



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014**

Roll Call: Scott Pelot  
Dennis McGlone  
Danny Grether  
Dennis Pierson  
Paul Tousley  
Charlotte Whipkey  
Rick Rodgers

Also Present:  
Mayor Mike Zita  
Laura Starosta  
Justin Markey  
Karla Richards  
Ann Campbell

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Rick Rodgers, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent reflection.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

Watershed District

Mr. Rodgers informed everyone that Mr. Rozelle was unable to attend tonight and Mr. Grether could explain the answers for the questions we had raised at the last Council meeting. Mr. Grether read Mr. Rozelle's answers to the public (see attached). Mr. Grether summarized: (1) the two most likely options for opting out arise from hearings and before funds are borrowed for the project by petitioning the Court; (2) none of Norton was within the Muskingum district; and (3) two assessments are involved, one for the plan at an estimated \$12.00 per year per residential property over two years and the second ongoing assessment of an unknown rate for building and maintaining the district. Council then allowed public questions. Mrs. Patricia Reese, 4052 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, questioned the 42,200 parcels and asked if this includes businesses? Mr. Grether stated he believed so and Mayor Zita concurred and that business would be assessed more and then credits would be issued to the businesses as they come in for rain gardens and retention ponds that reduce the runoff from their impervious surfaces. Mrs. Reese discussed the comment about hard surface properties like Acme and Fred Martin, where are they going to build a retention pond, and questioned why they should get a credit? If you agree to this you need to look at companies like Fred Martin when they are constantly expanding and are making money hand over fist. Mrs. Reese stated she wants to see credit for green grass. Mr. Rodgers stated he believed that the residents were charged per parcel or house and businesses were charged by hard surface square footage although that would need to be confirmed by Mr. Rozelle. Mr. Tousley stated he had a concern that the opt out method was unclear and we are at the mercy at a Board or the Court; he has a problem with Home Rule being taken out of it. Mr. Pelot agreed that Home Rule was being removed out of the picture, but pointed out the project could move forward with a petition of 500 signatures. Mr. Pelot stated this is just a back door way for the type of businesses like the Mosquito District to get this done and be formed. Mr. Rodgers clarified that the Court puts the plan into place and this plan is created by the Board of Control. Mr. Markey clarified the Judge approves that plan as presented by the Board.

Mr. Rodgers stated the City will have a voice on this Board as will each community through a resident on the Board, not a member of Council. Mr. Markey concurred and the City was protected by the vote of the City Board member. Mr. Rodgers pointed out that this is only a first reading and there is more fact finding to be done, but the City would have some control through representatives from our City being on the Board. Ms. Whipkey stated if none of us on Council can be on this Board, where then is our influence on the Board or our representative? Mr. Pierson questioned why is the approval of the plan not presented to the public for a vote? Mr. Markey explained the Ohio Revised Code provides for such a districts to be formed; providing there is a nuisance that meets their criteria, as was done in the Mosquito District. Mr. Markey further explained the only statutory processes in place to form the districts are either by Council approval or 500 signatures. There was discussion on the legalities and the engineering firms that are involved for such projects. Mr. Markey noted most judges are not experts in this area which is why there is a Board established. Mr. Jack Gainer, 3920 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, asked other than the assessments, what would be Council's objection to alleviate the flooding problems within the cities of Norton, Barberton, and Copley? Why would anyone be against it with a reasonable assessment? He cannot believe you are against it. This could be a win-win situation for all sides and he cannot see why you would be against stopping the flooding? Mr. Rodgers stated that no one was against stopping the flooding. Mr. Rodgers stated there are some members of Council and some residents that have concerns on an assessment that we have no idea as to the cost, which is a legitimate concern. This Council is not totally opposed to the watershed or backpedalling as has been reported by one newspaper; we are only looking to ascertain the facts and understand what we are voting on as past Councils have failed to do. Mr. Gainer went on to say that Mr. Rodgers is saying that if Council determines that the assessments are a reasonable amount, which he does not know what that would be to you but does know what he thinks is reasonable, there would be no further objections? Mr. Pierson pointed out that he would like to ask Mr. Rozelle why there were 22 cities that had opted out of this. We need to know all the facts first. Mr. Tousley stated he does not object stopping the flooding, but referred to ORC Section 6101.17 relating to dominant right of eminent domain over the right of eminent domain of railroad, telephone, gas, water power, and other companies and corporations, and over townships, counties, and municipal corporations. This may not be a complete game changer for this, but he cannot support this as presented. Ms. Whipkey stated it's already been stated there would be two (2) assessments, one of which we have no idea of the amount and won't until after they proceed to a point and that alone is enough reason to take a good look and understand what we are getting involved in. None of us want to give up a right to have the ability to negotiate or see people flooded. There are people who would be paying for this and are not affected by any flooding. Ms. Whipkey stated she would rather take a good look at this now rather than whine later. Mr. Grether stated he has never indicated he would not look at fixing the flooding issues and was with the Mayor and Mr. Nicolard at the last big flood. Mr. Grether stated he was upset that this new Council is being criticized for taking the time to carefully review this because that is what we told the residents we would do. Mr. Gainer asked for those members of the press or anyone else that attended those meetings held in the other communities, were these same questions asked and answered as Copley and Barberton approved it? Mr. Grether stated he also saw the other figures stated in the papers by a Copley Trustee and cannot clarify this issue at this time. Mrs. Reese stated it was mentioned Granger Twp. and Medina and up north is where this is all coming from and questioned why they are not involved? Mr. Rodgers stated this is why we are going all three (3) readings and we will do our best to get Mr. Rozelle here for the next meeting.

Mrs. Reese requested the City have a list of all of the pros and cons to explain in detail. Mrs. Reese clarified she wanted to hear why we shouldn't be entering into this, not just why we should, and wants to hear from the 22 cities that opted out.

Approve Council Rules.

Mrs. Richards noted the proposed changes on page #11-Rule 403 on the abstention meaning to votes and page #12 Rule 504 was modified to meet the Charter on video taping. There being no other additions, Mr. Grether moved to approve the rules as prepared, seconded by Ms. Whipkey.

Roll Call: Yeas: Grether, Whipkey, Pelot, McGlone, Pierson, Tousley, Rodgers  
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Rodgers noted we need to add Executive Session to tonight's agenda under New Business at the end of the evening. The reason for Executive Session is to discuss a personnel matter and Ms. Whipkey clarified its compensation relating to personnel.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mrs. Terry Canfora, 3603 Shellhart Road, Norton, Ohio, and a lawn mower business owner on Whipple, stated they have experienced severe flooding. Mrs. Canfora stated because they do not have business insurance that covers all of these expenses and risks involved, it can be very expensive for the repairs. They have talked with many of the small local businesses and they have experienced severe flooding and we are all asking for some help and hope that this will stop as this has been a repeating problem and not a onetime event. Mr. Rodgers asked if emergency funding was looked at after the last flood and Mayor Zita stated we did file with FEMA but as bad as it was, it was not enough to qualify for any financial aid. Mrs. Canfora added that they had applied to the County for a reduction of property taxes and the County reduced their property taxes a couple hundred dollars, but that was it.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES:**

Minutes of the January 9, 2014 Committee Work Session, approved as submitted.  
Minutes of the January 13, 2014 2013 Regular Council Meeting, approved as submitted.

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

Mayor Zita during his absence we had significant snowfall and thanked the Service, Police & Fire Departments for keeping everyone safe. Mayor Zita thanked Ms. Whipkey for filling in. Mr. Rodgers discussed having a Service Committee meeting soon to discuss our road situation. Mr. Pelot noted that is in the works, we are gathering information and will continue the discussions. Mr. Rodgers stated he wanted a larger plan developed beyond the immediate needs and look at funding and increasing the service department.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS-None**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION**

**RES #3-2014**

Mr. Grether offered Res. #3-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

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

First reading only.

**RES #4-2014**

Mr. Grether offered Res. #4-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

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

First reading only.

**RES #5-2014**

Mr. Grether offered Res. #5-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL FOR PLACEMENT OF FARMLAND LOCATED AT 3296 CLUBSIDE DRIVE IN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

First reading only.

**RES#6-2014**

Mr. Grether offered Res. #6-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

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

First reading only.

**RES #7-2014**

Mr. Tousley offered Res. #7-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MS. CHARLOTTE WHIPKEY AS THE NORTON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE “BARBERTON-NORTON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT,” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tousley moved to waive the second and third readings, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. Grether asked for the reason of emergency and Mr. Tousley stated it is because the seat is vacant.

Roll Call: Yeas: Tousley, Pelot, McGlone, Grether, Pierson, Rodgers

Nays: None

Abstain: Whipkey

Motion passed 6-0.

**RES #8-2014**

Mr. Grether offered Res. #8-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF WOLF CREEK WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (WCWCD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

**ORD #9-2014**

Mr. Pierson offered Ord. #9-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTIONS.

First reading only.

**INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION**

**ORD #1-2014**

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #1-2014 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CROYDON ROAD, HIGGINS DRIVE, RANGELY ROAD, EASTON ROAD, BROOKSIDE DRIVE, CLUBVIEW DRIVE, BROOKSIDE COURT AND CERTAIN OTHER PARCELS BY CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER LINES, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, COMPRISING THE NASH HEIGHTS SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – EAST PHASE PROJECT.

Second reading only.

**ORD #2-2014**

Mr. Tousley offered Ord. #2-2014 for its first reading and asked the clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 288 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTON, OHIO.

Second reading only.

**RES. # 114-2013**

Mr. Grether offered Res. #114-2013 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REWORKS (FORMERLY THE SUMMIT/AKRON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Grether moved to adopt Res. #114-2013, seconded by Mr. McGlone

Roll Call: Yeas: Grether, McGlone, Pelot, Pierson, Tousley, Whipkey, Rodgers  
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

**ORD #115-2013**

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #115-2013 for its third reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

THE ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR CERTAIN STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. McGlone moved to adopt Ord. #115-2013, seconded by Mr. Pelot. Mr. McGlone explained the details and that they have been doing this in the past. Mr. Tousley stated that due to his concerns raised last week and lack of their responses to our questions, he cannot support this. Mr. Pierson asked if anyone in Administration contacted the City of Stow, there was no response. Mr. Pierson agreed with Mr. Tousley on Summit County's responses and expressed his concerns with their lack of enforcement in the past, especially in the Nash Heights area. Mr. Rodgers agreed with both concerns however we need to have enforcement and the alternate is to contract outside with other contractors although the outside contractors could not enforce the rules. Mr. Pierson pointed out the private contractors do turn their reports over to Summit County for enforcement.

Roll Call:       Yeas: McGlone, Pelot, Grether  
                      Nays: Tousley, Pierson, Whipkey, Rodgers.

Motion failed 4-3.

Mr. Rodgers stated this would be addressed at the next work session. Mrs. Richard's pointed out that the vote of no meant the item would have to be started over as new legislation with a new number and through Committee. Mr. Rodgers stated that no one seemed happy with the work the County had performed in the past and believed that they were part of the problem in Nash Heights right now as they did no enforcement, so we would start over. Mayor Zita stated that we are now in violation of our MS4 permit and we must make a decision on the enforcement. Mr. Pierson stated that Cuyahoga County had done the inspections in the past and a report was generated and submitted to the City and the County and that Summit County should have enforced that. Mr. McGlone suggested finding some of the outside sources that were licensed to do the testing and see what they have to say. Ms. Whipkey reminded Council that Summit County had stated the contract was negotiable. Mr. Tousley stated with some minor changes to the contract he could support going with the County.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Zita commented about the letter received by Mr. Renacci relating to the zip code issue and that the Post Office will do nothing to assist us as it would cost the Post Office more money and they are not interested in helping us. Mr. Grether asked the Council President to assign this issue to his Economic Development Committee, and Mr. Rodgers so directed. Ms. Whipkey asked if Barberton gave Norton any money back to Norton due to the shared zip code, but no one remembered any such reimbursement. Mr. Grether noted the recent road conditions with the weather and asked if the City could put something in the papers like local cities do that outline the road plowing details as to the order on what roads we address first.

Mayor Zita indicated he would look into that. Mr. Rodgers questioned the process of EMS billing for a call for a Norton resident and questioned why that the resident gets billed. Mrs. Starosta stated there is an ordinance in place that outlines all of this; however the Fire Dept., handles all of the billing. Ms. Whipkey stated she believed if a resident had insurance, the insurance company was charged, but if the resident did not have insurance or the company did not cover the full amount, there was no charge to the resident. Mr. Rodgers stated that is what he understood and the question was the citizens paid the fire levy and yet the insurance company is being called to pay for something that should be included in their taxes for residents. There was discussion to ask Chief Schultz to attend the next Committee Work Session to explain the details. Ms. Whipkey offered to send the email correspondence she had from Chief Shultz on the question of EMS services and/or charges; both Mrs. Starosta and Ms. Whipkey concurred that there is an ordinance covering the subject.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Pierson had asked at last week's meeting about (2) checks to American Messaging and the Dell Group, and he was waiting for a reply. Mrs. Starosta stated American messaging is Fire Dept, and Dell Group was for asbestos removal for various properties. Mr. Pierson asked why was this not paid out of the Fire Dept., fund? Mrs. Starosta stated that the American Messaging was paid out of the Fire Dept. Fund and the Dell Group came out of the general fund. Mr. Pierson questioned if the asbestos removal was involved with the school why wasn't this \$580.00 bill bounced back to the school? Mrs. Starosta replied she would have to verify the use of the grant with the Mayor and the building department, as there were multiple properties involved. Mr. Pierson stated at least six (6) residents have complained to him last week about not being able to watch the meetings live or playback later, poor sound quality and questioned if it's a programming error or personnel error? Mr. Pierson asked to have the total costs we have spent on this online service. Ms. Whipkey indicated she has several people throughout the community watching live tonight and they will report back to her on the quality, sound etc. Ms. Whipkey stated she has also contacted a resident on their band width they have on their computer for watching, as this could be the issue for some of the residents. Ms. Ann Campbell noted the microphones are unidirectional and if you do not lean in and speak directly into the mike, you will lose quality of sound. Mr. Rodgers stated it was not the intention of that Charter amendment was to require high speed internet or bandwidth to be able to watch it. We have to work on that for those that may not be able to afford the high speed internet. Ms. Whipkey stated her Committee is working on all of the issues and complaints and they seem to be all over the place. Ms. Whipkey stated before throwing a lot of money to fix something that does not or may not need to be fixed, this needs to be looked into further in order to know what we are dealing with. Mr. Rodgers stated that if it is an internet speed issue that needs to be investigated. Mr. Pierson stated the spirit of that Charter change was to broadcast it. There is a difference between broadcasting it and live streaming it, particularly for the elderly residents and the convenience it was meant to bring to them. It was to help the older residents that cannot make the meetings and would like to see it regardless. Mr. Pierson stated that since this matter is in litigation, we probably should not be talking about it now.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Zita read several announcements, (see attached).

**NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

At 8:15 PM, Mr. Rodgers moved to temporarily adjourn the Regular Council Meeting to convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues under ORC 121.22(G) (1) and Section 3.12 of the City Charter, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Ms. Whipkey clarified the reason was to address compensation and Mr. Rodgers clarified his motion. Mr. Rodgers invited Mr. Markey, to attend. Mr. Rodgers noted there would be no legislative action resulting from this meeting and Council would return only to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas: Rodgers, Pierson, Pelot, McGlone, Grether, Tousley, Whipkey  
Nays: None

Motion passed 7-0.

At 8:41 PM, Council adjourned from Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Council meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

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Rick Rodgers, President of Council

I, Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council for the City of Norton, do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes were approved at a Regular Council Meeting held on February 10, 2014.

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Karla Richards, CMC-Clerk of Council

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

**\*\*ORIGINAL SIGNED AND APPROVED MINUTES ARE ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL\*\***

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

## QUESTIONS FROM CITY OF NORTON

### 1. Can Norton opt out of the District if they do not like the proposed cost ?

- Once the Petition is filed with the Court the City has basically two options. The Conservancy District is required by Law, within the first two years, to prepare an Official Plan which describes in detail the capital projects to be performed by the District, the estimated cost to complete those projects along with the cost of property to be purchased to complete the work, and the source of funds to be used. Once this Plan has been prepared, the Board of Directors shall give public notice of the completion of the Plan along with the time and place for public hearings on the Plan. The City, or any resident, then has the opportunity to file a written objection to the Plan and appear at the Hearing to testify. The Conservancy Board then has the option of modifying the Plan or adopting it. Once the Plan is adopted by the Board, the Conservancy Court would also provide notice on the Plan, establish a period for objections to be filed and again hold public hearings. At that time the City could petition the Court to be removed from the District based upon their objections.

The second option would be for the City to petition the Court at some other point in the proceedings to opt out of the District and in doing so provide the Court with the reasons for such action. However, once funds have been borrowed to pay for the cost of the improvements, it is unlikely that the Court could allow a community to opt out.

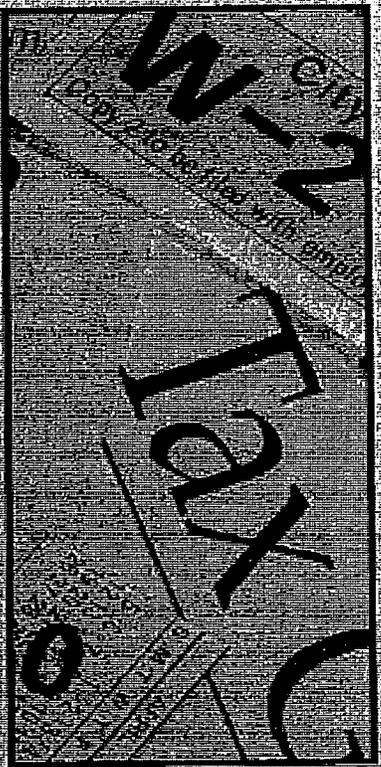
However, it should be recognized by Council that this flooding problem is the result of runoff from as far away as Grainger Township in Medina County, Bath Township in Summit County and the City of Akron, and that a watershed wide solution is necessary to eliminate the problems and spread the cost to all areas that contribute runoff within the watershed.

### 2. Do properties in Norton pay an MWCD assessment?

- MWCD has provided a copy of their Jurisdictional Boundary. None of the Wolf Creek Watershed in either Summit or Medina County is within the MWCD boundary. A portion of Barberton east of the Tuscarawas River is within the MWCD and those parcels do pay a MWCD assessment. To verify this I selected 20 properties at random in Barberton and Norton and checked the County Auditors records for each property for 2013. None of them listed any MWCD Assessment. They did show assessments for a Mosquito District and several had a sewer maintenance assessment.

### 3. How much is the Wolf Creek assessment likely to be ?

- It is anticipated that there will be two assessments. Section 6101.45 of the ORC provides for a Preliminary Assessment, not to exceed 0.3 mil, to finance the cost of the preparation of the Official Plan and the first two years of operation of the District. Spread over the 42,200 parcels in the watershed, I would estimate the cost to a typical residential property of approximately \$12 per year.
- Once the Official Plan has been approved, the annual assessment to finance the Capital Improvements plus the cost of District operations along with maintenance of the system will depend upon the work proposed in the Official Plan. At this time there is no way to estimate what that would be.



# Central Collection Agency taxpayer assistance for City Income Tax filing!

Staff from CCA will be available at the  
**Norton COMMUNITY CENTER** at 4060 Columbia Woods Dr.  
to assist residents with filing **2013** Norton CITY Income tax returns.

January 31 2014	Friday	4:00p - 8:00p
March 15 2014	Saturday	9:00a - 5:00p
March 25 2014	Tuesday	1:00p - 8:00p
April 1, 2014	Tuesday	1:00p - 8:00p
April 8, 2014	Tuesday	1:00p - 8:00p
April 15, 2014	Tuesday	8:00a - 3:00p

# Norton Kiwanis 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook off



Saturday February 15, 2014  
Norton Community Center

Chili entry fee: \$6.00

*Drop off chili entries from 2:00 - 3:00*

On the day of the event

**ALL CONTESTANTS INVITED!!!!!!**

**Categories: BEST HOTTEST, BEST MILD,  
PEOPLE'S CHOICE, BEST COMMERCIAL**

GET YOUR ENTRY FORM TODAY BY CALLING ED @ 330-819-5658

**RAFFLE BASKETS & 50 / 50**



Dinner served from 4:00 to 7:00

**ALL YOU CAN EAT!**

**Adults \$6.00**

**Children: (6 & under): Free!**

Net proceeds benefit Norton High School Scholarships

# Veteran Job & Career Fair

Wednesday, April 16

1-3 p.m.

The Veteran Job & Career Fair is VSC's eighth bi-annual on-site event on job and career benefits. The goal of this free event is to help Summit County veterans connect with local employers and to assist with finding career and job opportunities.

VSC will host representatives from:

- ★ Employers looking to hire
- ★ Heroes4Hire Job Club
- ★ Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Job skill professionals on hand to assist with:

- ★ Resume review
- ★ Job search skills
- ★ Education options
- ★ Tips to ace an interview

The Veteran Job & Career Fair will provide veterans with an overview of the various benefits and services available.

*Veterans of all ages are encouraged to attend.*

*Dependents of veterans are welcome.*



To register, visit [www.VSCsummitOH.us](http://www.VSCsummitOH.us) or call 330-643-7636



Mayor Mike Zita

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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Date: Friday, January 17, 2014

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Bridge Replacement on Summit Rd in Norton** **will have detours**

Effective on Monday, February 3, 2014, a bridge replacement on SUMMIT Road over I-76 / SR-224 will cause detours. The bridge, located between Connect and Hazelwood Extension Rd, will close Summit Road to through-traffic until approximately July 1, 2014.

The detour around this area is Barber Rd. to Norton Ave. to Wooster Rd. N. All businesses on Summit Rd will remain open and accessible.

This ODOT project, funded through Federal and State funds, is the first of two bridge replacements that will be performed in Norton over the SR-224 highway. The second part will be the Clark Mill Bridge, which is projecting to start in August of 2014. The cost of both bridge replacements is estimated to be a \$3.1 million project.

Sent to: Norton Post  
Barberton Herald  
West Side Leader  
Akron Beacon Journal  
Posted online at [www.cityofnorton.org](http://www.cityofnorton.org)