

# City of Seven Hills

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COUNCIL MEETING HELD March 11, 2019

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This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Anthony D. Biasiotta at 8:16 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ROLL CALL

Present and accounted for were Mayor Dell'Aquila, Director of Law Pignatiello, Director of Finance Herwick, Councilman-at-Large Elliott, Councilwoman-at-Large Kelly, Councilwoman-at-Large Stager, Ward 1 Councilman Biasiotta, Ward 2 Councilman Wrobel, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, Ward 4 Councilman Greenwald, Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson, Building Commissioner Vittardi, and Engineer Collins.

## READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

**MOTION** by Ms. Stager, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to accept the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held February 19, 2019, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

## CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION** by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Biasiotta, to accept the Consent Agenda of March 11, 2019, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

## RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION

**Resolution No. 6-2019** – A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO ANTHONY JAMES ZESZUT, IN OBTAINING HIS EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR.

**MOTION** by Mr. Wrobel, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Resolution No. 6-2019 in its entirety for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 6-2019 was read in its entirety by the Clerk of Council for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Wrobel, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to adopt Resolution No. 6-2019 as an emergency measures.

**Mr. Wrobel** stated:

“I would like to make a couple of comments. This is really impressive on so many levels, especially as a former Boy Scout who only made it to second class. You know it’s not easy becoming an Eagle Scout. You know, not only did Anthony achieve the Eagle Scout classification, but he has done so much at St. Ignatius as part of his education -- it’s very impressive.”

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**Mr. Wrobel** concluded:

“Kudos to you and congratulations. Very, very happy that the City of Seven Hills has bestowed this honor upon you. You deserve it.”

**Mr. Greenwald** stated:

“Anthony, I spoke to you briefly, earlier. I was also a Boy Scout. I made it all the way through Life Scout and I never finished my Eagle Scout project. I had a great time in scouting and I hope you did, too. I would like to congratulate you for all your hard work and actually finishing it and becoming an Eagle Scout. I wish you the best of luck going forward in college.”

**Mr. Snitzky** stated:

“You know, Anthony, I guess I am going to add to the choir here. A life of service starts out where you are at right now. You have three Boy Scouts in a row here. I was a Life Scout myself and my son was an Eagle Scout. So, I know what that Eagle project was like. But in addition to that, your curriculum vertex, your resume you have accomplished in addition to being an eagle Scout is impressive as heck. Theology and PolySci -- that ought to be an interesting mixture there. St. Ignatius has had a thing for years that if there is nobody left to carry you when you are being carried to that final resting place, the Ignatius boys will do it for you. I always thought that was a really, pretty cool thing. A life of service -- congratulations and keep up the good work.”

**Ms. Kelly** stated:

“Anthony, it is so refreshing to see such a fine, young man like yourself with so many wonderful achievements. You are a fine example to those around you. Your leadership is wonderful for those around to see as an example. I wish you good luck in the future at college and in all your endeavors.”

**Mr. Elliott** stated:

“She had me all the way with your resume and coming from a St. Edward Eagle, that’s tough. But at least you’re an Eagle Scout -- that’s all I got. Unbelievable resume. Congratulations.”

**Mayor Dell’Aquila** stated:

“Anthony, hi again, and congratulations again. I used to be proud that I also made it to second class until I heard a more complete description of what you’ve accomplished in your life. As I expressed to you previously, I believe you have a lot of great things ahead of you. We are so proud to have you coming from our City with your fine accomplishments -- obviously no prouder than your parents and family. We all look forward to hearing more great things about your accomplishments in the future. Congratulations again.”

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**Council President Biasiotta** stated:

“I will wrap it up and try to be quick -- I know we have homework tonight. Congratulations, Anthony, and congratulations to mom and dad, too. Every time we see great effort and great achievement in these chambers it’s rare and did not happen without help. So, you know, all the years prior who was driving while you were earning some of those twenty-one badges. There was mom, dad, and your sister to support you while you were off earning all these badges.”

**Council President Biasiotta** continued:

“Congratulations to the entire Zeszut family. Tonight is yours, Anthony. As I mentioned to you just a couple of minutes ago, less than 4% of all Scouts ever obtain Eagle Scout. Out of the millions that join, millions and millions over the years, less than 4% -- and it is all often indicative of dedication and hard work that it takes to get here. It plants a seed for so much success in the future. Of the 4% that made Eagle Scout, and I know you probably know these numbers by heart, were Presidents of the United States -- we have eleven Medal of Honor recipients, forty astronauts, great members of industry that contributed amazing inventions that made our lives better. All of them got their start as an Eagle Scout.”

**Council President Biasiotta** concluded:

“So, I look forward to all the great things you will do. But tonight, we are going to honor you with this Resolution for what you have done so far. Great job, Anthony, and I am honored that you are a Seven Hills resident. Thank you all for coming tonight.”

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-2019 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

*There was a hearty round of applause from the audience and all those present upon the adoption of Resolution No. 6-2019.*

Council President Biasiotta left his seat on the dais and proceeded to the audience to present the Resolution of Commendation to Eagle Scout Anthony James Zeszut. Council President Biasiotta presented the commendation to Anthony on behalf of Council and the Administration with his congratulations and best wishes.

*There was an additional round of applause and a standing ovation from everyone present as Anthony James Zeszut accepted the honor.*

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*At this point in the meeting there was a short recess as members of the audience were excused from the remainder of the Council Meeting, took photographs, and exited Council Chambers.*

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development**

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 18, 2019. Mr. Snitzky said that the minutes from the previous meeting (February 19, 2019) are on file with the Clerk of Council.

### **Public Works**

Public Works Committee Chairman Greenwald stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, March 4, 2019, and the minutes from that meeting are pending. Mr. Greenwald said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, April 2, 2019.

### **Community Services**

Community Services Committee Chairperson Kelly stated that the Committee also last met on Monday evening, March 4, 2019, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Ms. Kelly said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, April 2, 2019.

### **Police and Fire**

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Elliott stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 18, 2019. Mr. Elliott said that the minutes from the last meeting (February 19, 2019) are on file with the Clerk of Council.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Wrobel stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 18, 2019.

### **Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics**

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Stager stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, March 4, 2019, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Ms. Stager said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, April 2, 2019.

### **Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel**

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Biasiotta stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, March 4, 2019, and earlier today, March 11, 2019, in special session for Budget Hearings, and the minutes from both meetings are pending.

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Mr. Biasiotta stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 18, 2019.

## APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

There were no appointments or confirmations.

## COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

The Clerk of Council read into the record a copy of an email, dated February 11, 2019, received from **Tara Mack**, a Seven Hills resident, addressed to the Director of the Seven Hills Basketball Federation, in reference to the Seven Hills Junior Cavs Basketball Program at the Community Recreation Center.

*The subject letter, in its entirety, has been appended to these minutes for reference as an exhibit.*

## COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION** by Mr. Wrobel, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to further amend Amended Ordinance No. 65-2018 to correct some typographical errors and to make corrections. To correct on page 2 of the Ordinance under Section 149.03, there is a typographical error in the second line that reads ‘.....the City of Seven Hills as discretion.....’ should read ‘.....the City of Seven Hills **has** discretion.....’. Also, under Section 149.04, line 4, the word ‘five’ should be removed so that it reads ‘.....in the following personal information systems only.....’. Also, in Item c, page 6, the second last line to change the word ‘over’ to the word ‘**or**’.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Amended Ordinance No. 65-2018** – AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 149 ENTITLED “PROTECTING PRIVACY”, AS CONTAINED IN TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO.

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**MOTION** by Mr. Wrobel, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to read Amended Ordinance No. 65-2018 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Amended Ordinance No. 65-2018 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Wrobel, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to pass Amended Ordinance No. 65-2018.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 65-2018 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 31-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND THAT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS AGREES TO GRANT AN ANNUAL CONSERVATION APPROPRIATION TO THE SWCD NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.00 FOR A 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR SAID SERVICE.

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Stager, to read Ordinance No. 31-2019 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 31-2019 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Stager, to pass Ordinance No. 31-2019.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 31-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 32-2019** – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$7,500.00 FOR A CHANGE ORDER TO ORDINANCE NO. 78-2017, PASSED BY COUNCIL JUNE 26, 2017, WHICH AUTHORIZED AN INITIAL AMOUNT OF \$23,600.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN REGARD TO THE NATATORIUM AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER.

**MOTION** by Ms. Stager, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to read Ordinance No. 32-2019 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 32-2019 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

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**MOTION** by Mr. Stager, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to pass Ordinance No. 32-2019.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 32-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 33-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH RICHARD L. BOWEN + ASSOCIATES, INC., OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$149,996.00, TO SERVE AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY AND SUPERVISE THE EXECUTION OF THE 2019 CITY ROAD PROGRAM.

**MOTION** by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to read Ordinance No. 33-2019 by title only for its third and final reading.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**  
Ordinance No. 33-2019 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to pass Ordinance No. 33-2019.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 33-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

**Ordinance No. 38-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH ORKIN PEST CONTROL OF BRECKSVILLE, OHIO, TO PROVIDE PEST CONTROL SERVICES FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 FOR CITY HALL AND THE POLICE ANNEX, THE FIRE STATION, THE SERVICE GARAGE BUILDINGS, AND THE COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX; AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,300.00 FOR SAID SERVICE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5-2019, PASSED BY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 11, 2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to read Ordinance No. 38-2019 by title only for its first and final reading.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**  
Ordinance No. 38-2019 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to pass Ordinance No. 38-2019 as an emergency measure.  
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 38-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

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**Ordinance No. 39-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH OHIO GEESE CONTROL, LLC, OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,410.00, FOR EIGHTEEN (18) WEEKS OF GEESE CONTROL ON THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AND COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER PARCELS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION** by Mr. Wrobel, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to read Ordinance No. 39-2019 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 39-2019 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Wrobel, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to pass Ordinance No. 39-2019 as an emergency measure

**Mr. Wrobel** stated:

“The reason for the emergency is that this is a health and safety issue for the City. The geese are here -- we need to move on it immediately.”

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 39-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.**

*At this point of the meeting, 8:45 p.m., Councilman Elliott asked to be recused in reference to Ordinance No. 40-2019 and briefly exited Council Chambers.*

**MOTION** by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Stager, to amend Ordinance No. 40-2019 by removing the emergency clause in the title and in the body of the Ordinance, and reverting the Ordinance to its first reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Amended Ordinance No. 40-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS WITH BUCKINGHAM, DOOLITTLE & BURROUGHS, LLC, OF AKRON, OHIO, FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY IN REGARD TO THE CITY’S PROCESS OF APPOINTMENT AND USE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS; AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 FOR SAID SERVICES.

**Amended Ordinance No. 40-2019 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

*Councilman Elliott returned to his seat on the dais in Council Chambers at 8:47 p.m.*



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**Ordinance No. 41-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH WALTER HAVERFIELD, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES TO THE CITY IN REGARD TO LABOR, EMPLOYMENT, AND LITIGATION SERVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DRAFTING AND ASSISTING IN THE COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

**Ordinance No. 41-2019 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Ordinance No. 42-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACKSON, DIEKEN & ASSOCIATES, OF WESTLAKE, OHIO, AND APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$99,718.00 FOR THE FURNISHING OF A COMPREHENSIVE MUNICIPAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE PACKAGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2020.

**Ordinance No. 42-2019 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Ordinance No. 43-2019** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FNB COMMERCIAL LEASING FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEASING VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT THAT WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, TWO 2020 FREIGHTLINER MODEL M2106 10 TON SNOW PLOW TRUCKS WITH CAB AND CHASSIS, TWO CONCORD MINUTEMAN SNOW AND ICE CONTROL EQUIPMENT PACKAGES, 1 VERMEER BC1500 130HP WOOD CHIPPER; TWO ICE CONTROL GRANULAR MATERIALS HOPPER SPREADERS, ONE STAINLESS STEEL DUMP BODY, 2 LIQUID PREWET SYSTEMS, ONE CONCORD HD WOOD CHIPPER BOX – STEEL, ONE PAYLOADER JOHN DEERE 524L, AND ONE BACKHOE JOHN DEERE 310SL; AND APPROPRIATING A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$642,510.70 FOR SAID PURCHASES.

**Ordinance No. 43-2019 was read by full title only for its first reading.**

**Resolution No. 7-2019** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OHIO COUNCIL 8 AND LOCAL 3557 (AFSCME OR THE UNION) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING EMERGENCY STAFFING IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**MOTION** by Mr. Greenwald, seconded by Mr. Wrobel, to read Resolution No. 7-2019 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 7-2019 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

**MOTION** by Mr. Greenwald, seconded by Mr. Wrobel, to adopt Resolution No. 7-2019 as an emergency measure.

**Mr. Greenwald** stated:

“I would like to state for the record the reason for the emergency, in this instance, is an unexpected employment short-fall in the Finance Department during a very busy time of the year. This is a measure which is necessary in order to get emergency help and to get the approval of our Union and Finance Department to do so.”

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-2019 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

## **COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE**

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR**

**Mayor Dell'Aquila** had no formal report.

## **REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

**Director of Finance Herwick** stated:

No report this evening, but thank you for adopting Resolution No. 7-2019. I appreciate it.

**Director of Law Pignatiello** had no formal report.

**Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson** had no formal report.

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**Engineer Collins** stated:

My latest report is on file with the Mayor's Office.

**Building Commissioner Vittardi** had no formal report.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Council President Biasiotta:**

It is my duty with sadness to report that earlier this week Councilman Wrobel from Ward 2 submitted his resignation to Council for health reasons. Tonight, we are going to be voting on whether or not to accept that resignation, effective immediately.

For a few years now I have been proud to call Bob my friend. We were friends before he was a Councilman. He has my utmost respect. From what I can tell, he is a good husband and a good brother, a good friend, most importantly. I want to say he is a great human being. Like I said in Caucus, take care of your health, and we will be together hanging out, talking shop, having fun before you know it.

Though your time was short on Council, your contributions will be with us for a while in this year -- approximately a year and a half. Many major accomplishments, in my opinion, were achieved due to your contributions. We have completed a land sale and put that money aside for infrastructure, we brought in a new business that over the next fifteen years we are going to bring in over \$6 million to the City. We completed a Preliminary Agreement for a major development South of the City, Meijer's, to replace an eyesore. We have completed an MOU on the large parcel on Rockside Road. We completed a contract for a new Dispatcher Center. We completed a Council of Governments Agreement with many of our surrounding neighbors that is going to lead to future savings to our taxpayers.

And I can go on, but you contributed to all of this. Most significantly, you contributed to the great performance to the budget in 2018 where we came in under budget and put a lot of money toward cash -- you are a big reason for that. This is what I say to you all -- the impact of your contribution will be payed forward for time to come. I thank you for all you have done and all I know you will do in the future.

I wish you the best in your upcoming surgery.

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**Ms. Kelly:**

I am going to keep it short. I am an ugly crier. You are going to be greatly missed. There is no doubt about it. I consider you a friend before a Councilman. I appreciate your patience, your insight, and the wealth of knowledge that you bring to this position. I hate to see you go, but I get it.

**Mr. Elliott:**

Bob, I was trying to find some words since I heard you say that you were going to resign. I look back on our days when we ran into each other campaigning and I came to realize that I don't think we can find a replacement for you. I do not know if there is another person like you in the City. You are irreplaceable. That hurts a lot.

The things I am going to take away are our experience, knowledge, wisdom and the best part of you is the humor you had. That is what I am going to look at. I wish you the best. I know we will see you again and that your recovery is going to be quick because you are strong. Thank you for everything you have done.

**Ms. Stager:**

I would like to say that there were several of us that went to the Chagrin Valley Dispatch..... what -- you thought I was going to talk about you? (*There was laughter from all present*). No, Bob, I have no words either. You will just be enormously missed. Yes, and your sense of humor. Who is going to forget that moment when you walked across the table (*There was more laughter*)? Bob, thank you so much for all your diligence, your patience, your knowledge, wisdom, contributing so much to all of our deliberations, and your service here -- unselfish service to the City. Thank you so, so much. You are just terrific.

**Mr. Greenwald:**

I would like to say what a pleasure and a privilege it was to serve with you during this time on City Council. I think you brought a lot of things. You will be dearly missed here during deliberations. Your diligence, your intelligence, your attention to detail and, yes, your sense of humor. Very, very sad to see you leave. I hope that everything health wise goes very well for you. I hope to see you a lot in the future.

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**Mr. Snitzky:**

Why do you do this to me? Your sense of humor will probably appreciate that the last Ordinance you ever read into on City business was about geese control. I have worked with many, many Council people. I have been involved in City Government for somewhere around ten years and I have never met anybody that was better informed and more thoroughly researched on a particular issue that you were involved in. Your sense of humor and your classiness as a gentleman is going to be missed. I can't tell you what a pleasure it has been sitting next to you.

I am so glad we never had to use that exit door together -- I have to tell you that, too. Good luck to you. God Bless you.

**Mayor Dell'Aquila:**

Bob, based on the tenor of some of the remarks that preceded mine, it seems that there is a possibility that your resignation may be accepted. I am disappointed, however; I know that the reasons that you made your request are fully justifiable. You came along and ran for Council for your first time in 2017 during a very difficult time for the City. Since that time, you have been a steadying influence, not only on Council but throughout City Government.

Your professional demeanor has never let me think of you as a freshman on Council. I think that might be the best compliment that I can pay to you -- professional, gentleman, informed, dedicated and hopefully a friend, as well as your family, Carol. I wish you God Speed.

I know that you will be showing up again at the Farmer's Market, hopefully with a guitar and some light hardened banter. I know you are facing some difficulties in the coming weeks, but know that you are always in our prayers and in our thoughts. You will be sorely missed. I echo Councilman Elliott's remarks. I do not know how Council will replace you. I thank you for everything you have done for the City. God Bless.

**Director of Law Pignatiello:**

You are a true gentleman and a great example of how someone should handle themselves -- always professional. I wish you the best of luck in whatever you choose to do with your time. I will keep you in my prayers.

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**Mr. Wrobel:**

First of all, thank you all for those kind words.

Basically, I feel like I was just kind of doing my job. When I first sat in this chair and looked out -- because I sat out there for quite a while -- and I was looking around thinking this is really cool. And, then you know, the reality hit me because sitting here and the decisions that we make here carry the weight of law, and that is quite a responsibility, always. So that I was determined then to conduct myself so as to bring credit to the title Councilman. Hopefully, I have succeeded.

I firmly believe that public service is a high calling. It is often, and some people will point out, it is a thankless job -- but it is quite necessary, and I am going to miss it. I will miss all you. It was a pleasure working with you all, getting to know you beyond just a professional aspect of the job, to get to know people individually. I was fortunate to be on a Council that had a lot to do and got a lot done. This was under the leadership of Council President Biasiotta, who was also my mentor. And, by leader, he was not the boss, not a dictator, just showed by example and by basically advising us on things, too, to get these things done. I believe everybody responded and it was a good atmosphere.

We have had our differences, which is very important. There are no factions on Council. It was great to be part of that. As I say, I will miss that. You know, how often in life you get to do something that you feel passionate about that is also interesting and challenging. And, at the end of the day, you really mean something because things we do here, extend beyond the walls of this room and actually have an effect on people. Everybody looks for that job where they are really interested in and all that, and I believe that I had that opportunity here.

In closing, I would like to thank everybody for their kind words, for their support and encouragement. I would like to thank the people of Ward 2 who put their faith in me. And, of course, my family who has supported me through all this. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have served the City of Seven Hills, and to serve it with this group of people.

It is kind of a bookend, when I started my term, I faced a kind of serious medical health issue, and now I am facing one again. Luckily this is something that can be fixed.

It is also kind of timely because I just noticed today that I am down to my last three sheets on my note paper, and I really don't feel like going out and buying some.

And of course, too, we will now get our dining room back in our house which my wife will fully appreciate, because it has been my office. Thank you.

# City of Seven Hills

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**Council President Biasiotta:**

Boy, it is hard just to end it here. There are so many more things we could have said. But, like I said, we will see you again.

**MOTION** by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to accept Councilman Bob Wrobel's resignation from Seven Hills City Council, Ward 2 Seat, effective immediately.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

*There was a hearty and congratulatory round of applause from everyone present directed toward Councilman Bob Wrobel.*

**MOTION** by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Stager, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: all yea

**MOTION CARRIED**

**The March 11, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.**

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Anthony D. Biasiotta, President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Transcribed 3/17/19  
Lisa Plisko, Council Assistant  
(Edited C. Sekerak)

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From: [tararaem@gmail.com](mailto:tararaem@gmail.com) <[tararaem@gmail.com](mailto:tararaem@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Feb 11, 2019 at 4:08 PM

Subject: Seven Hills Junior Cavs Basketball Federation

To: <[dlluzo@cox.net](mailto:dlluzo@cox.net)>

Good evening Dave,

After an amazing AllStar Saturday, my 6th grade daughter Rae Oberster and I were reflecting on her time with this league. 3 years ago I was working out at the Seven Hills Rec and saw a sign for this league & thought it would be a good opportunity for my daughter Rae to meet friends in the community. I teach at Orange High School in Pepper Pike and Rae goes to school there, so this seemed like a good opportunity to meet friends in Seven Hills. We go to the Seven Hills Home Days every summer since she was born, but last summer, we took our new neighbor so she could see what a nice community Seven Hills is and then Rae saw all of her basketball friends, got invited to play in a co-ed basketball game at the rec, was by far the best.

I had no idea what an incredible experience this would be - not only did she meet friends, have wonderful coaches but also found a passion for the game of basketball. She will be starting AAU in a few weeks, and we could not have found a better way to learn the fundamentals of good, clean basketball and learn team work in such a family oriented environment. Refs that take the time to explain fouls, offer support & advice and coaches that are all so supportive, positive and great role models.

Coaches Rick & Noelle Akin, Joe Trippi, Scott Ziel, Candance Dempsey and Mike Ripiak are all so supportive and giving of their time, energy, advice and support.

Shawn Filmer has been Rae's coach since 4th grade, and really has inspired her in so many ways, he is an incredible coach and person. We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with someone so dedicated, caring and truly a wonderful role model.

As a high school teacher of 21 years and a former coach, I see daily the positive impact of sports on young people. It teaches so many things in addition to the actual sport and is so important for healthy physical and emotional development.

This community is so lucky to have such a top notch program. This is Rae's last year in the league but we will always support the positivity of this league for our community and young people. Feel free to share this email with anyone who is involved in making this a learning, positive, successful program.

Keep up the great work, and thank you for all that you do and everyone in this league does to offer this amazing, invaluable experience to our young people.

Sincerely,  
Tara Mack