



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010**

Roll Call: Todd Bergstrom  
Don Nicolard  
Brenda Hlas  
Bill Mowery  
Ken Braman  
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, March 22, 2010 at 7:01 PM, in the 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. Mowery stated that we have a situation that touches both the Safety and Utilities Committees, with the waterline project in Brentwood. In addition this mirrors the problem with the new sanitary sewer line along Greenwich Road. Mr. Mowery stated there are also the ordinances for the fire lane parking striping and fines. All of these issues are on the agenda for tonight.

Mr. Braman stated that originally at the last Committee we called for legislation on the Internet Café moratorium however, he moved to send this back to the Committee for further review, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Pelot added that in addition to their review, he recommended that instead of creating a moratorium to stop business from coming into the city, they take a look at placing it under skill games. That way we can still let the businesses come in here, and if they want to continue to investigate it, they can do so at a later time. Mr. Nicolard stated he concurred with Mr. Pelot, this is a State problem and if they find they are illegal the State will take care of that. Mr. Nicolard stated he would like to see more of our empty storefronts become full.

Roll Call: Yeas: Braman, Pelot, Bergstrom, Nicolard, Hlas, Mowery, Zita  
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Steve Smith, a Norton resident, spoke about the single trash hauler issue and the cons; it can create a monopoly leading to future rate hikes, limited services, and poor services.

**Communications from the Public Continued:**

Mr. Smith stated that competition is a good thing, and that he does not believe that they are tearing up our roads, as previously mentioned. Mr. Smith stated that the residents should have the right to chose who they want. Mr. Smith stated that Council has proved to fatigue its constituents with taxes and assessments without their consent. They fail to realize that their position is to represent the citizens, not to dictate to them. Mr. Smith stated that you need to seek our opinions and our approval before doing things that affect the residents. Mr. Smith spoke about past petitions falling on deaf ears with Council, therefore since Council is deaf to the voice of the people who voted them into office, its now necessary to change Council and elect for the people's wishes.

Mr. Steve Thompson, a Norton resident, discussed the tap in fees for the water line and sewer fees and presented his proposal to correct the issue, (see attached). Mr. Thompson stated he did not feel these fees should be a full burden on the residents, especially if this land could be developed in the future. Mr. Thompson discussed the areas of property that were recently rezoned from residential to commercial along Croydon and Ranglely, and that these residents should be reimbursed after the initial fees. Mr. Thompson stated that he and other residents feel grants should be proposed first before our taxes are increased, the grants are out there. Mr. Thompson complained about 2-3 days prior notification of your meetings, its just a little too late, we need more time to be able to submit questions or comments. Some people are not comfortable coming to speak in person, but they have questions and concerns.

Mr. Bill Ray, a Norton resident, stated he has issues with Phase I and asked where would Phase II be, and where does each one begin and end? Mr. Ray asked how much is it really going to cost him with all the additional costs for the tap ins for the sewer and water? You need to be able to tell the residents what its really going to cost them up front. Mr. Ray stated that we are all pretty well strapped financially in this community, especially the elderly and most of them feel like they have been left out of the process and the discussions. Mr. Ray stated that we all need to know the facts and details, we need to be educated. Mr. Ray stated that we hired you and right now most of us are mad enough we want to fire you. Mr. Ray stated that things are different here than they were two (2) years ago. Mr. Ray suggested you start talking about grants and what we can do to get them, because a deal is not a deal if you can't make the payment.

Mr. Zita temporarily recessed the Council meeting to convene the Public Hearing at 7:17 PM for Ord # 40-2010. Mr. Zita called three times for anyone in favor of approving this Agricultural District. Mr. Jim Lino, a Norton resident spoke in favor of the application. Mr. Zita called three times for anyone against the application, and there was no response. Mr. Zita closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 PM and reconvened the Regular Council meeting back to session continuing with Communications from the Public.

Mr. Jim Perkins, a Norton resident, thanked Mayor Koontz for the notice to the Brentwood residents, thirty (30) days after the fact. Mr. Perkins asked why are Norton residents being charged a surcharge fee from both Barberton and Norton? Mr. Perkins asked why do we have to pay for new meters from Barberton?

**Communications from the Public Continued:**

Mr. Perkens asked why are Barberton's meters read in cubic feet for their calculations and they know the formula to convert cubic feet into gallons. Mr. Perkens stated he felt the only reason that Barberton wants new meters is so that they can read them from the street. Mr. Perkens stated that in the thirty-five (35) years that he has lived here in Norton, he has never seen the Mayor or Council impose so many surcharges and fines on the residents.

Ms. Doris Miller, a Norton resident, asked how are we going to pay for this when most of us are not working, is Acme hiring? Ms. Miller stated that if she were a stranger and heard about the cost to put sewer or water in Norton, she would not move here. Ms. Miller stated she was not sure how many of you are all for this, but come election time you would be remembered. Ms. Miller discussed the flyer that was in the paper boxes, which stated the EPA is not against septic systems that work, so why are all of you so concerned with them? You had better think this all over before you vote for it.

Mr. Joe Patterson, a Norton resident, stated that last November he had to put in a new well for \$7,000.00 and that he has a fairly new septic system that he maintains regularly, which most of us do. Mr. Patterson stated that local government is supposed to be for the people and by the people, why were we not notified about this? Mr. Patterson asked how can we be assessed this much money, its wrong, especially the fact that we were not notified.

Mr. Vincent Chapman, a Norton resident, stated that this trunk line should be financed by someone other than these twenty-two (22) residents, either the entire community, or the State. Mr. Chapman stated that we could all be looking at \$30,000.00 for sewer and water before we are done. Mr. Chapman stated that he is eighty-four (84) years old and too old to go back to work. Mr. Chapman suggested that the City should take another look at Lake Dorothy to see if it's still as polluted at it's been reported. Mr. Chapman stated that he lives across from the new bank and they have sewers in front of it and there is water in front of his home now.

Mr. Richard Roach, a Norton resident, thanked Council for their advanced notice of this hearing, as he found out two (2) days ago from his neighbor. Mr. Roach asked if you ever considered to even ask these residents if this was something they wanted, along with providing them an advanced notice? Mr. Roach stated now that you have so many of these residents here tonight you are finding out that they are opposed to this. Mr. Roach stated he is opposed to this and he is already over taxed as it is now. Mr. Roach stated that he supposed it is within your great plans to also do all of Nash Estates with sewer and water. Mr. Roach asked Council to consider a lot of people are upset, we have just put up for the past year with Washington politicians who do not listen to the will of the people, and now we have to put up with it here with our own neighbors too.

Mr. Tim Arbogast, a Norton resident, stated he has his tax bills and newspapers to prove his facts so nothing gets misconstrued. Mr. Arbogast commented about everyone out there this fall on the ballot will be grabbing for more of your tax dollars. Mr. Arbogast discussed sales taxes possibly going up, and that we cannot afford this in addition that we did not get to vote on this.

**Communications from the Public Continued:**

Mr. Arbogast stated this is nothing more than a cash cow for Norton and Barberton. Mr. Arbogast stated that it was reported that the Mayor of Barberton just got a \$5,100,000.00 grant for sewer projects, looks like he was doing his job. Mr. Arbogast stated it looks like our Mayor's objective is his own agenda, he is not looking out for the Norton people. Mr. Arbogast discussed the Mayor's apology letter he sent out to the Brentwood residents, and the lack of notice about this meeting. Mr. Arbogast suggested asking Wadsworth about their Mayor's promises of lower taxes, for the last six (6) years they have not received them. Mr. Arbogast discussed all other communities having layoffs and this is what its all coming down to and we better wake up. Mr. Arbogast stated he is totally against this assessment bill. This administration has turned into a Nancy Pelosi regime and a bunch of yes men because they don't listen to us.

Mr. Douglas Smith, a Norton resident, stated that he would never move back into Norton again if he had the choice. Mr. Smith stated that he has never lived in a community where he wasn't sent a questionnaire or asked what he would like to see done in Norton. Mr. Smith discussed some residents being taxed higher than others that work in Norton, it's not fair, and cannot be legal. Mr. Smith stated that Council is so out of touch with what the residents want, adding that when it comes to the next elections the residents will just do what they have to do.

Mr. Richard Easterling, a Norton resident, stated he would be bringing a different point of view from what's been stated. Mr. Easterling stated that if his property receives a benefit he would have to pay for that benefit. If the EPA fines the city, then he would have to pay for that too, and reminded everyone that the EPA does not fine lightly. Mr. Easterling stated he recently spoke with a Norton business owner who wanted to expand his business but was told he couldn't because his septic cant handle the extra employees he needs to hire. Mr. Easterling stated that we need to fast track getting sewers for the entire city.

Mr. Bill Courson, a Norton resident, stated that he is in support of this because we need to grow as a city. Mr. Courson stated that he has been a city planner for over twenty (20) years, and he understands assessments but does not agree with this manner. A lot of the future growth of this city is placed on these residents. This is a significant size of a trunk line and these residents should be reimbursed, you should at least take that into consideration.

Mr. Dennis Pierson, a Norton resident, stated that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman is doing a great job of informing the residents and is the only one who is questioning anything that Council has been doing the last six (6) months. Mr. Pierson stated that while that same Councilman was going to these same folks on Greenwich Road trying to inform them, our own Council President told him to stop doing that, they would find out on the April 21, 2010 at the Mayor's meeting.

Mr. Pierson discussed the figures of replacing septic systems at the cost of \$15,000.00. Mr. Pierson stated he spoke to three (3) contractors that work in this community and they quoted prices of \$12,000.00-\$13,000.00 for on site systems, and \$7,000.00-\$8,000.00 for off site systems, so where do you get \$15,000.00?

**Communications from the Public Continued:**

Mr. Pierson asked about the 70% figure used of failed systems. Last October there were 526 tested at a 5% failure rate. Mr. Pierson stated he spoke with the representative from Summit County here this evening and he indicated they tested another 100 and that failure rate was three (3) %. That's a far different figure from 70%. Mr. Pierson acknowledged the city does have sanitation problems, and we should be addressing those areas like Melody Village, and the Sherman area. Mr. Pierson stated that if you want to keep your seats on Council, he suggested not using the emergency clause in legislation as has been done on everything you do down here. We are paying your salary and we deserve a lot more respect than what we are getting.

Mr. Dan Karant, a Norton resident, spoke regarding the trash hauling issue and that the Norton Health Advisory Board recommended several years ago to do this. They felt this would give the residents the best possible rates, and would save our roads, which has been shown to us by the examples of axle weight. Mr. Karant stated the last time around they were not given the ability to negotiate that as a single trash hauler, therefore we did not get the best possible price. Mr. Karant agreed that we are paying too much for water tap in fees, however he felt we need to resolve the septic and water issues now. Mr. Karant stated that we lost one viable business in Norton with over 1,000 employees just because we did not have the infrastructure they needed, and this is just one out of several. Mr. Karant stated we do not offer tax abatements and we recently lost one employer because of that, and as a business owner he was never offered one. Mr. Karant discussed the down turn in the economy and if things don't turn around soon he will be forced to lay off employees for the first time in his twenty (20) years in business. Mr. Karant agreed that maybe every home does not need a new septic system, but we need to address the most critical areas and that sewers are the permanent solution. Mr. Karant reminded everyone that the Norton Health Advisory Board does meet on the Wednesday before the second Thursdays of each month and all meetings are open to the public, and encouraged residents to attend.

Mr. Gary Kindel, a Norton resident, stated he was very upset about not being notified about this assessment. Mr. Kindel stated he is not arguing about the validity of the need for sewers, it's just the whole way that you are going about doing this. Mr. Kindel discussed the EPA citations and asked what is the city's plan to correct them or if there was some type of an agreement with the EPA. Are we going to be on the hook if we do all of these things and we still have bacteria counts in Lake Dorothy? Mr. Kindel stated if we are talking about bacteria that's in our ditches and streams, the solution would be not to let them run into Lake Dorothy. Notify the homeowners that have septic problems and get them addressed. Mr. Kindel stated he is an environmental geologist and this is just not the way to go about this. Mr. Kindel stated that he owns a corner lot and figured he would end up with about a \$45,000.00 for his total frontage, and he cannot afford that. He has four (4) kids and is early in his mortgage, this \$45,000.00 would either have to come from his retirement account, or he would have to just walk away from his home, which he is not willing to do. Mr. Kindel stated there just has to be a better way to do this, it's just too expensive. Mr. Kindel stated that he is only opposed to what it is going to cost him.

Mr. Zita called for a five (5) minute recess.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 8, 2010 were approved as submitted.  
Minutes of the Committee Work Session of March 15, 2010 were approved as submitted.

### **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Mayor Koontz addressed some of the public comments made earlier, acknowledging that although tonight's meeting may seem like short notice to the twenty (20) residents on the assessment roll, but that is the process. There is no project scheduled on Easton, Croydon, or Rangely at this time. The intent is to hold the cost down and the water line connection is optional because your well does not contribute to pollution. However, a sewer is a necessity and we have heard from the EPA on that matter and the failure rate is greater than five (5) %. Mayor Koontz stated that the five (5)% may have been the number of residents that were actually told they have to do something to correct their septic issues. Mayor Koontz stated the Health Dept. may have backed down on their demands to correct because they are aware sewers are on the way in the next few years. Mayor Koontz stated that from what he has seen from the test results in the area of Nash Heights, its bad and the eventual goal is to provide sewers to all of Nash Heights, but that is not this project. Mayor Koontz stated that there is a misconception that corner lots would have to pay double assessments, and that is not the case. Sewers are charged on a per benefit basis for the home, so if you have a single family home on a corner lot, you would only be assessed one (1) benefit, it's not calculated by frontage. The same would apply for a water line assessment project. Mayor Koontz discussed the reference in the flyer about the question of this being a shallow sewer line. Mayor Koontz addressed that issue stating that the sewer will not be shallow, it will be 12-18 feet deep and none of the basements are that deep. Generally they are put in this deep so that if residents want to put in basement plumbing it can be done at a later time. Mayor Koontz addressed the comment that Brentwood residents should prepare for a tap in fee for a change over to sewer. Mayor Koontz clarified that Brentwood already has Summit County sewers. Mayor Koontz clarified that the only change over relates to the water meter, which has nothing to do with sanitary sewers, and this is Barberton Utility Dept. policy, not ours. Mayor discussed the reference of this Administration and Council continually overspending, we are not overspending. In fact most of the projects we have done were waterlines and we got fifty (50) % grant money. Mayor Koontz stated he wished we could convince our government that switching septic systems over to sewers is a replacement and we should be able to get grant money for that as well, but that's just not the case. As far as the reference of increase of bureacuy, we have not done that either. As a matter of fact when our Planning Director left, we have never replaced that position. Mayor Koontz stated there was a lot of misinformation on that flyer that was distributed. Mr. Ryland addressed Mr. Courson's concerns relating to the size of the line; all assessments are based on an eight (8) inch line regardless of the size of the trunk line. Mr. Ryland indicated that Council made the decision some time ago to only charge for what a residential size line would be regardless of the size of the actual trunk line. Mr. Ryland addressed Mr. Ray's questions on Phase II, if and when that comes into play it would run all the way out to Hudson Run. Mr. Ryland advised Council that negotiations with the city's insurance company are continuing relating to what it would have cost to repair the fire station and the monies due to us. Mr. Pelot stated he believed there was an agreement or something with the EPA and asked Mr. Ryland to elaborate. Mr. Ryland indicated there is no agreement, however we have been sited for failure to have a plan to eliminate the illicit discharges within our city.

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS CONTINUED:**

We have had conversations with the EPA, and they have reviewed our Master Plan from several years ago. Mr. Ryland indicated that was an all out plan to cover the city with sanitary sewers back then. Mr. Ryland commented on the statement that maybe we need to retest Lake Dorothy; this is the fifth year of a five (5) year plan for testing water quality fall outs. Each year our testing results get worse, which means that human waste continues to be dumped into our ditches and streams. Mr. Ryland indicated there is no agreement with EPA, we have monthly conversations with them as to what we are doing and how things are moving along. Mr. Kostoff reported on a 1994 Federal Court case, which involved a former Norton police officer that was convicted of a serious crime and was terminated. This officer was held responsible for a judgement in that case, and subsequently he has filed bankruptcy. Since then the Plaintiff's counsel in that case has asked the court to revive the case and we have gone into court to argue the statute of limitation's and that the city is not responsible for the judgement. Mr. Kostoff stated the court agreed and the Magistrate in Federal Court denied the request to revive the judgement. Mr. Kostoff indicated he was not aware of an appeal being filed at this time.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:**

**RES #40-2010**

Mr. Braman offered Res. #40-2010 for its first reading, and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 4441 JOHNSON ROAD IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

**RES #41-2010**

Mr. Bergstrom offered Res. #41-2010 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE GREENWICH ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER PARCELS BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE GREENWICH ROAD SANITARY SEWER PHASE I PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bergstrom moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mrs. Hlas. Mr. Bergstrom stated he has heard the comments tonight that we declare an emergency too often and that we move to quickly on things. This resolution is not setting the project in stone, it is the very start of the project, we have serious environmental concerns we need to address and this legislation sets the ball in motion. Mr. Bergstrom indicated after this there are at least six to eight weeks of other meetings and hearings in this process. It's very important to make this first move and you will have various opportunities to make your comments. Mr. Mowery stated that we all realize once it gets past Committee, it gets more steam to move forward and it will get adopted. However, if it goes back into Committee that is where it can be discussed more. Mr. Mowery stated that he refuses to put the Nash Heights and Greenwich Road residents in a corner here. The people have spoken and have said their piece and he appreciated their comments, however he would not be supporting this legislation.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bergstrom, Hlas, Nicolard, Braman, Pelot, Zita  
Nays: Mowery

Motion passed 6-1.

Mr. Bergstrom moved to adopt Res. #41-2010, seconded by Mrs. Hlas.

Mr. Mowery stated that this only sets a precedent with oncoming votes on levies, schools, operating, and what the people stand for. Mr. Pelot disagreed, this has nothing to do with school levies, and we have a city without a fire station. Mr. Pelot stated that these are people that are working to protect our families, and our lives, they are operating from a makeshift location, from their homes. We need to have the water and sewer in this area to start that process and he will be supporting this. Mr. Bergstrom added that in addition to the need for the fire station, you have to realize the Master Plan, we are getting a lot more product for a little bit more effort. Mr. Nicolard stated he hoped this would address the concerns with the EPA in the process. Mrs. Hlas discussed the EPA letter and the three (3) areas with high counts of fecal coli bacteria, and Nash Heights is one of them. Mrs. Hlas stated that safe limit counts of fecal coli bacteria is 5,000 parts per 100 ml, Columbia Woods Drive, Greenwich Road, and Nash Heights areas have 2,000,000.00 parts per 100 ml. We are not talking about barely being over the limit here, these are huge numbers. As a Council member she feels this is her duty and she feels obligated to address this issue. We are doing everything possible to get grants; there just aren't any out there for new sewers. As far as costs, the estimates are coming in thirty (30) to forty (40) percent lower than the engineers estimated costs, which means now is the time to do this. We have all been out there campaigning over the years and we have been told we need sewer and water. We cannot wait around for another thirty (30) or forty (40) years. The EPA does not mess around and when they give you a warning, you have to address it and this is our plan. Mr. Mowery agreed the safety forces are important and most residents would not have a problem extending the sewer and water to that point, but stop it there. Give us some time to look at our needs and what we want. Mr. Mowery stated he is doing what is best for the needs of the city. Mr. Zita added that the high bacteria count that in our ditches and streams could eventually end up contaminating your wells too.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bergstrom, Hlas, Nicolard, Braman, Pelot, Zita  
Nays: Mowery

Motion passed 6-1.

## **INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

### **ORD #35-2010**

Mr. Pelot offered Ord. #35-2010 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF CIVIL SERVICE RULES FOR USE BY THE CITY OF NORTON CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Second reading only.

**ORD #37-2010**

Mr. Mowery offered Ord. #37-2010 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 408.04 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO.

Mr. Mowery moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas. Braman, Pelot, Zita  
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Mowery moved to adopt Ord. #37-2010, seconded by Mr. Nicolard. Mr. Mowery stated he would be voting no on this tonight, the fine of \$75.00 is just not in line.

Roll Call: Yeas: Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas, Braman, Pelot, Zita  
Nays: Mowery

Motion passed 6-1.

**ORD #38-2010**

Mr. Mowery offered Ord. #38-2010 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 454 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND REPEALING SECTION 1640.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Mowery moved to waive the third reading, seconded by Mr. Nicolard. Mr. Mowery stated this is basically for striping in the plaza. Mr. Mowery stated he has talked with Albrecht and most of the business owners in the plaza and this will make it easier for everyone to do their business.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas. Braman, Pelot, Zita  
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Mowery moved to adopt Ord. #38-2010, seconded by Mr. Nicolard.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mowery, Nicolard, Bergstrom, Hlas. Braman, Pelot, Zita  
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Mowery questioned Mayor Koontz as to the status of the Brentwood discussions and negotiations with Barberton. Mayor Koontz indicated that he has nothing new to report. Mr. Mowery questioned the state of the well heads in Brentwood and had concerns as to how bad they really were. Mr. Mowery stated he spoke with the people that drilled the casings and they felt if maintained properly they have a long life. Mr. Mowery asked if they could not have been used at least for a loop line or for back up water pressure? Mayor Koontz replied that with a loop line you couldn't tap into that well and mix the lines. The Master Plan was to eventually have a line on Easton and a tower somewhere in the vicinity. That is not to address a Brentwood issue, it's for the entire city. Mr. Ryland stated there are no water pressure issues at Brentwood, we have tested it and the pressure remains at approximately 40 PSI. Mr. Ryland addressed the issue with the well heads, and the casings had a hole in them, which allowed water to back flow into the well. We had estimates of \$8,000.00-\$9,000.00 to repair the casings but there was also the possible danger in doing these repairs the entire well could collapse. If that were to happen we would have to purchase new land at least 300 feet away from that well because of new regulations. Mr. Ryland stated that as early as 1989 the EPA had recommended the construction of a water tower for that area and that estimate was over \$500,000.00 back then. Mr. Mowery questioned where would the loop line begin in the future, and Mr. Ryland replied it would start at Grenfall Road and would eventually go all the way to Easton.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Koontz read a proclamation for Ohio Occupational Therapy Month, and several other announcements. (see attached). Mrs. Hlas commented about the referenced on the flyer about her statement of the 70% failure rate. Mrs. Hlas stated that her comments were taken completely out of context as she was referring to the report from the EPA. Mrs. Hlas stated she would have like to have had the opportunity to discuss this with the author of the flyer, but they failed to sign it. Mr. Bergstrom reminded everyone about the Easter Egg Hunt at Columbia Woods Park this Saturday at 11:00 AM. Mr. Zita stated next week is the fifth Monday and there would be no meetings.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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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 April 12, 2010.

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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.