

City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD September 23, 2013

This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Michael C. Barth at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present and accounted for were Mayor Dell' Aquila, Director of Law Pignatiello (who was celebrating his birthday), Director of Finance Johnson, Councilman-at-Large Bentkowski, Councilman-at-Large Snitzky, Councilman-at-Large Trafis, Ward 1 Councilman Barth, Ward 2 Councilman Tripi, Ward 3 Councilwoman Lecznar, Ward 4 Councilman Draganic, and Director of Public Service and Properties and Acting City Engineer Lovece. Absentee was Building Commissioner Moro.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Barth, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to waive the twenty-four hour delivery requirement for "**Resolution No. 16-2013** – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT AND/OR MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A \$40,000.00 GRANT THROUGH THE BWC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR POWER COTS TO BE USED IN THE CITY'S SQUADS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.", and to amend the Agenda by entering Resolution No. 16-2013 onto the Agenda as Item No. 9-n, if there is no division of the question.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

MOTION by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 9, 2013, as printed.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to accept **Consent Agenda No. 1** of September 23, 2013, as printed, if there is no division of the question.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to accept **Consent Agenda No. 2** of September 23, 2013, as printed, if there is no division of the question.

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Roll Call: Barth, yea; Bentkowski (recused); Draganic, yea;
Lecznar, yea; Snitzky, yea; Trafis (recused); Tripi, yea
5 yea, 0 nay (Bentkowski and Trafis recused)

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION

Resolution No. 12-2013 – A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO BOB STACK, FIREFIGHTER, FOR 33 YEARS OF SERVICE, CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to read Resolution No. 12-2013 in its entirety for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 12-2013 was read in its entirety by the Clerk of Council for its final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to adopt Resolution No. 12-2013 as an emergency measure.

Mrs. Lecznar made the following comments:

“Bob, I’d like to congratulate you on your 33 years. You were always a very quiet man at the Fire Station; you really didn’t hear too much from Bob – until you got behind his drum. Then you really heard Bob! I wish you a lot of luck in the future. Don’t be a stranger at the Station. I’m sure the guys would still like to see you up there occasionally.”

Mr. Tripi made the following comments:

“Bob, I don’t know you personally, but I think reaching retirement age is one of the grandest things next to marriage and the birth of children. I don’t think it gets much better than that. So, thank you for your service – we appreciate it.”

Mr. Trafis made the following comments:

“Bob, congratulations on your retirement. Thank you for your service to the City. I wish you the best of luck in the future.”

Mr. Bentkowski made the following comments:

“Bob, 33 years is an amazing amount of time in service. I don’t care what the position is – it’s an amazing accomplishment. Whenever I see a big-number year like that, I always like to do a quick google -- 33 years ago -- to see what happened in 1980 when you started. Just to kind of paint the picture here, Jimmy Carter was President. That’s when the U.S. Olympic Hockey Team won in the Olympics. PacMan was introduced in 1980. So, really, the whole point of that is that stuff seems so long ago, and it’s a tribute to you that that is how long you served the City. So congratulations and the best of luck to you in the future.”

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Mr. Draganic made the following comments:

“Bob, I, again, am one of the Council people who just hasn’t had the opportunity to really meet you and get to know you, but I find that every time we’re up here during my six years here on this dais doing a Resolution for somebody with long years of service, I always find myself pondering where was I thirty-three years ago. I was eleven years old. Not that I’m trying to make you feel old! I guess it helps me realize the gravity of how long of a dedication that is to our City – so I thank you very much.”

Council President Barth made the following comments:

“Bob, again, I have seen you, I don’t know you that well, but one thing I do know is that our most precious employees are those that put their life on the line for our residents. Bob, I just want to thank you for your 33 years of dedicated service to our City. And welcome to the Retiree Club that I am now a member of, and that I’ve been a member of.”

Mr. Snitzky made the following comments:

“I might as well make it a full house here. Nobody works in one position or one job for thirty years anymore. It’s very rare. You should be commended for that type of service and for doing that type of dangerous work for that long. So, congratulations, sir.”

Mayor Dell’Aquila made the following comments:

“Mr. Stack, on behalf of the City, I want to congratulate you for the time spent and thank you for the time spent on behalf of our residents and serving our community in some of the most difficult of circumstances that I can only imagine. We think of our safety forces only, typically, in times of peril and in times of emergency. It’s a rare opportunity for us to offer our thanks to those who serve us so well and keep our City safe and a great place to live. So on behalf of the City I want to thank you and all the firefighters here assembled for your service to our City and I wish you the very best in your retirement. Thank you, sir.”

Council President Barth added:

“I’d also like to recognize Bob’s wife, Linda, who is here. And, Bob, if you’d like to come up and say a few words.”

Bob Stack, Firefighter, made the following remarks:

“I’d like to thank the Mayor and Council for this Resolution. It’s a long time to get here. Now, if I can address these guys (*referring to the large group of Seven Hills Firefighters who were present in the audience in Bob’s honor*). I’d just like to say thank you to all of you for putting up with me for as long as you did. Thank you.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

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Firefighter Bob Stack received a hearty round of applause from the audience and from everyone present. Mr. Stack received personal congratulations from Council and from members of the Administration while accepting the Resolution of Commendation presented by President of Council Barth with his congratulations and best wishes.

Council President Barth stated that Mr. Stack did not have to stay for the rest of the meeting; he said Bob was welcome to stay, but didn't have to stay.

There was a short pause in the meeting while members of the audience exited Council Chambers.

Resolution No. 13-2013 – A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO MARK PAPKE, CITY ENGINEER, FOR SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE, CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO.

MOTION by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to read Resolution No. 13-2013 in its entirety for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 13-2013 was read in its entirety by the Clerk of Council for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to adopt Resolution No. 13-2013 as an emergency measure.

Mr. Bentkowski made the following comments:

“Mark Papke was easily one of the greatest hires I ever had, and is easily, hands down, one of the greatest employees this City has ever had. Mark Papke has more skill and talent than almost, really, more than any engineer I've ever met. I have had the fortune of having years and years of experience with groups like The Cleveland Engineering Society, other Cities, and other Service Directors. As many of you know, I spent many years working in the paving industry, and Mark Papke blows every one of those guys away. He is the smartest guy in the room, he is incredibly talented, and he has literally made this City tens of millions of dollars. One of the greatest things City Council did for me when I was Mayor was move to have the Engineering Department brought in house for Mark Papke. It's one of the smartest things this City ever did. If any efforts are ever made to try and outsource it again it would be foolish. You just have to realize that having someone on staff, especially with the abilities and the skill level of Mark Papke, has led to countless projects for this City. Projects like the Streetscape, or the white toppings, or all of these other things that saved us a ton of money would never happen if you had an outside consultant. You apply for some grants here and there, or you try to do some things, and in many of those cases, the only reason we ever got the project or got the money or got the grant or got the services, is because of Mark Papke's relationships with other community leaders at ODOT or with the County.”

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Mr. Bentkowski continued his comments:

“Mark, it has been a true honor to have you work for this City. You’re one of my favorite people in the whole world. I’ve never heard you say anything bad about anybody. You are a class act. You deserve to make ten-fold. I couldn’t be happier for you that you found a great job that’s rewarding your amazing ability. Mark Papke is a friend of Seven Hills and I could not think higher of him.”

Mrs. Lecznar made the following comments:

“Mark, I, above all, miss you up here. You were always my buddy that I always batted. Any time that I asked you for information, you were always very good with it – had it right away – never faltered. I miss that more than anything. I wish you a lot of luck. We’re very, very sad that we lost you, and I really wish you the best. And, Go Browns!”

Mr. Tripi made the following comments:

“I miss you on several fronts. Number one, what David said and all that, so that’s all wonderful accolades on your talent. I miss you in the room because you were the one guy that had less hair than I did. And when you were around I had a confidence being part of the Tree Commission that I could tell an oak from a maple tree. And now I go around and I say they just look like leaves to me. So, I miss you, but best of luck to you in your future endeavors.”

Mr. Snitzky made the following comments:

“The first time I met you, Mark, was before I was ever involved with City government and they were doing some massive amount of work on Hillside Road. They were putting in a gas pipe line, they were repaving the road, and it did nothing but rain that summer. And we had two or three washouts down there at the bottom of the gully, and it was a real mess. And the thing that I remember the most is that every time there was discussion about what was going to happen because of issues that were totally beyond your control, you were always cool and calm, and always helpful and never got excited, never got worried, and basically took care of the problem. And took care of the problem well. When you were involved with it, there was little, if ever, a comeback job. To me that’s the main thing that you want to do in civil engineering, is you don’t want comeback jobs. So, I’m very happy to have worked with you. The City is going to miss you greatly. I think you were a real profit source for the City, and best of luck in your future endeavors.”

Mr. Draganic made the following comments:

“Well, Mark, I think we’ve both been around the City about the same amount of time. You have seven years, and I’m six years in. I remember first coming in and dealing with you. Through those six years I’ve always been very impressed with your knowledge, your work ethic, and your dedication to the City. I think that’s hard to find.”

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Mr. Draganic continued his comments:

“I think it was common to see Mark here late hours, early hours, and all the hours that you put in. The money that you brought to the City and the money that you saved the residents of this City is well documented and very impressive on its own. Aside from everything you’ve done in your career with our City, the thing that reminds me the most that you’re not here is our roll call. I would always wait, as they went through all the names, and instead of a ‘*here*’ when it came to Papke we’d get a ‘*present*.’ That was Mark’s reply. So that’s the thing that stands out the most now that you’re gone. I almost expected you to say it as we were sitting here tonight. I saw you in the audience.”

Council President Barth made the following comments:

“Mark, I couldn’t wait to give you good comments – I did that last week. Those comments are well documented in the minutes of the last meeting. But I will repeat what I said, that you’re a dedicated public servant who wore many hats. You brought in millions of dollars in grants and saved the City hundreds of thousands of dollars in engineering fees over the years. And I think it’s a testament to you that the City of Lakewood chose you over many other City Engineer applicants. So, congratulations. I’d like to recognize Hope – and I think you’re a Steeler fan, too – right? I saw you shake your head when Caryl said ‘*Go Browns*’. And how about the boys? Browns or Steelers?”

Mr. Lovece made the following comments:

“It’s been a pleasure working with Mark. We’ve done engineering projects together, and I wish him all the best working for the City of Lakewood.”

Mr. Pignatiello made the following comments:

“I’d just like to add that I really enjoyed working with you, Mark. You were always the consummate professional. I wish you nothing but the best in whatever you choose to do.”

Mr. Johnson made the following comments:

“Mark, even though I’ve only worked with you one year of your seven years, I can say that it’s been a pleasure. You’ve always been the consummate professional and it’s been a pleasure working with you. Good luck to you in Lakewood.”

Mayor Dell’Aquila made the following comments:

“Mark, I want to thank you for your service to the City as well. I can only echo what everyone else has said and add to it a little bit. I have always been impressed by your professionalism and your ability to step forward into very difficult and contentious environments in a lot of cases and work things out. You have handled a lot here that you didn’t deserve, and I think it speaks volumes you were hired by the City of Lakewood. We miss you. We respect the work that you did for the City.”

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Mayor Dell'Aquila continued his comments:

“I think by my count you managed approximately \$25 million worth of work for the City in your time here, and brought in millions of dollars in grant money. With that, I wish you the very best in your future endeavors. Thank you so much.”

Engineer Mark Papke made the following remarks:

“Mark Papke, 5840 Royal Parkway, Parma Heights. And I'm ‘present’.

Council President Barth interrupted Mr. Papke, “Since you did that, you only get three minutes. Go ahead.”

Mark Papke continued:

“I've always been really short-winded here. Really, thanks to the City. Thanks for the seven years. Basically I had one year for each Hill here at Seven Hills – seven years! I'd like to thank my family for all their support. There were many times, especially in the beginning when I started off here, that we had late meetings until 1:00 in the morning, and they had to put up with that, so I really thank them and appreciate their understanding with what had to be done with work. But, thanks to the City for giving me the opportunity – David, for hiring me, and taking a chance – especially coming out of the consulting world into the government world can be a little bit challenging. He took a risk by doing that. I think I grew along with the City with all the opportunities that were presented. And I think we all grew together. I think Council and the Administration worked very well together. Thank you, Rick, for your service as Mayor. All you guys – you're all dedicated. And I wish the best of luck to the City. I'm always a phone call away if you need anything. Thanks – thank you very much.”

Mr. Draganic added:

“If I could just make one comment. Mark mentioned the long meetings. I just have to say that since you've been gone the meetings have been a lot shorter.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2013 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Engineer Mark Papke received a hearty round of applause from the audience and from everyone present. Mr. Papke received personal congratulations from Council and from members of the Administration while accepting the Resolution of Commendation presented by President of Council Barth with his congratulations and best wishes.

Council President Barth stated that Mr. Papke knew the drill – he didn't have to stay if he didn't want to. Mr. Barth said if Mark wanted to take the kids for ice cream he should go ahead.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Trafis stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, September 16, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Trafis said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, October 21, 2013.

Public Works

Public Works Committee Chairman Bentkowski stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, October 7, 2013.

Community Services

Community Services Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, September 3, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Snitzky stated that the Community Services Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, October 7, 2013.

Police and Fire

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Draganic stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, October 21, 2013.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Tripi stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, September 16, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Lecznar stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, September 3, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mrs. Lecznar stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, October 7, 2013.

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Barth stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, September 16, 2013, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council.

Mr. Barth stated that the Finance Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, October 7, 2013 as well.

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APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

There were no appointments or confirmations.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

The Clerk of Council stated she would like to read into the record a thank-you note received from three Parma residents writing in reference to an incident occurring in Seven Hills, addressed to the Seven Hills Police Department, as follows:

“Our family wishes to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the very professional and compassionate service we received from Officer #7, Mike Satanek, on Wednesday, September 11th, in response to a call for assistance at 2084 Chestnut Road. Officer Satanek was the first officer to arrive on the scene, and along with other arriving City personnel helped make a very difficult situation tolerable for our family. We all have a new appreciation of the Seven Hills Police Department for the very difficult situations that you encounter every day. With our sincere thanks and appreciation.”

Mrs. Sekerak said the note was signed by Charles Heffern, Sr., Jeanne Palisin on behalf of the Palisin Family, and Charlene Sufka on behalf of the Sufka family.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 95-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH LAKEFRONT LINES, INC./HOPKINS, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR A BUS TRIP TO ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA (“PRESQUE ISLE CASINO”) ON NOVEMBER 6, 2013; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

Ordinance No. 95-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

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Ordinance No. 96-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH CARMEN QUINTANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ZUMBA CLASSES AT THE RECREATION COMPLEX FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013.

Ordinance No. 96-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 97-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMPMANAGEMENT, INC., OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,645.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

Ordinance No. 97-2013 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Amended Ordinance No. 98-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH WARREN FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC., OF WARREN, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING FIVE (5) SETS OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE NEW CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FIREFIGHTERS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$15,187.00) FOR SAID PURCHASE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Draganic, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to read Amended Ordinance No. 98-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 98-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Draganic, seconded by Mr. Bentkowski, to pass Amended Ordinance No. 98-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 98-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED

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Ordinance No. 99-2013—AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE OF URBANDALE, IOWA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE CURRENT FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER SYSTEM TO A (3) USER ENTERPRISE (CLIENT/SERVER) SYSTEM WITH ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES; APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) FOR SAID PURCHASE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to read Ordinance No. 99-2013 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 99-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Bentkowski, seconded by Mr. Draganic, to pass Ordinance No. 99-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 99-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 100-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH CDW-G OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE SERVER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH APPURTENANCES; APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$9,625.47) FOR SAID PURCHASE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Ordinance No. 100-2013 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 100-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 100-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 100-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 101-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH NORMANDY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OFFERING CHEER CAMP 2013 AT THE SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER.

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Ordinance No. 101-2013 was read by full title only for its first reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to amend Ordinance No. 102-2013 by adding the words “and declaring an emergency” to the title, and by adding the emergency clause to Section 3.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 102-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH DIALMYCALLS.COM OF JUPITER, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SERVICES IN THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to read Amended Ordinance No. 102-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 102-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to pass Amended Ordinance No. 102-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 102-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 103-2013 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE AUGUST 2013 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER.

Ordinance No. 103-2013 was read by full title only for its first reading.

Ordinance No. 104-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CUSTOMER SUPPLY AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH HESS CORPORATION OF WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE COMPETITIVE GAS SUPPLY RATES FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THE FIRE STATION, THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER, AND THE RECREATION HALL, FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2014; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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MOTION by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to read Ordinance No. 104-2013 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 104-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Tripi, seconded by Mrs. Lecznar, to pass Ordinance No. 104-2013 as an emergency measure.

Council President Barth asked Service Director Lovece to weigh in on this Ordinance.

Mr. Lovece stated:

“I’d be glad to. This Ordinance will save us about \$1200.00 a year from our current contract which was at \$4.62/mcf and now we are going down to \$4.49/mcf. This is a twelve-month fixed rate. It doesn’t matter how little gas or how much natural gas we use. This beats anything on the PUCO website for twelve-month fixed; it beats it hands-down. It’s a great rate.”

Council President Barth stated:

“Stewart, thank you once again for saving the City money.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 104-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 105-2013 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH GAME CRAZE, LLC, OF FAIRLAWN, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENTING A BOUNCY HOUSE, WITH ADDITIONAL INSURED, FOR THE 2013 FALL FEST/CHILI COOKOFF; APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$309.00 FOR SAID RENTAL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to read Ordinance No. 105-2013 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 105-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to pass Ordinance No. 105-2013 as an emergency measure.

Mr. Trafis stated:

“I just want to mention that last year I didn’t vote for a similar ordinance to this because I didn’t think it was necessary, and it turns out the rain prevented us from using this item last year anyway. But, nonetheless, this year the money is being paid for by a donation and that’s the reason I’ll be voting for it. It’s at no expense to the City.”

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Mr. Draganic stated:

“Speaking of that donation, I understand that it came personally from Rosemary Gulick, who is also a member of our Parma School Board, so I would like to thank Rosemary publicly for that generous contribution.”

Council President Barth stated:

“Not to mention a resident of Ward 1.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 105-2013 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Resolution No. 14-2013 – A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS BASEBALL FEDERATION IN APPLYING TO THE CLEVELAND INDIANS CHARITIES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, BASEBALL DIAMOND IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Resolution No. 14-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 14-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Trafis, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to adopt Resolution No. 14-2013 as an emergency measure.

Mr. Bentkowski stated:

“Our baseball programs have always been very special to me. Growing up in Seven Hills I played every level of Little League. Starting as a young kid, I can remember going to Opening Day for Little League here in Seven Hills and Mayor Chandick throwing out the first pitch. It’s my understanding that at some point Bob Feller threw out the first pitch. I’m thrilled that we brought back those opening day ceremonies a few years ago. Really, they’re some of the best leagues around. It’s kind of the league everybody talks about in other cities. They are great kids and the City has a tremendous baseball history and heritage, including our girl’s teams. The Hilltoppers were National Champions -- a girl’s softball team. So, really a lot of great talent, and anything that supports the baseball programs is a great idea. I hope we get it.”

Mr. Trafis stated:

“The Seven Hills Baseball Federation is planning on doing a lot of work to improve the fields at Calvin Park, and this grant hopefully will be a step in the right direction to get these fields cleaned up and regraded. I thank Dwayne Kessie who is here from the Baseball Federation for his involvement in this and making the league as great as it is.”

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Mr. Trafis (continued):

“I want to thank Council for moving so quickly on this and putting it on the agenda as an emergency. I also notice in our packet that there is actually a picture of Bob Feller throwing out the first pitch at Calvin Park when it was dedicated. So, Dwayne, that will be included in the Resolution as forwarded to you. Thank you.”

Council President Barth stated:

“Dwayne, thank you for your service and your volunteerism for Seven Hills; it’s very much appreciated by Council, and the Administration I’m sure.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2013 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.

MOTION

by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Barth, to amend Resolution No. 15-2013 by adding the words “and declaring an emergency” to the title, and by adding the emergency clause to Section 3.

Mr. Bentkowski stated:

“This parcel apparently somehow involves my neighbor, so I’ll be recusing myself from this vote.”

Roll Call: Barth, yea; Bentkowski (recused); Draganic, yea;
Lecznar, yea; Snitzky, yea; Trafis, yea; Tripi, yea.

6 yea, 0 nay (Bentkowski recused)

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Resolution No. 15-2013 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOT SPLIT AND CONSOLIDATION PURSUANT TO SEVEN HILLS ORDINANCE NO. 911.002 (Permanent Parcel Nos. 551-28-014, 551-28-085, 552-28-086, Sublot Nos. 17, 19 and 20, River Trace North Phase 2 Subdivision); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION

by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to read Amended Resolution No. 15-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: Barth, yea; Bentkowski (recused); Draganic, yea;
Lecznar, yea; Snitzky, yea; Trafis, yea; Tripi, yea.

6 yea, 0 nay (Bentkowski recused)

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Resolution No. 15-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION

by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Trafis, to adopt Amended Resolution No. 15-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: Barth, yea; Bentkowski (recused); Draganic, yea;
Lecznar, yea; Snitzky, yea; Trafis, yea; Tripi, yea.

6 yea, 0 nay (Bentkowski recused)

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 15-2013 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Resolution No. 16-2013 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S FIRE DEPARTMENT AND/OR MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A \$40,000 GRANT THROUGH THE BWC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR POWER COTS TO BE USED IN THE CITY’S SQUADS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to read Resolution No. 16-2013 by title only for its final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution No. 16-2013 was read by full title only for its final reading.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to adopt Resolution No. 16-2013 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2013 IS DECLARED ADOPTED.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE

Dwayne Kessie, 6636 Karen Drive, made the following comments:

“I’m Vice President of the Baseball Federation. I just want to take a moment to thank the Mayor, the Council, and the Recreation Center for the support and continued support that you guys have given the Baseball Federation. Just to say ‘thank you’ – it’s really appreciated. We hope to get the fields improved through mutual cooperation with both of us and to get the fields back up to where they should be. Thank you very much.”

Council President Barth replied:

“Once again, Dwayne, we’d like to thank you for your service and for your volunteerism to our children. Thank you very much for the work you do.”

Mr. Kessie answered, “It’s all for the kids.”

Jim Jirousek, 6250 Carlyle Drive, made the following comments:

“I’m a former Councilman-at-Large. When I was a columnist and feature writer for the Seven Hills Reporter, I wrote an in-depth background report on one of my columns which was called ‘The Way We Were’ in a local history series. One of those was the write-up on the story of the life of Mayor Henry Froehlich, the first Mayor of Seven Hills. I later met Mayor Emil Lingler who was the Mayor in 1961 when the City of Seven Hills was declared a City and no longer a Village when it met the population standard. I asked Mr. Lingler later on for an interview to do an in-depth story on him. He declined, so I have no in-depth information on Mayor Lingler.”

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Jim Jirousek (continued):

“Some time ago I submitted a suggestion to name this building the Froehlich-Lingler Municipal Center in honor of and in recognition of those two significant Mayors from the City’s history. I have a copy of the letter I submitted at that time and a copy of my article on Mayor Froehlich. It was written in 1979, so the paper was kind of dull and it may not be the best print, but it’s readable. I also have a photocopy of the front page and some pages of the program when the City of Seven Hills was proclaimed a City on Wednesday, January 4, 1961. So I’d like to submit this again for consideration to consider the possibility of naming this the Froehlich-Lingler Municipal Center. I know this won’t be a high priority item; there are higher priority and more important issues – there were in my time and in your time as well. But, I ask you to take a look at this and give it some consideration. Thank you.”

Mrs. Lecznar asked if Mr. Jirousek knew if either one of those Mayors was still living.

Mr. Jirousek replied no. He said Mayor Lingler died some time ago. Mr. Jirousek said he was living when he was on Council. Mr. Jirousek said he believed Mayor Froehlich died around 1930.

Mr. Draganic asked Mr. Jirousek when he was on Council.

Mr. Jirousek answered the mid-1970’s.

Mayor Dell’Aquila asked Mr. Jirousek if he approached the Historical Society for any of this information or if he had thought about it. Mayor Dell’Aquila said he would give Mr. Jirousek the information on the Historical Society; he said it might be a nice connection.

Council President Barth thanked Mr. Jirousek for his comments and invited him to a future Regular Caucus Meeting for more discussion on the subject.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Trafis:

I just want to mention regarding Ordinance No. 102-2013, that was the ordinance regarding the automated phone call system. Stewart did a great job on researching a better system for the City to save us some money. And I thought that was important to mention. So thanks, Stewart.

Mr. Barth said, “That’s more money you saved the City, Stewart.”

Mr. Snitzky had no miscellaneous comments.

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Mr. Bentkowski:

Just two things – they’re birthday related. First off, today, Happy Birthday to my mother, Barbara. Normally I don’t reference family items like that, but in the last certainly ten years, and probably dating back to when I first ran for office, outside of other elected officials, my mother, Barbara, has probably done more for the City than any other person in Seven Hills. Her efforts on behalf of the City are well documented. She spent years and years just doing everything you can imagine to help this community. So this will be my last time on Council to recognize her as far as having a birthday. And on behalf of the people of Seven Hills, thank you for putting everyone else first ahead of herself.

And, secondly, I’d like to wish – along those same lines – another trooper for the City who has frequently gone above the call of duty and been around a long time – I understand it’s going to be Carol Sekerak’s birthday. So, Carol, Happy Birthday to you. I think it’s tomorrow. So, Happy Birthday to you.

Two great Polish women who have dramatically helped this City for a long time!

Mrs. Sekerak replied, “I’m a Bohunk – but, close!!”

Mrs. Lecznar:

I, too, would like to wish Carol a Happy Birthday.

Today is actually Rich’s birthday – so I’d like to wish him a Happy Birthday, also.

Mr. Tripi:

Happy Birthday to Rich and Carol.

It’s always nice to see residents in the audience at a Council Meeting. I appreciate your attendance and participation.

Mr. Draganic:

I’d like to also extend birthday wishes to David’s mother, Barbara – we learned about her birthday coming up. I’d like to echo David’s comments on how much his mother has done for the City. I know in the years that my wife and I have been involved with the City, and Homedays was a big part of it early on, and throughout David’s administration, his mother was one of the hardest working people out there. So, Happy Birthday to Barb.

And, of course, the two that I think were trying to get under the radar without anybody knowing about their birthdays – our Law Director, Mr. Pignatiello, and our Council Clerk, Carol Sekerak. So, Happy Birthday to both of you. Besides all the birthday wishes, I want to know where the cake is. We have so many birthdays in one room, and nobody brought a cake.

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Council President Barth noted that was the job of the Council President Pro Tem!

Council President Barth:

I just want to say Happy Birthday, Rich! Happy Birthday, Carol! Thank you for all your contributions to the City.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Director of Finance Johnson had no formal report.

Director of Law Pignatiello had no formal report.

I would like to wish Carol Sekerak a Happy Birthday, however. And Mrs. Bentkowski a Happy Birthday.

Director of Public Service and Properties Lovece

I'd like to ditto that Happy Birthday to everyone previously mentioned. And a Happy Birthday to Helen Pekala in the Finance Department – it's her birthday today, too, a very popular day.

Acting City Engineer Lovece:

That's the extent of my reports – Happy Birthday, that's it.

Building Commissioner Moro was not present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Dell'Aquila:

Just a couple of comments. First of all – Happy Birthday to everybody mentioned.

With regard to Resolution No. 14-2013, I want to thank Council for acting so quickly on this. You know how much our Baseball Federation volunteers, and in fact all of our other federation volunteers in our leagues, devote to development of our kids. We, as a City, do not offer as much recognition to these groups and these volunteers as we should. So this is a little bit of our thank you to them. I look forward to working, in the event that the money is made available, with the federations to improve the fields. And I know that our Service Director, Stewart Lovece, is on board with all of this as well, and we are very grateful for your efforts on behalf of our community. Thank you everybody.

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Mayor Dell'Aquila (continued):

Lastly, I just want to remind everybody that October 6th will be our Fall Fest and Chili Cook-Off. We are still accepting applications for those who wish to participate and compete in the chili cook-off. If anyone is interested, please contact Kathy in my office and we'll get you set up.

MOTION by Mrs. Lecznar, seconded by Mr. Tripi, to adjourn the meeting.
Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

The September 23, 2013 Council Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Michael C. Barth, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____