



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**

The Regular Council Meeting was convened on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Dennis McGlone, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

Roll Call:	Jack Gainer	Also Present:
	Dan Karant	Mayor Zita
	Paul Tousley	Justin Markey
	Scott Pelot	Pamela Keener
	Charlotte Whipkey	Kerry Macomber
	Joe Kernan	
	Dennis McGlone	

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-Reports from Standing Committees**

Mr. McGlone acknowledged receipt of the Financial Reports for March 2021.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2021 were accepted as submitted.

Minutes of Committee Work Session of April 5, 2021 were accepted as submitted.

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Zita reminded all that Saturday, April 17, 2021, 9 – 11 a.m., is the citywide community work day – Clean Up Norton – and a tree planting will be done around 10:15. All interested parties are welcome and should come out and help beautify the community.

Mr. Karant announced the Community Prayer Breakfast will be via Zoom again this year on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7 - 8 a.m. The program will be delivered by Pastor Kenny, Grace Bible Church in New Franklin. The topic is the International Welcome Center, which serves Summit County and helps to integrate people from outside. Donations of \$5.00 or more are requested in support of this mission. Zoom link information will be sent to those that provide a donation and their email address.

Mr. Karant also announced his retirement from the Medicine Shoppe and although he may still be there on occasion, he will not be there on a day-to-day basis and is not really involved in it. In consultation with Chief Dalessandro, it was decided to utilize the drug receptacle at the Norton Fire Division, 3380 Greenwich Road, rather than hold an independent Drug Take Back Day. If there are any questions, you can contact him on his cell phone.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

### **Ord. No. 49-2021**

Mr. Pelot introduced Ord. No. 49-2021 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 noted that the American Legal Publishing Company provided the information pertaining to the State laws and asked if there were any further questions. Mr. Karant noted that we can look up changes on line. Mr. Markey explained this update is provided every year to all municipalities and includes model legislation for the state law categories as part of the codification service. The red line or modified version could be provided, if needed, once we get it back. Ms. Whipkey agreed she could look up the changes on her own. Mr. Pelot moved to waive second and third readings; seconded by Mr. Karant.

Roll Call: Yes: Pelot, Karant, Gainer, Tousley, Whipkey, Kernan, McGlone  
No: None

Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Pelot moved to adopt Ord. No. 49-2021; seconded by Mr. Karant.

Roll Call: Yes: Pelot, Karant, Gainer, Tousley, Whipkey, Kernan, McGlone  
No: None

Motion passed: 7 – 0

### **Res. No. 50-2021**

Mr. Gainer introduced Res. No. 50-2021 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 3631 S MEDINA LINE ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Gainer said the Public Hearing will be held on April 26, 2021. This is for a renewal for PPN 46-07452 for almost 46 acres in an agricultural district.

First reading only.

### **Res. No. 51-2021**

Mr. Kernan introduced Res. No. 51-2021 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A 1.9 MILL LEVY APPEARING ON THE MAY 4, 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT AS ISSUE 10 FOR THE AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kernan noted the election is on May 4, 2021 and moved to waive second and third readings; seconded by Mr. Pelot.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Pelot, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Whipkey, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Kernan moved to adopt Res. No. 51-2021; seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Kernan noted this is not a tax increase. It is placing the existing 1.9 mill back in place. He noted the importance of the libraries and stated the Norton branch is a great resource. He is pleased to help support this issue. Mr. Tousley stated that he was elected to represent his residents when they don't have a voice. In this case, they can represent themselves so he will abstain.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, McGlone, Gainer, Karant, Pelot, Whipkey  
No: None  
Abstain: Tousley  
Motion passed: 6 – 0 - 1

### **INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

#### **Ord. No. 37-2021**

Mr. Kernan offered Ord. No. 37-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WINDFALL FUNDING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$36,000.

Mr. Kernan said this item has been discussed by Council and the Administration has requested it be moved forward because it is time sensitive. Mr. Kernan moved to waive the third reading; seconded by Ms. Whipkey. Ms. Whipkey said we are going to get the \$36,000 back one way or another and still save money so there is no problem in waiting. Mr. Kernan concurred.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Kernan moved to adopt Ord. No. 37-2021; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 – 0

#### **Ord. No. 41-2021**

Mr. Kernan offered Ord. No. 41-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH WOOSTER BUILDINGS, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A STAGE ROOF FOR COLUMBIA WOODS PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kernan said the Administration is anxious to get this underway and the Kiwanis has donated half of the cost of the project and moved to waive the third reading; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Kernan moved to adopt Ord. No. 41-2021; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 – 0

**Ord. No. 43-2021**

Mr. Kernan offered Ord. No. 43-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CTL ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WOOSTER ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,769; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kernan stated this is time sensitive and moved to waive the third reading; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Tousley asked if the waterline would be put in before the resurfacing begins. Mayor Zita stated that was the intention. Mr. Markey remarked he is in communication with Mr. Fowler who shared that the waterline pipes have been delivered as there had been an issue with the pipe so they will be installed prior to the resurfacing.

Mr. Kernan moved to adopt Ord. No. 43-2021; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, McGlone  
No: None  
Motion passed: 7 – 0

**Ord. No. 45-2021**

Mr. Kernan offered Ord. No. 45-2021 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE GREENWICH ROAD SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,988; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Kernan stated this is time sensitive and there have been several discussions on this matter and moved to waive third the reading; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, McGlone  
No: None

Motion passed: 7 – 0

Mr. Kernan moved to adopt Ord. No. 45-2021; seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yes: Kernan, Whipkey, Gainer, Karant, Tousley, Pelot, McGlone  
No: None

Motion passed: 7 – 0

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

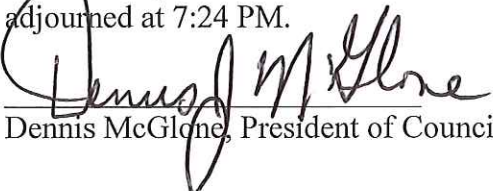
Mayor Zita announced the Greenwich Road waterline, which is about a half mile from the Norton Fire Division, will begin soon and there were a couple of backhoes that were parked there. The materials for this project are being stored on the property of the previous fire station.

Mayor Zita announced the Adopt-A-Space program will resume this year and they are actively seeking sponsors and care takers. This can be a group, committee, or a bunch of friends to take care of a spot. Anyone interested in participating should contact City Hall. Mr. Karant asked if the groups that sponsored a site in previous years could sponsor the same site. The Kiwanis have taken care of the Community Center and they have voted to sponsor that site again. The Mayor said yes. He indicated that they did not run the program last year due to the difficult environment caused by the pandemic.


Mr. Pelot inquired if contact had been made with Mr. Lehner regarding his request for a time extension on the water and sewer assessments. Mr. Markey said there have been conversations and they are working on it. There will be an update provided to Council next week.

### **ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

  
Dennis McGlone, President of Council

I, Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on April 26, 2021.

  
Kerry Macomber, Clerk of Council

**\*\*Note: these minutes are not verbatim\*\***  
Original signed and approved minutes are on file with Clerk of Council.

