All in
13 favor of the motion?
14 AYES: 5.
18:31:16 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone opposed? Thank
16 you.
17 Something that's on the agenda, we had
18 an eleventh hour opportunity to apply for a 50/50
19 matching grant with the county to resurface Eddy
18:31:28 20 Road. Eddy Road is a county road. And we've
21 been told that it fits their criteria perfectly.
22 It's about \$170,000 project as estimated by Mr.
23 Bierut. We are told we are in line to receive
24 the funds.
18:31:43 25 Now, if it indeed is a 50/50 split, we

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Cooks, would you
2 call the roll, please.
3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
4 MR. BENJAMIN: Here.
5 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
6 MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.
7 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
8 MS. HOEFLING: Here.
9 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
10 MR. McDONALD: Here.
11 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
12 MR. TAYLOR: Here.
13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. I need a
14 motion to approve the minutes as offered.
18:30:27 15 MR. McDONALD: So move.
16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? All in
18 favor of the motion?
19 AYES: 4.
18:30:33 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone opposed?
21 MR. BENJAMIN: One abstention.
22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. I think
23 we're going to hear that a bunch more. Thank you
24 Mr. Benjamin.
18:30:43 25 MR. BENJAMIN: You're welcome.

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1 can take the 85,000 out of the capital
2 improvement fund of which we have two and a
3 quarter, 225,000. We're still hoping that they
4 can work some magic and pay for all of it.
18:31:57 5 We will know soon in the next few weeks,
6 but that road is in terrible shape. And if we're
7 going to be planting beautiful new trees there,
8 we want the road to match the look of the trees.
9 So stay tuned on that, but we're looking, it's
18:32:12 10 looking positive. Keith has been very helpful in
11 that as well. Thank you, Keith.
12 MR. TAYLOR: John, if it's a county
13 road, why isn't the county paying for all of it?
14 I'm curious.
18:32:22 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: We asked that question
16 many times. We're hoping they do pay for all of
17 it, but it's kind a shared road. So that's why
18 it's a 50/50 split, but we're relatively
19 confident they'll pick up the the entire 170.
18:32:36 20 We're encouraging them to do that, but regardless
21 it's got to be done. It's worse and worse.
22 When the county comes off the highway
23 and does a U-turn, the amount of salt they put
24 down on Eddy Road is just unbelievable. That's
18:32:49 25 why we've chosen trees that are salt resistant.

1 The General Assembly, again, is in
 2 session. They'll be very active in May. They've
 3 done things likes conceal carry elimination of
 4 permit and process, which we think is abhorrent.
 18:33:05 5 They're looking to increase the employee
 6 contribution for police pension significantly
 7 from 19 and a half percent to 23 and a half
 8 percent.
 9 Now, it hasn't been increased in 30
 18:33:16 10 years. We get it. However, the burden that
 11 places on communities is huge. I think it's
 12 another -- when the five-year period ends in
 13 increments, it's another \$23,000 a year for
 14 Bratenahl alone. For Cleveland it's about
 18:33:35 15 7 million. So we're hoping to engage in a
 16 dialogue before it's a done deal. We're asking
 17 them to address something that needs to be
 18 addressed, but to do it in smaller increments,
 19 not go from 19 and a half to 23 and a half.
 18:33:47 20 They're trying to come up with on par
 21 with firefighters who have always had more in
 22 employee contribution, employer contribution.
 23 I'll keep you posted. I have a feeling this is
 24 going to get through Columbus very quickly.
 18:34:02 25 Keith, do you have any feedback on that?
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1 MR. BENJAMIN: Not on that particular
 2 piece. I was going to ask you if there was an
 3 update on the General Assembly proposal to
 4 eliminate home rule on short-term rentals.
 18:34:19 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: So we know Bratenahl
 6 has in place a prohibition on rentals less than
 7 30 days. A lot of communities do. The General
 8 Assembly is looking to make that void. The
 9 Airbnb and other lobbyist are pushing hard to
 18:34:35 10 eliminate that. It's not in committee yet. It
 11 should be in committee shortly. We will object
 12 to that under the auspice of home rule, which
 13 they continually whittle it down every time we
 14 turn around. It's not there yet, but we're
 18:34:49 15 looking at that closely. We will lobby not only
 16 on Bratenahl's behalf, but for the right for
 17 communities to rule their home.
 18 MR. BENJAMIN: Thank you.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Municipal income tax
 18:35:01 20 and where you pay is another hot button topic.
 21 In the last month I met with mayors from
 22 Marietta, Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Lima,
 23 Elyria, I can't even remember, about 15 different
 24 communities, OML, Ohio Homeowners Alliance and
 18:35:21 25 several other mayoral entities.
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1 We're doing two things. We're gathering
 2 data to understand the true impact of the revenue
 3 loss that's been projected for the major urban
 4 areas. People are working at home. They
 18:35:32 5 shouldn't have to pay tax both where they live
 6 and where they work, because they're not working
 7 there anymore.
 8 The revenue shift is projected to be
 9 seismic. Cleveland could lose anywhere between
 18:35:44 10 22 million and \$161 million on a \$650 million
 11 budget. Bratenahl stands to gain because we're a
 12 bedroom community, but we can't have core cities
 13 go bankrupt. We're looking at solutions, none of
 14 which are definitive. We're hoping to come up
 18:36:02 15 with something that resonates not just for our
 16 county, but across the state, so we'll continue
 17 to gather data. The filing deadline is past. I
 18 know RITA processed 1,900 requests for refund
 19 that are COVID related. And the average \$1,600
 18:36:17 20 for each individual. If you multiply that across
 21 the state, the number is huge. So we're going to
 22 gather data.
 23 We have locally shared data from all the
 24 communities and Mayors Associations across the
 18:36:31 25 state, so we go to the General Assembly when the
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1 time is right. This is probably not going to be
 2 on their agenda until lame duck of '23. We want
 3 to have solutions in hand, because we cannot
 4 trust the General Assembly to come up with
 18:36:45 5 something viable. Every time they do, it costs
 6 us money. So it's taking a lot of time and
 7 effort to do this. It's probably the most
 8 significant topic we've had as Mayors in 20
 9 years, because for every community in Ohio,
 18:37:02 10 income tax is the lifeblood.
 11 When I first became Mayor, it was two to
 12 one property tax to income tax. Those numbers
 13 are now reversed. Now, why townships don't levy
 14 a tax, another topic for conversation. And, of
 18:37:19 15 course, the concept, the perception in Columbus
 16 is we're swimming in funds. Well, ARPA money has
 17 helped, but it's finite. You have to spend it
 18 within three years. So it's a mountain to climb,
 19 but we're determined to climb it. Any questions
 18:37:37 20 on that?
 21 Thank you. The Mayor's court report --
 22 MR. OREL: Mr. Mayor?
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mark, we take questions
 24 at the end of the meeting. Do you have something
 18:37:45 25 specific to this?
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1 MR. OREL: Yes, to RITA, if I could.
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Sure.
 3 MR. OREL: Yeah, I was wondering in your
 4 discussions with other mayors, is there any
 5 discussion about maybe revamping the way that
 6 local communities collect income tax, because as
 7 I'm sure you know, Ohio is like the whackiest
 8 state in the union as far as the way we collect
 9 taxes here, especially if you're a small business
 10 and you work in multiple communities.
 11 MAYOR LICASTRO: So income tax in the
 12 State of Ohio, everyone has a different rate,
 13 everyone has a different credit, CCA or RITA,
 14 self-collectors, it is convoluted. Businesses
 15 hate it. So that being said, I just mentioned
 16 how it's the lifeblood. We're not advocating
 17 elimination. Someone mentioned that the state
 18 would try to eliminate income tax and replace it
 19 with sales tax. It's just not going to work.
 20 Sales tax doesn't generate enough revenue to make
 21 up for the shortfall.
 22 So we're really trying, like with the
 23 facility, ask every question and come up with
 24 answers, but I don't think we'll come up with
 25 something definitive. Income tax is hated by a
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1 third of the General Assembly. They want to see
 2 it gone, but they offer no solution to replace
 3 the revenue. So a lot of it is uphill battle.
 4 Stay tuned.
 5 Mayor's court for March, the Treasurer
 6 of the State of Ohio, \$3,621; the City of
 7 Cleveland \$133; the County Treasurer \$435; the
 8 Village of Bratenahl, \$21,058. Any questions on
 9 that?
 10 Then before we move to new business, any
 11 questions from the audience on agenda items?
 12 Okay. Well, we're going to start with a
 13 couple --
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Yes, Pat.
 15 MS. MEADE: Just to clarify things you
 16 were saying previously, what is ARPA?
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: It's the American
 18 Recovery Act. I can't think of the exact
 19 acronym. It's the federal one.
 20 MS. MEADE: You said it's good for three
 21 years?
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: The money Bratenahl
 23 receives in two tranches, 60,000 last year,
 24 60,000 this year, but you have to spend it in a
 25 three-year period.
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1 MS. MEADE: Thanks.
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Again, the larger
 3 communities, entitled communities got more. The
 4 nonentitled, of which we are one, got less. We
 5 had to split it with townships, which we still
 6 don't understand, but that money is finite. It
 7 goes away. Anything else on the agenda?
 8 So the first two are really corrections
 9 to resolutions we passed last month. There was
 10 some typos. So Mr. Benjamin, if you would start
 11 with Resolution 1249, please.
 12 MR. BENJAMIN: Resolution 1249, a
 13 resolution amending Resolution 1246 to correct
 14 the name of the submerged land lease applicant
 15 for 13123 Lake Shore Boulevard and declaring an
 16 emergency. I move suspension.
 17 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 19 suspension, please.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 21 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 25 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 2 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 4 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 5 MR. BENJAMIN: Move passage on
 6 Resolution 1249.
 7 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 8 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any questions? There
 9 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 11 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 13 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 15 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 17 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 19 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Burke-Jones, the
 21 same is true of Resolution 1250, if you'd be so
 22 kind.
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes, 1250 for
 24 suspension, a resolution amending Resolution
 25 Number 1247 to correct the name of the submerged
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1 land lease applicant for 13211 Lake Shore
 2 Boulevard and declaring an emergency.
 3 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 5 suspension, please.
 6 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 7 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 9 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 11 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 13 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 15 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Introducing Resolution
 17 Number 1250 for passage.
 18 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any further discussion?
 20 There being none, roll call on passage, please.
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 22 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 24 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 25 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

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1 MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Resolution
 2 1251 for passage.
 3 MR. BENJAMIN: Second. One question,
 4 how many tons of salt are we?
 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: 300.
 6 MR. BENJAMIN: 300 tons. What do we
 7 have leftover from this past season?
 8 MR. ZALAR: Probably about maybe 55
 9 tons.
 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: We had a couple down
 11 years, a couple mild winters. We got 200 tons
 12 and suffice. This year we were sweating bullets
 13 with late snow storms, so we upped it to 300. We
 14 have a great relationship with ODOT. We can
 15 borrow salt if we need to, but we went from 200
 16 to 250 to 300 at Mr. Zalar's recommendation.
 17 Everyone is clear on that? Any further comments.
 18 There being none, roll call on passage,
 19 please.
 20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 21 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 25 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

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1 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 3 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 5 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Hoefling, if you
 7 would, 1251.
 8 MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Resolution
 9 1251 for passage authorizing participation in the
 10 ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2022, and
 11 declaring an emergency. What did I say? For
 12 suspension, I'm sorry, for suspension.
 13 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 15 suspension, please.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 17 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 19 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 21 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 23 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 25 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

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1 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 2 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 3 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 4 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. McDonald, if you
 6 would, 1252.
 7 MR. McDONALD: 1252, a resolution
 8 confirming the action by the Board of Zoning
 9 Appeals approving the variance request for the
 10 property located at 12611 Lake Shore Boulevard to
 11 revise the required 30-foot side yard setback to
 12 11 and a half feet from the west side lot line
 13 and declaring an emergency for suspension.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: You did that all in one
 15 breath. Wow. (Laughter.) Give you some water.
 16 MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second on
 17 suspension?
 18 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 20 suspension, please.
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 22 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 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: Mr. McDonald?
 3 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 18:44:21 5 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 6 MR. McDONALD: Present Resolution Number
 7 1252 for passage.
 8 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: So the BZA met on this
 18:44:32 10 topic after it was reviewed by the Planning
 11 Commission. It is for a garage on the property
 12 at 12611 owned by the Broers. We're pleased to
 13 have Ms. Broer with us today. The Planning
 14 Commission approved it pending approval of the
 18:44:47 15 Board of Zoning Appeals without dealing with the
 16 appeals themselves.
 17 The appeals are twofold, as Mr. McDonald
 18 breathlessly has said. One of it is side yard
 19 setback, the other is garage doors. The memo
 18:45:03 20 from Kris Hopkins, our Planner, made it clear
 21 that both were more than reasonable. The
 22 neighbor to the west, Ms. Weller, gave us a
 23 letter approving the variance because she was
 24 notified of Registered Mail.
 18:45:18 25 Ms. Broer, do you have anything to add?
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1 MS. BROER: Just that we've got our ARB
 2 approval as well.
 3 MAYOR LICASTRO: That's a bigger hurdle.
 4 Congratulations. So this is the first of two.
 18:45:28 5 This one deals with side yard. Any further
 6 questions?
 7 There be being none, roll call on
 8 passage, please.
 9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 10 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 12 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 14 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 15 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 16 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 18 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Taylor, if you
 18:45:43 20 would, Resolution 1253.
 21 MR. TAYLOR: I'd like to introduce
 22 Resolution 1253, a resolution confirming the
 23 action by the Board of Zoning Appeals approving
 24 the variance request for the property located at
 18:45:54 25 12611 Lake Shore Boulevard to revise the required
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1 facing of garage doors in Section 1155.08(a) to
 2 allow the garage doors to face Lake Shore
 3 Boulevard and declaring an emergency, for
 4 suspension.
 18:46:09 5 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 7 suspension, please.
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 9 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 11 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 13 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 15 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 17 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 18 Resolution Number 1253 for passage.
 19 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 18:46:26 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. So again,
 21 our code says that garage doors cannot face the
 22 street. Given the distance from Lake Shore
 23 Boulevard and the manner in which the garage is
 24 positioned, it was deemed that this is more than
 18:46:38 25 reasonable. And the Board of Zoning Appeals
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1 unanimously recommended its approval by Council.
 2 Your last chance, Mrs. Broer, for a
 3 comment.
 4 MS. BROER: Just that there are
 18:46:52 5 significant landscaping between Lake Shore
 6 Boulevard and what will be the garage doors, not
 7 only along the street, but about 300 yards back
 8 there is an additional screen. Also, we were
 9 requested by allowing the garage doors to face
 18:47:05 10 the street, then the short wall of the garage
 11 will be facing the Wellers instead of the long
 12 wall.
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you for your
 14 cooperation. Any questions? Comments? There
 18:47:18 15 being none, roll call on passage, please.
 16 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 17 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 18 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 19 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 20 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 21 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 22 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 23 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 24 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 18:47:28 25 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Vikki, it's
2 going to look great.
3 Mr. Benjamin, circling back to you on
4 1254.

18:47:36 5 MR. BENJAMIN: Resolution 1254, a
6 resolution accepting the proposal of Greenleaf
7 Group, Inc. for the 2022 spring tree planting and
8 declaring an emergency. I move suspension.

9 MR. MCDONALD: Second.
18:47:49 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
11 suspension, please.

12 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
13 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
14 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
15 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

16 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
17 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

18 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
19 MR. MCDONALD: Aye.

20 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
21 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

22 MR. BENJAMIN: And Resolution 1254 I
23 move for passage.

24 MS. HOEFLING: Second.

18:48:09 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: We have Ms. Lyons with
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1 us. Jeanne, any comments for us?

2 MS. LYONS: Yes. First of all, I want
3 to thank Joe Zalar for creating Daffodil hill in
4 front of Village Hall. It's beautiful. The
18:48:24 5 design is beautiful. And it's a great way to
6 utilize the perennials that came out of the
7 median.

8 The site was staked today for the trees.
9 ODOT is coming out to inspect the site on Monday.

18:48:41 10 And planting will commence May 4th. A lot of the
11 trees have not been dug yet, because people
12 cannot get into the fields it's been so wet. So
13 right now we are hoping May 4th is it, because
14 it's supposed to be warming up. The rest of the

18:49:03 15 annuals Joe is going to dig out and put in front
16 of the dog park where the grasses are. They're
17 just going to be yield in ideal until we can come
18 up with a plan of where to put all of the
19 perennials throughout the Village. So is there
18:49:19 20 any questions?

21 MR. BENJAMIN: So I just had a question
22 that if the Eddy Road project moves forward,
23 we'll be able to make sure that the new trees are
24 not disturbed in any way by the construction
18:49:35 25 equipment?

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: We told ODOT we're
2 going to be planting trees. We told the county
3 we'll be planting trees. One will not affect the
4 other. Probably the biggest effect will be road
18:49:45 5 salt, but she's taken into consideration of the
6 trees.

7 MS. LYONS: Well, we have purchased
8 extra trees and they're going to be planted by
9 the service garage, because I know that the trees
18:49:55 10 are going to get hit.

11 MAYOR LICASTRO: So we'll have similar
12 size trees. We're not going to be planting a
13 short tree. It will be the same size that's
14 there, because when they're hit, and they're
18:50:06 15 going to be hit, we'll have a couple extra.

16 MS. LYONS: They'll be replaced and
17 you'll never know that it's a different tree.

18 MR. BENJAMIN: I appreciate it. I
19 remember the Shade Three Commission last year
18:50:17 20 when we reviewed those trees. I think it will be
21 a beautiful addition to the median.

22 MR. JEANS: Thank you.

23 MAYOR LICASTRO: It will really deal
24 with the entryway to the Village. Before year's
18:50:30 25 in, Mr. Benjamin, I hope we decided on monument
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1 signs at other entryways to really beautify those
2 as well. If we can have new trees at the Eddy
3 Road median and new pavement, it's a great start.
4 And she got the obligatory three bids and
18:50:47 5 Greenleaf Group was the cheapest and best. Any
6 other questions or discussion?

7 There be none, roll call on passage,
8 please.

9 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

10 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

11 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

12 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

13 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?

14 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.

15 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

16 MR. MCDONALD: Aye.

17 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

18 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Burke-Jones, if you
18:51:06 20 would, 1255.

21 MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. Introducing
22 Resolution Number 1255 for suspension, a
23 resolution accepting the insurance and management
24 proposal of Hudson Insurance Company for
18:51:19 25 insurance coverage and declaring an emergency.

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1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Is there a second on
 2 suspension?
 3 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 4 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 5 suspension, please.
 6 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 7 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 9 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 11 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 13 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 18:51:39 15 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 16 MS. BURKE-JONES: Resolution Number 1255
 17 for passage.
 18 MS. HOEFLING: Second.
 19 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 18:51:49 20 MAYOR LICASTRO: We got a thorough
 21 report at Mr. McDonald's Finance Committee.
 22 Right now it's the best we can do. We hope we
 23 improve shortly. Any further questions or
 24 comments?
 18:52:01 25 There being none, roll call on passage,
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1 please.
 2 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 3 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 4 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 5 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 7 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 9 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 11 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Hoefling, if you
 13 would, Ordinance 4141.
 14 MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Ordinance
 18:52:19 15 4141 pay claims. I have the say the amount of
 16 the claims, right, the amount we're paying, the
 17 83,000, \$83,722.65, and declaring an emergency
 18 for passage.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: Suspension.
 18:52:33 20 MS. HOEFLING: Suspension.
 21 MR. McDONALD: Second.
 22 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 23 suspension, please.
 24 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 25 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
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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: Mr. McDonald?
 6 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 7 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 8 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 9 MS. HOEFLING: Introducing Ordinance
 18:52:49 10 4141 for passage.
 11 MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
 12 MAYOR LICASTRO: Any further discussion?
 13 It's been recommended by Finance. There being
 14 none, roll call on passage, please.
 15 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 16 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 17 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 18 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 19 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 20 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 21 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 22 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 23 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 24 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 18:53:09 25 MAYOR LICASTRO: That ends the agenda.
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1 Any questions or comments from councilmembers?
 2 MS. BURKE-JONES: Oh, excuse me, it's
 3 going to be Earth Day this Friday.
 4 MR. BENJAMIN: Earth Day. I was
 18:53:23 5 thinking of Arbor Day.
 6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Will it snow?
 7 MS. BURKE-JONES: I guarantee it won't
 8 snow.
 9 MR. BENJAMIN: It's going to be in the
 18:53:31 10 '70s.
 11 MS. BURKE-JONES: I just wanted to say
 12 happy Earth Day to us all.
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: We have a would be
 14 meteorologist.
 18:53:41 15 MR. FRIEDMAN: I'm guaranteeing no more
 16 snow this year. (Laughter.)
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: Every time you say
 18 that, it snowed. Every time.
 19 MR. FRIEDMAN: Eventually I have to be
 18:53:53 20 right.
 21 MR. McDONALD: I'll turn the heater back
 22 on.
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Josh is going to be
 24 graduating from law school in another couple
 18:53:59 25 weeks.
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1 MR. BENJAMIN: Congratulations.
 2 (Applause.)
 3 MAYOR LICASTRO: He has helped us select
 4 a replacement, Lori Hartman, who will start the
 5 middle of May. Josh will help train her. The
 6 position has been invaluable to help with public
 7 records and other things that really bog down the
 8 process. So we're going to really miss Josh. We
 9 are appreciative of not only his tenure, but of
 10 his willingness to train Ms. Hartman as well.
 11 Thank you for that, Josh.
 12 Any other comments from the audience?
 13 Mr. Orel.
 14 MR. OREL: Mr. Taylor, I was just
 15 wondering --
 16 MR. TAYLOR: I did not follow-up on that
 17 yet. I apologize.
 18 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Orel, please direct
 19 your questions to the Chair and we'll then direct
 20 them to the proper Councilperson.
 21 MR. OREL: I was just wondering, what do
 22 we need to do, do we need to -- how does one go
 23 about talking about the maintenance of this
 24 building? Is that Public Improvements? Do we
 25 need to get -- what do we need to do to do that?

1 MAYOR LICASTRO: So obviously we're
 2 talking about a bigger picture with the
 3 facilities study. And that will determine what
 4 we're going renovate, what we're going to
 5 demolish, what we're going to move on with. So
 6 we have to look at that in that context.
 7 MR. OREL: But I'm talking about the
 8 things that need to be done now as a point of
 9 safety and things that can be done now that
 10 aren't a big expense. Can we have the Public
 11 Improvements Committee meet and discuss this or
 12 what?
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: So Mr. Zalar has read
 14 your e-mail. We're looking for some input from
 15 him on what service can undertake and do it
 16 internally, if possible, rather than making it an
 17 outside project, so stay tune. We want to make
 18 it safe as long as we have it. If we build a new
 19 facility, it's not going to be done until '23, so
 20 we will address it. And Mr. Zalar will give us
 21 some comments.
 22 MR. OREL: So what's that schedule like?
 23 MR. ZALAR: When we have time.
 24 MR. OREL: I mean, to discuss or what do
 25 you --

1 MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Orel, weather has
 2 just broken. Springtime is a great time to
 3 approach those projects. We will do so with all
 4 due haste.
 5 MR. OREL: Including railing? I'm
 6 curious what the scope is. That's why I was
 7 wondering if we need a Public Improvements
 8 Committee meeting.
 9 MAYOR LICASTRO: We're always willing to
 10 have Ms. Burke-Jones and her committee weigh in.
 11 The specifics aren't off the top of my head. We
 12 will look at whatever is a safety issue and
 13 address it with all due haste.
 14 MR. OREL: Can we have a Public
 15 Improvements Committee meeting? Is that
 16 possible?
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'm sure we're capable.
 18 MS. BURKE-JONES: We certainly are. We
 19 generally over the past number of years had it on
 20 the first Thursday of the month.
 21 MR. OREL: So will we have one next
 22 month?
 23 MS. BURKE-JONES: I would hope that we
 24 then can have it on the first Thursday of the
 25 month.

1 MR. OREL: Fantastic. Thank you.
 2 MS. BURKE-JONES: It may not be.
 3 Obviously we want to make sure everybody can
 4 attend.
 5 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Anyone
 6 else? Ms. Capello.
 7 MS. CAPELLO: Do you know why there's a
 8 surveyor's flag in the middle of Foster Field
 9 about 20 feet off the street?
 10 MAYOR LICASTRO: I don't. Joe, do you
 11 have any idea?
 12 MR. ZALAR: No.
 13 MAYOR LICASTRO: It's in the middle of
 14 the field?
 15 MS. CAPELLO: It's in the middle of the
 16 field, but it's about 20 feet off the street.
 17 MAYOR LICASTRO: I'd have to ask
 18 Northeast Regional. Don, do you have any
 19 thoughts?
 20 MR. BIERUT: I can look at it after I
 21 leave here. Is it a stake?
 22 MS. CAPELLO: It's a stake with a pink
 23 flag.
 24 MR. BIERUT: I'll take a look.
 25 MS. CAPELLO: Thank you.

1 MAYOR LICASTRO: When did it first
2 appear?

3 MS. CAPELLO: About two weeks ago. I
4 noticed there was somebody working down by
5 Garfield and Foster. And by the time the end of
6 the day came it was in the middle of the field,
7 so I don't know. People keep asking me.

8 MAYOR LICASTRO: We'll find out.

9 MS. CAPELLO: Thank you.

10 MAYOR LICASTRO: Ms. Meade.

11 MS. MEADE: Yes. Did you want to update
12 folks on the accident on Lake Shore Boulevard
13 that took down the telephone pole? And I don't
14 know if the car parts have been removed yet or
15 not.

16 MAYOR LICASTRO: They have been. So it
17 was an OVI charge. A person hit the pole while
18 inebriated. We are putting together cost of
19 damage to Village property and for the cost
20 incurred by CEI, which will be addressed when
21 this individual shows up at our Mayor's court.

22 MS. MEADE: Thank you.

23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone else? Ms.
24 Kreiner.

25 MS. KREINER: I'm going to read a
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1 statement only to try to get through this.

2 On behalf of myself and many of our
3 co-workers, I would like to thank Council for
4 confirming Chief LoBello's probationary period.
5 We appreciate your support of his appointment.

6 Again, I find myself in this unique
7 situation of speaking out as a resident. But
8 using my experience as an employee of the Village
9 for over 20 years.

10 I cannot let the spoken forever
11 memorialized slanted words of one individual
12 portray a career law enforcement officer,
13 co-worker, husband, father so unfairly and not
14 speak out, and my truth.

15 I have worked with Chief LoBello
16 throughout his tenure with the Bratenahl Police
17 Department.

18 As a Bratenahl police officer who worked
19 his way up through the ranks, he took on
20 additional training and responsibilities to
21 better the department. He has been an FTO, range
22 instructor, he led OVI task forces just to name a
23 few. Nominated because of his leadership
24 qualities. He was accepted and graduated from
25 the FBI National Academy, session 252.

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1 My personal assessment of this man's
2 character, integrity, and judgment can be best
3 told by a tragic event in April of 2009. Then
4 Lieutenant LoBello and Patrolman Drotter
5 responded to a call on I-90 when a truck slammed
6 into their police car injuring both officers.
7 Badly bleeding, Sergeant LoBello refused
8 treatment until his partner, who was critically
9 injured, was treated. He also worked the
10 accident scene bloody until backup arrived.

11 I was working that day and it was all
12 hands-on deck making and taking phone calls. I
13 answered my phone and it was Chuck himself. He
14 pleaded with me to call his wife, who at the time
15 was eight and a half months pregnant. He wanted
16 to make sure that she knew he was alive and that
17 he was going to be okay.

18 MAYOR LICASTRO: One minute, Mrs.
19 Kreiner.

20 MS. KREINER: I also had concern for his
21 parents -- he also had concern for his parents
22 and wanted them to be contacted. Hardest call I
23 have ever had to make but I knew his concern for
24 his wife and his unborn child was all he was
25 thinking about. What more can one say about a
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1 man who deeply cares for his family and his
2 fellow officers. No wrong message here. His
3 department supports him and as a resident I
4 support and trust in his appointment as Chief.
5 Thank you.

6 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you, Ms. Kreiner.
7 Anyone else? Yes, ma'am.

8 MS. RANDEL: I'm Erin Randel. I'm a
9 resident of Neff Road and Collinwood. I'm an
10 organizer. I've led the production of the Scoop
11 Line Summer in Collinwood over the past 15 years
12 or so. At some point in the past you were a
13 sponsor and we just haven't done a print edition
14 in the last couple years, so I just brought the
15 flier tonight so that you could see if you were
16 going to return as a sponsor. I'd love to have
17 you. Even more important is your partnership in
18 helping to distribute the Scoop to help promote
19 understanding in your community of the many
20 assets in Collinwood as a neighborhood. And also
21 to help us kind of distribute it here in the
22 Village. And then if you have -- there have been
23 over the years a number of people who run
24 programs here that wanted to invite residents and
25 promote their programs in the Scoop.

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1 The print edition deadline is May the
 2 1st. And we have a year-round website
 3 Collinwoodscoop.org that, again, I'm happy to
 4 share that. I'd also like to touch base on the
 19:02:12 5 critical issue of the closing of the grocery
 6 store in the community. And so I'd like to
 7 follow-up with any member of the Village Council
 8 or any residents who want to continue the
 9 conversation. I think it's an important
 19:02:23 10 opportunity for us all to have a shared vision of
 11 what it would take to get us to shop there and
 12 what we'd be looking for. So those are two
 13 issues. Thank you.
 14 MAYOR LICASTRO: So you have some
 19:02:33 15 literature to share with us?
 16 MS. RANDEL: I don't have these.
 17 They'll be coming out around Memorial Day, but we
 18 do have the fliers out.
 19 MAYOR LICASTRO: And if you can give us
 19:02:40 20 your contact information as well, that will be
 21 helpful.
 22 MS. RANDEL: Yes.
 23 MAYOR LICASTRO: Anyone else? Is there
 24 a motion to adjourn?
 19:02:48 25 MR. McDONALD: So move.
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1 MS. BURKE-JONES: Second.
 2 MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on
 3 adjournment, please.
 4 MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
 5 MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
 6 MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
 7 MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
 8 MS. COOKS: Ms. Hoefling?
 9 MS. HOEFLING: Aye.
 10 MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
 11 MR. McDONALD: Aye.
 12 MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
 13 MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
 14 MS. COOKS: Thank you.
 19:03:03 15 MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. We stand
 16 adjourned. Happy Earth Day.
 17 (Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.)
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