



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009**

Roll Call: Ken Braman
Brenda Hlas-Excused
Tom Jones
Dennis McGlone
Bill Mowery
Scott Pelot
Mike Zita

Also Present:
Mayor David Koontz
Rick Ryland
John Moss
Pete Kostoff
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:02 PM, in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mike Zita, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Mr. Jones moved to add Res. #20-2009 to the agenda, seconded by Mr. McGlone. Mr. Jones indicated he would be offering this Resolution for a first reading only tonight.

Roll Call: Yeas: Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Braman, Pelot, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. McGlone moved to send the request for the Lobbyist legislation back to Committee, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to send the request for Charter Amendment Section 3.12 back to Committee, seconded by Mr. Braman. Mr. Pelot explained the reason is because Council cannot act on any legislation going to the November ballot more than 120 days out. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Kostoff if this was correct, which Mr. Kostoff replied yes. Mr. Kostoff stated this also allows more time to properly draft the changes Council asked for.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to send the request for Charter Amendment Section 5.10 back to Committee, seconded by Mr. Braman. Mr. Pelot explained the reason was the same as the previous proposed Charter Amendment.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Gayle Brenner, a Norton resident, spoke about the upcoming Apple Blossom Ball, which is a fundraiser for the Norton Cider Festival, (see attached) and urged everyone to come.

Ms. Charlotte Whipkey, a Norton resident, stated she was glad to see you are re-thinking the Charter Amendment 3.12 and she suggested her own changes to the language (See attached). Ms. Whipkey stated she felt this change should only apply to Council, not to the various Boards and Commissions. Ms. Whipkey stated that it is the people's Charter and it should be written in a way that we could all understand it. Ms. Whipkey discussed her same concerns with the new Robocar adding that all of the information should not be retained, just the ones that are red flagged.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 26, 2009; Mr. Jones noted one correction to page #3 where Mr. Ryland was discussing the salt situation. The figure should be \$500,000.00 not \$1,500,000.00. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Minutes of the Committee Work Session of February 2, 2009; Mr. Jones noted one correction on page #2 where Mrs. Tompkins was speaking, it should be 2008 not 2009. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Koontz had no report to offer. Mr. Ryland stated he recently met with an Aid from U.S. Representative Betty Sutton's office to discuss getting assistance with obtaining grants for infrastructure. Mr. Ryland stated the meeting went well and that another meeting with Ms. Sutton would be forthcoming. Mr. Ryland stated we would also be discussing getting Norton our own zip code. Mr. Ryland gave a brief update on the condition of the city's plowing equipment with the recent snowstorm. Mr. Ryland stated that we are now down to three (3) plow trucks due to broken sub frames.

Mr. Zita temporarily recessed the Regular Council Meeting in order to convene the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mr. Zita convened the Public Hearings on the five (5) applications for Agricultural district renewals at 7:15 PM.

#1 Renewal for Agricultural District, 4903 Hametown Rd.-Owner: Michael & Rajena Quinn. Mr. Zita called for anyone in favor to come forward. Ms. Jan Louis, a Norton

resident came forward and stated she was in favor of approving this application. Mr. Andrew Lehner, a Norton resident, came forward stating he was in favor of this application. Ms. Charlotte Whipkey, a Norton resident, came forward stating she was in favor of this application and all of the others. Mr. Zita called twice more for anyone else to come forward; there was no response. Mr. Zita called three times for anyone against the application, and there was no response.

#2 Renewal for Agricultural District, 4359 Johnson Rd., -Owner: Dale Adams

Mr. Zita called for anyone in favor of the application to come forward. Mr. Adams came forward and asked that Council approve his renewal. Mr. Zita called twice more for anyone else in favor; there was no response. Mr. Zita called three times for anyone against the application to come forward; there was no response.

#3 Renewal for Agricultural District, 3456 S. Hametown Rd., Owner: Hugh Quinn

Mr. Zita called for anyone in favor of the application to come forward; there was no response. Mr. Zita called three times for anyone against the application to come forward; there was no response.

#4 Renewal for Agricultural District, 3856 Greenwich Rd., Owner: Ronald & Janis Louis

Mr. Zita called for anyone in favor of the application to come forward Mr. Zita explained there was an error on the application relating to the correct parcel number, which needs to be clarified. The correct parcel number should be 4606201 not 4605201. Ms. Jan Louis came forward and explained this was a typographical error and thanked the Clerk of Council for bringing it to her attention. Mr. Zita asked Ms. Louis to report to the Clerk after the meeting to correct the application. Mr. Zita called twice more for anyone else in favor; there was no response. Mr. Zita called three times for anyone against the application to come forward; there was no response.

#5 Renewal for Agricultural District, 5040 Fairland Rd., Owner: Edward & Mary Soltis

Mr. Zita called three times for anyone in favor of the application to come forward, there was no response. Mr. Zita called three times for anyone against the application to come forward; there was no response.

Mr. Zita closed the Public Hearings at 7:22 PM, and reconvened the Regular Council Meeting back in session.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

ORD #10-2009

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #10-2009 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. McGlone.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, McGlone, Jones, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord #10-2009, seconded by Mr. McGlone.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, McGlone, Jones, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

RES#11-2009

Mr. Pelot offered Res. #11-2009 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DALIA SPISAK TO FILL A SECOND FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF NORTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Pelot moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Braman.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Res. #11-2009, seconded by Mr. Braman.

Roll Call: Yeas: Pelot, Braman, Jones, McGlone, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #12-2009

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #12-2009 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NORTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009.

Mr. McGlone moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Jones, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #12-2009, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Jones, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #13-2009

Mr. Mowery offered Ord. #13-2009 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 452.13 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

RES #14-2009

Mr. Braman offered Res. #14-2009 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 3456 SOUTH HAMETOWN ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

RES #15-2009

Mr. Braman offered Res. #15-2009 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 5040 FAIRLAND ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

RES #16-2009

Mr. Braman offered Res. #16-2009 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4903 HAMETOWN ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

RES #17-2009

Mr. Braman offered Res. #17-2009 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 3856 GREENWICH ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

RES #18-2009

Mr. Braman offered Res. #18-2009 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4359 JOHNSON ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

ORD #19-2009

Mr. Jones offered Ord. #19-2009 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD, GREENRIDGE ROAD, DURHAM ROAD, DRIFTWOOD ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER PARCELS BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING WATER LINES, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO COMPRISING THE CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Jones stated this is a first reading only tonight if Council agrees with that. Mr. Pelot asked Mr. Ryland if there was a time line we need to meet with this? Mr. Ryland replied we have neglected infrastructure for forty (40) years, another couple of weeks will not make a difference. Mr. Pelot asked if there was a reason for holding this off? Mr. Jones replied he would like to see a review of the bid package of this area. He is getting conflicting reports from people who are going to assessed monies for this project. Mr. Jones stated he sent a memo out asking questions last Friday, in particular he asked about the boring under I-76 and the need for pump stations. Mr. Jones stated Mayor Koontz did reply, indicating that it does not need pump stations, that it is pressurized. Mr. Jones discussed the city's cost of \$220,000.00 to bore under I-76, and asked to have more discussions next Monday night. Mr. Ryland stated the bid packages are put together for the purpose of bidding the project. If there is a specific question, we can address it with the Engineers who designed the project. Everything that you have before you, and the assessments are based on the Engineers estimated costs. Mr. Pelot stated that the figures are all just estimates, and once it goes out for bid it is the contractors that put the price to it. Mr. Jones stated he would leave it up to Council, the one thing he had asked for was where is the \$220,000.00 coming from? Mr. Ryland replied from the General Fund. Mr. Zita asked what other questions did he not get answers to that he asked about? Mr. Jones stated he was not exactly sure because Mrs. Richards was not exactly sure when she went through her folder. Mr. Jones asked how many residents are affected by this waterline? Mr. Ryland replied he did not know the exact number, he would have to sit down and count them. Mr. Jones stated one party told him their cost would be a little less than \$3,000.00 and another told him their cost would be less than \$5,000.00. Mr. Ryland stated that could be correct, this project is based on per benefit, not frontage and depending on the number of benefits you have, it affects your cost. Most residential parcels are paying a cost of \$2,937.65. Mr. Jones stated that we cannot pass Ord. #19-2009 without passing Res. #20-2009 first, and Mr. Ryland concurred. Mayor Koontz stated that there are approximately 100 properties on the assessment list, and Mr. Ryland stated there are 206 total benefits, he was not clear in the number of properties. Mayor Koontz reminded Council that only one resident filed a letter of objection to this assessment project, and Mr. Ryland concurred. Mayor Koontz asked Mr. Jones what was his problem with this legislation? Mr. Jones stated he wanted to see more information, he would feel more comfortable, we are spending the taxpayers money, and he had no idea the \$220,000.00 was coming out of the General Fund until tonight. Mayor Koontz reminded Mr. Jones this figure was in the 2009 Budget. Mr. Zita stated that with all due respect, talk is

cheap and the longer we wait, winter is getting away from us and we should not wait on getting this out for bid. We could risk losing contractors because summer projects are already being bid out. Mr. Jones stated he understood where Mr. Zita was coming from, but a couple of weeks would not matter. Mr. Zita stated he was not sure what more information would be gathered in the next two weeks. Mr. Jones discussed the costs that Barberton and Norton charges and there has been a lot of dialog on that. Mr. Ryland asked if Mr. Jones was referring to the tap in fees and Mr. Jones replied that's correct. Mr. Ryland asked what does that have to do with this project? Mr. Jones replied, not the tap in fees, the monies we charge, the same as Barberton for the lateral lines. How much does Barberton charge us for the water line? Mr. Ryland replied that Barberton does not charge us anything for the waterline. Barberton charges the residents a tap in fee once they tap into the lateral. Mr. Jones asked what do we charge, and Mr. Ryland replied the City of Norton charges roughly \$1,100.00. Mr. Jones asked if there was something else that he was missing, and that is why he wants to discuss it further. Mr. Pelot clarified this legislation is just to run the lateral line down the road and it has nothing to do with the residents tapping into it. Mr. Jones stated he understood that, they do not have to tap into the waterline. Mr. Jones asked where does this \$3,000.00 per benefit come from? Mr. Ryland replied that comes from the cost of the pipe, the construction to lay the pipe, the engineering, EPA approvals, etc. This is all put into one big bucket as the total price and shared per benefit. Mr. Jones indicated the school has the most benefits, and Mr. Ryland concurred, they have forty (40) benefits. Mr. Jones asked why is the \$3,000.00 being assessed to the residents? Mr. Ryland stated because that is the fifty (50) percent of the cost for the waterline being laid in front of their home, which they have access to and is an improvement to their home. Mr. Jones argued that it is only an improvement to their home if they chose to tap into it. Mr. Ryland disagreed; it's an improvement to their home regardless because the line is there. Mr. Jones stated he couldn't support this until he gets more information, more clarity of the total costs for people. There are some people who cannot afford to even pay their real estate taxes let alone being assessed \$3,000.00. Mr. Pelot added this assessment is spread out over twenty (20) years. Mayor Koontz urged Mr. Jones to clearly state all of your questions so we can address them. Mr. Jones asked Mayor Koontz why is he pushing this so hard? Mayor Koontz stated he is asking for his questions and Mr. Jones stated he would like to have some answers to them and obviously he is not getting them. Mayor Koontz asked for clearly stated questions and they would be answered. Mr. Jones stated all he is asking for is to massage this over next Tuesday, and we could maybe waive the third reading the following Monday. Mayor Koontz asked for anyone on Council to relay a particular question to the Administration for it to be answered. Mr. Mowery stated this in Ward 3, which is his ward and if we could wait, he would talk with his residents that have asked some questions. We would get this wrapped up and finalized at the next meeting. Mr. Ryland added that we have been working on this project since May of 2008. Mr. Mowery stated he would get together with Mr. Jones and the residents, and resolve any questions that may still be hanging out there. Mr. McGlone stated he felt the same as the Administration, we have been waiting forty (40) years, and he is ready to go on this. He knows what the water is like at Norton Middle School. Mr. Moss commented about the discounts that may be realized by bidding out of the season, and the savings advantages. We will never know if the two (2) weeks will make a difference, the whole idea was to capture some of that discount. Mr. Jones commented on the Hazelwood and Connect project and the discrepancies and he hoped that would not be the case on this waterline project. Mayor Koontz pointed out that this was a different engineering firm and project manager, and is totally unrelated to this project. Mayor Koontz reminded everyone that water connections are not mandatory like they are with sewer lines. Mayor Koontz

added this is also a benefit to the property due to fire hydrants, which they do not have now and they would probably see some savings with their insurance. Mr. Braman stated we have dragged our feet long enough and just because we pass this tonight does not mean we have to stop discussing it, it gives them the right to get the bids. Mr. Pelot stated now is the time when construction is slow, and some companies have no work for their employees. They will be very competitive with their bids; two (2) weeks may or may not make a difference. Mr. Pelot stated he felt that we need to move forward on this. Mr. Ryland reminded Council, once they give the authority; it takes four (4) to five (5) weeks to get the bid anyway, which may be the end of March. Mr. Moss stated we also have to come back to Council with that bid and you have the right to reject it or accept. Mr. Kostoff stated that Mr. Jones was correct, that you have to adopt Res. #20-2009 accepting the Assessment Board Report before you can adopt Ord. #19. Mr. Zita suggested moving on to Res. #20-2009 and coming back to Ord. #19-2009.

*ADDED TO THE AGENDA

RES #20-2009

Mr. Jones offered Res. #20-2009 for its first reading and asked the clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD ON OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE ESTIMATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD, GREENRIDGE ROAD, DURHAM ROAD, DRIFTWOOD ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER PARCELS BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING WATER LINES, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO COMPRISING THE CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Jones indicated this would be a first reading only. Mr. Zita asked what he hoped to do with a first reading? Mr. Jones stated that he is the Chair of the Utilities Committee and that is all he is willing to act on is a first reading, if you want to act on it, go ahead. Mr. Jones stated there is a reference in both of these pieces of legislation that states "*and certain other parcels*" and he asked Mr. Kostoff what that means? Mr. Kostoff replied that is a catchall phrase and at the end of the day the plans on public display are the plans that the city is going out to bid with. Mr. Braman stated he understands where Mr. Jones is coming from and he also sees the need to expedite this whole process, however he does not like to go against the Chair of the Committee. Mr. Braman moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Pelot, McGlone, Zita
Nays: Jones, Mowery

Motion passed 4-2.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Res. #20-2000, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Mowery stated he hoped some of the estimates and confusion that is still out there goes smooth and that this does not take any more money out of the residents pockets.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Pelot, McGlone, Zita
Nays: Jones, Mowery

Motion passed 4-2.

ORD #19-2009

Mr. Jones turned this back over to Mr. Braman. Mr. Braman offered Ord. #19-2009 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD, GREENRIDGE ROAD, DURHAM ROAD, DRIFTWOOD ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER PARCELS BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING WATER LINES, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO COMPRISING THE CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Braman moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Jones asked Mrs. Richards to repeat Mr. Braman's offering of Ord. #19-2009. Mrs. Richards replied that Mr. Braman offered it for another first reading. Mr. Jones stated this was already offered. Mrs. Richards asked what was the problem, Mr. Braman was giving another reading, and suspending the readings. Mr. Jones stated it should to waive the third reading. Mr. Zita stated that we had to back track because we had to do Res. #20-2009 first. Mr. Moss stated he was not sure that you could count that as a second reading even though it was read twice on the same night, it still is a first reading. Mr. Pelot stated he believed it still counts as a first reading and that we are waiving the second and third readings, Mr. Kostoff stated that was correct.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Pelot, McGlone, Zita
Nays: Jones, Mowery

Motion passed 4-2.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #19-2009, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Pelot, McGlone, Zita
Nays: Jones, Mowery

Motion passed 4-2.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION:

ORD #1-2009

Mr. Braman offered Ord. #1-2009 for its third reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE VARIOUS PROPERTIES IN THE AREAS OF GREENWICH ROAD AND CROYDON ROAD, NORTON, OHIO FROM R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO B-2 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Mr. Braman moved to adopt Ord. #1-2009, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Pelot, Jones, McGlone, Zita
Nays: Mowery

Motion passed 5-1.

ORD #5-2009

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #5-2009 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCES FROM THE GENERAL FUND INTO VARIOUS FUNDS.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #5-2009, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Jones, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #6-2009

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #6-2009 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND INTO VARIOUS FUNDS.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #6-2009, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Jones, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD #7-2009

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #7-2009 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE NOMINAL EXPENDITURES FOR REFRESHMENTS OR MEALS TO BE SERVED AT VARIOUS EVENTS, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #7-2009, seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Jones, Mowery, Braman, Zita
Nays: None

Motion passed 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Jones discussed the plow trucks breaking down and asked Mr. Ryland what was the oldest vehicle we have? Mr. Ryland replied he was not sure but he would provide Council

with a listing. Mr. Jones asked if we should be looking at replacing one of the vehicles now? Mr. Ryland stated the vehicle maintenance is fine, it's the plowing sub frames that we are having problems with, which really take a beating in this weather. Mr. Jones stated he would like to see a breakdown on the trucks and plow vehicles. Mr. Pelot questioned the cost to replace a five (5) ton vehicle and Mr. Ryland replied approximately \$150,000.00.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Koontz made several community announcements, (see attached).

Mr. Jones asked Mayor Koontz about the handout relating to the tax credit information, specifically under Economic Development, I-76 and SR-261. Mr. Jones inquired about this specific area and Mayor Koontz replied generally around Wadsworth Crossing, and Mr. Jones stated we only go to Medina Line Road not to I-76. Mr. Pelot discussed the recent fundraiser spaghetti dinner put on by the Norton Cornerstone PACE group, they had a great turnout, the community support was tremendous. Monetary donations can still be made to the school to the attention of Mrs. Morrison.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Kostoff if there was any way that the City of Norton could get out of the Mosquito Abatement District (MAD)? Mr. Kostoff stated he has not been asked to look at this, and would have to review the contract. Mr. Jones stated we were put into this without the people's knowledge. Mr. Jones suggested either Council or the Administration ask Mr. Kostoff to look into that. Mr. Ryland reminded everyone that the MAD is set up as a political subdivision. Mr. Pelot suggested waiting until we decide if we are going with Summit County as our health district because they already offer mosquito spraying and it would be a duplication of services. Mayor Koontz reminded everyone if you have any questions relating to the Cleveland-Massillon Road Waterline Project to get them to us so we can address them. Mr. Pelot gave kudos to the Service Dept. in keeping the roads clear, they have done an excellent job on the snow removal, especially with the trucks breaking down.

ADJOURN:

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Mike Zita, President of Council

I, Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on February 23, 2009.

Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

****NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM****

All Council & Committee Meetings will be held at the Norton Safety Administration Building, unless otherwise noted.