



**NORTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2015**

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

Also Present:
Mayor Mike Zita
Valerie Wax Carr
Ron Messner-Excused
Justin Markey-Excused
Karla Richards
Ann Campbell
Dave White

The Regular Council Meeting convened on Monday, June 8, 2015 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 prayer.

Mr. Tom Quinn-Agent from Congressman Mr. Ranci's office and read an open letter from Mr. Renacci (see attached). The office can assist residents on many issues, such as assistance with taxes, passport applications streamlined in 2-3 days instead of waiting 6-8 weeks through normal processes, etc. Mr. Quinn stated that we come to all of you with a servant's heart and we are here to help any of you.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Grether noted that with Ord. #38-2015 he wants it known that his Aunt is married into the Sours family and therefore he felt it best to reclude himself from the discussion and any action relating to this legislation.

Mr. Rodgers officially acknowledged Councils receipt of May 2015 Budget Reports from Finance Director, Mr. Messner.

Ord. #37-2015

Mr. Rodgers noted this is to allow the Mayor to enter into an agreement for new IT services. Mr. Rodgers moved to add Ord. #37-2015 to the agenda for a first reading, seconded by Ms. Whipkey. Mrs. Carr explained we have been working on this for the past several months. We felt with all of the new technology and the implementation of the joint dispatch center this was a needed improvement. Mrs. Carr stated that with the pilot program and the change in technology and the joint dispatch center, we needed to share it and step it up. We have been doing it for about three months and we have been very pleased with what we have gotten in return. Mr. Chris Stohl is the head of it and he is the Barberton IT director at this point.

In the budget there would be the ability to hire two more assistants to assist for a total of \$214,165.00 and would start in July and we are to pay one third and that would be half that amount for this year or about \$35,000.00 to finish out this year and we would go into a full contract next year. The Board of Control has approved an amount not to exceed \$36,000.00. We are currently phasing out our current contractor and will continue to do so.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

ORD. #38-2015

Mr. Rodgers moved to add Ord. #38-2015 to the agenda for a first reading, seconded by Ms. Whipkey. Mrs. Carr explained that this is a contract with Rodger Sours relating to Cleveland-Massillon widening program and this company has to be approved by ODOT. Mrs. Carr stated the project requires some land acquisition; we had twenty-nine (29) properties to work with in Phase I and this was a very smooth process with all property owners participating with no objections. She was very pleased with how the team worked with the public during the initial phase and we are coming back to Mr. Sours as we had already budgeted for Phase I and Phase II, but Phase I was under \$10,000, so we did not need to come to Council. Phase II is larger and at more cost and Mrs. Carr noted the amount for this contract is \$28,425.00 and asked for a contract amount of not to exceed \$30,000.00. This is an 80/20 split and Mr. Rodgers clarified we will be reimbursed.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. McGlone discussed the SRO legislation and he wanted to hold off on the final vote until July 13, 2015 since he and Mr. Grether will be excused at the next couple upcoming meetings. Ms. Whipkey asked if it was possible to have the School Board present? Mr. Pierson stated the School Board is having a meeting on this matter 6-22-15, but it is his understanding from conversations that there have been no discussions with the School Board as yet; he felt we should not be moving forward until then and we should have a joint meeting. Mr. Rodgers suggested we have a joint meeting through the week since we both meet on Mondays. Mr. Pierson stated he would like to have clarification from the Chief as to the opinion he had received from the Ohio Attorney General and the ORC code section as they were put into dispute by a member of the audience that night. There was detailed discussion as to when we could get both the School Board and Council to attend. Ms. Whipkey asked if the Grill School is in Norton jurisdiction and Mayor Zita replied it is in New Franklin. Ms. Whipkey asked then how could our SRO serve them? Mrs. Carr stated that Grill School is to be torn down with the new school being built, sometime in 2017 and Ms. Whipkey stated that we just cannot ignore them for a whole year until that takes place.

Mr. Rodgers stated all of Council got an email from a resident this week with some legitimate concerns and he has been out talking to a lot of people with the same concerns and issues other than the school; there are lots of other questions that need to be addressed and felt this might not be finalized this year. Mr. Pelot stated he got information that the School Board has regular committee meetings at 6:30 with the regular meetings starting at 7:30 and they are scheduled for the last two weeks of June with nothing scheduled for July at this time. Mrs. Carr stated she would work with the Board and get a joint meeting scheduled and advise Council of the potential dates.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC-Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Greg Griffin, 3819 Brookside Drive, Norton, Ohio, spoke and stated that he represents the Norton 14-Youth Baseball team and they are working on fundraising efforts to send teams to Myrtle Beach to attend tournaments. Mr. Griffin stated that Cleveland Indians Coach Mike Hargrove has donated their suite at progressive field which includes 10 tickets, parking passes, food and beverages. We have been selling tickets for \$20.00 each and Mr. Pelot and Mr. Rodgers purchased tickets. Mr. Griffin asked Mayor Zita to pull the winning ticket, and the winner was Tom Morgan ticket #132. Mr. Griffin stated that the dates for the tournament are July 21, 2015 through August 1, 2015. There are 12 kids and their families that are attending the trip.

Mr. Rich Bosley, 3336 Brent Lane, Norton, Ohio, and current President of Norton Baseball Association as well as being involved in many other youth sports organizations, spoke and read a regarding the letter he sent to all of Council (see attached). Mr. Bosley stated last week there was a game and practice and a foul ball left the field and broke someone's car windshield. Mr. Bosley stated that you won't hear about that because we took care of it. We have the responsibility and we do carry insurance. The back field is the only 60/90 field in Norton. Mr. Bosley stated we do like to have the right to schedule the fields first and he gets some direct calls for that purpose as well as those sent to him. Mr. Rodgers stated after Mr. Newman had talked at the last meeting the fields opened up. Mr. Bosley clarified the field times and he had been discussing the times with Mr. Rummer prior to the last Council meeting and Mr. Rummer had stated he was to deal with him, not Mr. Newman. He had immediately emailed Mr. Rummer the open dates and there was already open field time scheduled for Mr. Newman's son's team after discussing it with the City. Our main focus is that we are scheduling our Norton teams for play. There was discussion as to the proposed fee of \$75.00 for fields as Mr. Newman had mentioned and Mr. Bosley explained there was a proposal for future use and was only a proposal and would have to be approved by the City. Mrs. Carr stated that this email was only in discussion with the three of us involved and was not sure how Mr. Newman got that email in the first place unless Mr. Rummer shared it with him and it was not even valid at that point. Mr. Rodgers stated he has no problem with a fee, just wants to have it set for all and ample field time. Mrs. Carr stated that Mr. Rummer had asked on a fee to use the Baseball Associations equipment and she believed that is where the fee question came into the picture. Mr. Bosley discussed the potential of open fields not being used for lack of members able to attend, weather, etc., as it does happen and if he was looking for field time he would be frustrated if found an empty field after being denied. Mr. Pierson stated the intent was not to pick on the NBA and questioned how you ended up paying for maintenance on City owned property and that you have no contract.

Mrs. Carr stated there was a very well written agreement from back in the days of Mr. Collins and for some reason the track stopped before coming to Council. It was about the same time as the new baseball fields were being built at Columbia Woods. Mrs. Carr stated we need a contract for every sport that we allow to use our fields as currently they are all verbal, but we have a decent framework to work with. Mrs. Carr stated she does not deny any of the cost Mr. Bosley has spent and if Council does agree with this we need to budget for this; she has the information from Mr. Collins that has some costs that she would be happy to share with Council and the Association had spent well over \$10,000.00 to get it started. Mrs. Carr felt positive that a plan was workable for all. Mr. Pierson stated public lands are first and foremost to be available to Norton residents. Mr. Pierson stated his first impression was that no one gets the use of the fields without scheduling and approval by NBA and that the City was not involved. Mrs. Carr used soccer as an example that when an outside team had requested usage the City did have a discussion and made sure that 51% of the players were from Norton and those are the types of things that need put into an agreement; right now there are no formalized rules and that is what needs put together. Mr. Pierson asked about the liability insurance and Mr. Bosley concurred that they have the proper coverage. Mr. Pierson questioned if that is even permitted since the NBA does not own the fields. Mrs. Carr stated there are other functions that require outside insurance coverage such as the fireworks, Norton Cider Festival, etc. Mr. Pelot stated this typically raises its ugly head every six (6) or seven (7) years and suggested a web site for the NBA. Mrs. Carr explained the way it works now is when someone wants to schedule a field to contact the City and we give them Mr. Bosley's contact number. Mr. Grether thanked Mr. Bosley for contacting him and stated he had invited him to speak to Council on the issue and we were grateful for him and all of the volunteers involved with all of the work they do on these fields.

Mrs. Pat Reese, 4052 Wadsworth Road, Norton, Ohio, spoke about the SRO Ord. #37-2015. In short the Board of Education is asking for the City to spend money and questioned why this is even being entertained? Every citizen in this City is paying higher taxes to ensure the school is operated sufficiently. Mrs. Reese asked if the school can hand out raises eighteen (18) months early then why did they not include the salary for this SRO? Mrs. Reese stated every citizen has to live within a budget and she questioned why can't the School Board? To come to the City and ask for help is outrageous and for the City to even consider this is even more outrageous. Mrs. Reese stated that our Building Inspector has been cut due to costs; our Administration is at half of the staff due to costs. Our Service Department positions have been cut because of costs, our roads are a mess, and yet some of you sit up there and say "it's for the children's safety". Mrs. Reese questioned if the School Board should not be held accountable for not having the forethought before handing out all of these raises? Mrs. Reese stated that maybe they should have thought about the children's safety. Mrs. Reese urged the Council to tell the School Board to look at other alternatives. Our City has many financial problems we are wrestling with and we need to consume ourselves with our problems and the School Board should concern themselves with school issues.

William Paluch, 3740 Shellhart Road, Norton, Ohio spoke about a letter from the Health Dept. every resident has received and charging another \$30.00 and he was not sure if this is for inspections or what? They still cannot tell who's septic is good, bad, or failed and that was when they charged \$65.00. Don't you all get tired of shelling out money to the Health Dept?

Mr. Rodgers explained the \$30 fee is part of the new Ohio Health Department rules as a new license fee and is to cover two years. Mr. Rodgers stated that what is interesting is that Mr. Paluch is getting sewers soon so he wondered why he received this notification, and suggested Mr. Paluch appeal that with the County. Ms. Whipkey stated that she would like the Administration to step in here and ask why anyone in Nash Heights should be receiving these letters on behalf of the residents. Mrs. Carr stated she was not aware that they had received this. Mr. Rodgers stated he had spoken to Mr. Ryan Pruett about these letters and was told this would be explained in more detail at the meeting coming up on June 10, 2017. Mr. Paluch complained about the letter from the Law Director denying his usage of the old fire station on Saturdays and Sundays for gathering petitions as it would be in use, but for the full month he didn't see anyone setting anything up on that lot. Mrs. Carr stated that one Saturday was being used for the Celtic Festival, but she could not speak for the rest. Mr. Paluch complained about that and that he will be submitting another request for this use again as he did not receive an answer until May 11th or 12th, which was too late for him to do anything. Mr. Paluch stated he really wanted Saturday and Sunday for his petition drive. Ms. Whipkey asked how long did Mr. Paluch plan to ask to use this and Mr. Paluch replied for thirty (30) days. Ms. Whipkey informed Mr. Paluch that scheduling for other events would need to be considered for any future request from him so we just couldn't say he could have it for the entire month. Mr. Paluch added that he was not permitted to pass out any literature and there was a lot stipulations on his use of the lot. Mr. Pierson asked for a copy of Mr. Markey's response to Mr. Paluch and it was stated it was in the Council Clerk's possession.

Brian Berry, 2322 Inas Drive, Norton, Ohio, commented about the white painting going on throughout the City and asked if this is to mark the sewers, or what? Mrs. Carr explained the reason is because we have the engineers marking the sewer locations so we can provide the detailed cost estimates which should be ready in the next few weeks. Mr. Berry stated he had taken some pictures of some places they had missed and Mrs. Carr replied she was not absolutely sure on the procedure. Mr. Berry asked about the Zoning Inspector going around and telling the residents about removing junk vehicles on their property. Mrs. Carr stated we are already working on this and if you get a green door hanger you are notified that you have a problem. Mr. Berry stated that instead of City's theme of a growing community, it should be changed to the City of Procrastination by Endless Minutia. We seem to be proud to have mindless discussions and doing things the same way. We have so much potential in this town, but we seem to be looking for conspiracy theories under every rock and we are proud of that. If safety is an issue; then let's provide greenways for bikes and safe walking to get to places; it could be done on a shoestring. If we want to attract people to come into this community, then we have to come into the 21st century.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 4, 2015 Committee Work Session were approved as submitted.

Minutes of the May 11, 2015 Regular Council Meeting were approved as submitted.

Minutes of the May 18, 2015 Committee Work Session-*Deferred to 6-22-15*.

Minutes of the May 26, 2015 Council Meeting-*Deferred to 6-22-15*.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS-None

PUBLIC HEARINGS-None

Mr. Rodgers handed out information of an email from him regarding the article in the Norton Post referencing himself and his wife (see attached). Mr. Rodgers stated he pulled a petition to run for Mayor and had asked the Board of Election a question. Somehow this question got turned around and the article in the Post stated that I was trying to hedge the election and have his wife run for his seat, and if he did not win the Mayor's seat he could retain his Council seat. It is ridiculous to even hear it or read it; however, in fairness to the Post reporter he did contact him last week while out of state and had asked for his comments on this. His reply to the reporter was that he did not know he even came up with this and that his wife has no interest in running for Council. Mr. Rodgers stated that he then contacted the Board and found out the information this reporter received was hearsay. The director was told by someone working at the counter that was his request. He was told that his question he had asked of the Board would have to be forwarded to the Prosecutor in writing for review. Mr. Rodgers further explained that all of this was in his email and they are the facts. Mr. Rodgers stated he was wanting to know if a person could run in the November election for his Council seat in the event he won the Mayoral race and to save the City paying for a Special Election. When he asked the Post reporter why he even was aware of this he was told that he received the information from a tip and would not reveal his source. What I just passed out was the email correspondence regarding this request and these are the facts, nothing about my wife running; what I actually said was if I resign my seat effective December 31st, 2015 could a person be on the ballot November 3rd, 2015 to replace him to save the City money and this is what it turned into. Mr. Rodgers stated he does not know where he got that tip, however he is aware of how many people knew about it, but he does not know where he got the tip. Mr. Rodgers commented on Mr. Berry's statements about the silliness in Norton and this is just an example as why we look the way we do. Mr. Rodgers stated he is just hoping to get this corrected, he cannot get a retraction from the Board of Elections and their statement is we'll just have to agree to disagree; whatever that means. This is the record; this is factual; this is the actual emails, it's the actual correspondence. I've said it before, I'm a pretty thick skinned guy; I really don't like to play games though and too many games are played in this town. Ms. Whipkey asked why would you even think you could put something on the ballot for November when the seat is not even vacant to begin with until December and only if you got elected? Mr. Rodgers stated the reason he thought about it and he went to what he thought would be the authority to get the answer to this and their response was this question had been asked before. The reason is very clear to save the City money for a special election. Ms. Whipkey asked how we would put anybody on the ballot for November? Mr. Rodgers responded, Ms. Whipkey, the prosecutor sent his opinion; it was a question I felt I could ask and get a response and see if it was possible. Mr. Rodgers stated that he was looking for a way to get around that and save the City money. The issue is that the Board of Elections, which is funded by the taxpayers, can put out hearsay and that a local newspaper prints this all on a tip from somebody.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

****Added during Committee of the Whole**

ORD #37-2015

Mr. Rodgers offered Ord. #37-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHWEST SUMMIT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

ORD #38-2015

Mr. Rodgers offered Ord. #38-2015 for its first reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROGER A. SOURS CO., IN CONNECTION WITH REVIEW APPRAISALS FOR THE WIDENING OF CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading only.

INTRODUCTION OF PRIOR LEGISLATION

ORD #36-2015

Mr. McGlone offered Ord. #36-2015 for its second reading and asked the Clerk to read it:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second reading only. Ms. Whipkey stated she had acquired some background information on SRO's on other communities and had asked Mrs. Richards to print these out to review for Council. Ms. Whipkey noted she had requested some of this from Chief Dalessandro and the Ohio School Resource Officer Association and some from the School District. Mr. Pierson asked if each resource is cited and Ms. Whipkey concurred it was from the SRO Association, the teacher's study, and information compiled by the Police Chief. Mr. Rodgers stated this is an important issue and another reason for this upcoming joint meeting. Mr. Rodgers asked the author of the email he received regarding this to come forward and read the email he had received. Mrs. Linda Newman read her email aloud, (see attached). Ms. Whipkey stated there are some questions here that need answered. The only part the City is paying for are the actual hours they are working for the City and that does include benefits. As far as response time, from the police station there is not a police officer currently located at our police station. During the day you would only find the Chief, and a secretary and perhaps someone filling out paperwork with the rest of our force is out on our streets. Mrs. Newman stated she agrees there is a need for safety in the schools and the school should be addressing this; not the City. Mrs. Reese asked what the cost for the City's share is and Ms. Whipkey stated it's at \$34,000.00 per year and includes benefits. Mrs. Reese discussed the additional \$36,000.00 and next year the cost will be over \$200,000.00 so it seems like there is a lot of money we have here to be throwing around. Ms. Whipkey moved to allow further public comments, seconded by Mr. Grether.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Rodgers clarified that the \$214,000.00 is split between the three communities and our share would be around \$71,300.00 which is still a lot of money, but just to be clear as to what we have started to pass tonight. Ms. Whipkey elaborated on the IT ordinance that it would include all the work they do at any of the City buildings and there would not be that much more than what we are currently. The only extra would be for equipment we may have to buy and no more hourly rates tacked on. Mr. Rodgers stated that the people can only take so much and they are tired of the high taxes and our roads are failing; he has heard it often. Mr. Rodgers stated that the Mayor had previously stated he did not want to put the road repairs as a tax on the citizens. Mr. Rodgers asked how can you justify continuing to spend money to help the School Board, that obviously has enough money with giving out raises eighteen (18) months before this came forward. We have to be very careful on what we spend; we are still short on personnel, and roads-roads-roads. Mr. Reese asked how can you justify the ethics of the School Board giving out pay raises 18 months in advance? What they need in the school is someone to teach the School Board ethics and maybe parents to take care of their kids. He had two sons go there and he never heard of such nonsense. For you Council members to go into this for the money after he has heard Mrs. Carr state over the last several months she needs more tools to work with? You don't have money to put those tools in the toolbox for her but you can spend money in the school. Mr. Reese stated this is very troubling to him, sounds like an alcoholic to him. Mr. McGlone stated we should wait until the Police Chief and School Board gets with us and more people are here to talk about it. Mr. Pierson stated that when Mr. Dunn spoke before Council he was very poorly prepared and the School Board members that were present would not even speak on this subject. Mr. Pierson also questioned the use of the vehicles because as he understands it we have only three (3) working vehicles per shift and two (2) are sitting empty. Even if we hired someone do they just sit downstairs or do we need to buy another vehicle? Mrs. Carr clarified that Council wanted Chief Dalessandro to be present for the discussion at the next Work Session on June 15, 2015 and Mr. Rodgers & Mr. Pierson concurred.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Carr noted that both Ms. Whipkey and Mr. Pelot had asked about the natural gas aggregation. Mrs. Carr stated the \$4.19 Constellation is our contracted price, and it was and is very competitive. There are some rates as low as \$3.57 fixed rate for 6 months and \$2.47 variable rate which was only for one month. With our contract you have the ability to jump ship and go with any company without penalty. Mrs. Carr cautioned everyone to be aware that these are for a 6 month rate and very likely to go up then and there is a \$75.00 early termination if you do jump now and jump again later. Mrs. Carr noted there is an apple to apple comparison on the PUCO website and the rates do change daily. Mr. Pelot stated everyone needs to make sure to look at the penalty clauses if you do shop around because some have substantial fees, and Mrs. Carr stated some are as high as \$200.00. Mr. Grether asked Mrs. Carr about the CRA and the InSite Development status and asked for an update. Mrs. Carr stated she was thinking of this for an upcoming discussion and she could provide Council with a written blight report which will be filed with the State very soon if that was acceptable; and all of Council agreed.

Mrs. Carr stated that there are several potential companies looking for vacant space and InSite is working with them on this. Mr. Pierson asked about the Brentwood pump house and Mrs. Carr replied we are in the process of capping off what is needed, and Barberton is moving their water meter equipment. Once that is all done we can put that out for auction.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Whipkey discussed the idea of having legislation prepared to reimburse the residents along Greenwich Road and Oak Street for their humongous assessments they had to pay on the sewer lines going in front of their homes and that she is thinking at least \$5,000.00. Mr. Rodgers he would like to do something; however felt we need to get Nash Heights addressed first and then look to put some fairness between the two; like if Nash Heights ends up at \$8,000, we maybe try to make those people a little bit whole. The key is, whatever we do, to be able to carry it forward to other areas that get sewers, but this has to be done on a percentage basis because the build cost will be different for each project. Ms. Whipkey stated she was definitely in favor of anyone faced with this in the future could be looking at some kind of break and is something she has always said we needed to do, but she does not want these other people forgotten about. Ms. Whipkey even asked for a Resolution to state that we will do it just to get on the books. Mr. Rodgers stated we need to come up some kind of percentage of City cost and what the people had to pay, but we would be looking at using the roll back fund. Mr. Pierson stated he discussed this with Mr. Markey and there are some legal issues with the bonds and perhaps we need to buy back the bonds. Ms. Whipkey stated if we just give them a check, they should get something back and Mr. Pierson stated that 128 Fund should be used for this payback to the citizens. Ms. Whipkey stated if we have already discussed rewording the rollback ordinance and if that is what we need to do in order to make it happen, then that's what we need to do. Mr. Rodgers stated once we get these Nash Heights sewer costs handled then we can move from there. Ms. Whipkey stated she felt we should make a resolution that there would be a reimbursement to the people and there did not need to be an amount or date, but we needed a show of good faith for the people. There was discussion about the resolution and most of Council felt this would be best waiting for Mr. Markey to be present for the discussion. Mr. Rodgers asked about the trash pick-up contract and when this is due for renewal because what he is hearing is these trucks are too heavy. Mrs. Carr stated this contract is up in April and that trash trucks are what they are. Mr. Rodgers suggested driving into Norton Acres and berms don't just crumple like that due to cars traveling. Mr. Pelot agreed and noted that the Administration was advised and not sure why the driver was still driving down the roads; perhaps we needed to look at putting the trash cans on the road. Mr. Pierson stated he wanted to review the bids and the specifications that were used the last time. Mr. Pierson questioned the weight of trash trucks. Ms. Whipkey discussed the unlimited and limited and the costs for each and we need to reverse those costs as she believed the contract was based on having more limited enrollments than unlimited which was not the case. Mrs. Carr stated the whole contract will be renewed as well as a separate cart for recycle items.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Zita read several announcements (see attached)

PUBLIC UPDATES

Town Meeting for June 10th at 7 PM for those residents around Nash Heights.

Mr. Kevin Kerns, 3732 Golf Course Drive, Norton, Ohio, asked why we are entertaining a SRO and asked if we had any incidents in the schools or is this just precautionary? Mr. Rodgers stated in all fairness this would be addressed at the next Work Session when Chief Dalessandro will be present. Ms. Whipkey stated in the packet she shared with Council there is a list of incidents and these have increased every year since 2012 or 2013. Ms. Carr stated there is a Police Officer in the school every day just not on a full time presence, and not in all of the schools. In addition the officer would be working outside the school on our streets. Mr. Rodgers stated these questions are better answered by the School Board, the Chief and Mr. Messner and can be ironed out then.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Regular Council Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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 June 22, 2015.

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.

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JAMES B. RENACCI
16TH DISTRICT, OHIO

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April 13, 2015

An Open Letter to the Constituents of the 16th District of Ohio

Hello:

My name is Jim Renacci and it is my honor and privilege to greet you as your Congressman.

As your voice in Congress, my first priority is to be available to you. Feel free to call either my Ohio office located in Wadsworth or my office in Washington, D.C. any time if there is something you would like to share with me. Your thoughts and opinions matter to me. Likewise, your struggles and your challenges matter to me as well. If I can help, let me know.

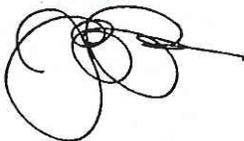
My Wadsworth office specializes in assisting constituents in wide variety of ways. For instance my staff is able to assist you with:

- Veterans issues and benefits claims as well as active-duty military issues;
- Social Security and Medicare issues;
- Tax issues with the Internal Revenue Service;
- Passport applications; and
- Problems with federal agencies

My office is also able to assist you if you would like to make a trip to see Washington, D.C. or order a U.S. flag which has been flown over the U.S. Capitol.

In a word, please consider my office is one-stop resource for you, the tax-payer and a constituent of the 16th District. My Wadsworth office can be reached by phone at: (330) 334-0040 and my Washington office at: (202) 225-3876.

Sincerely,



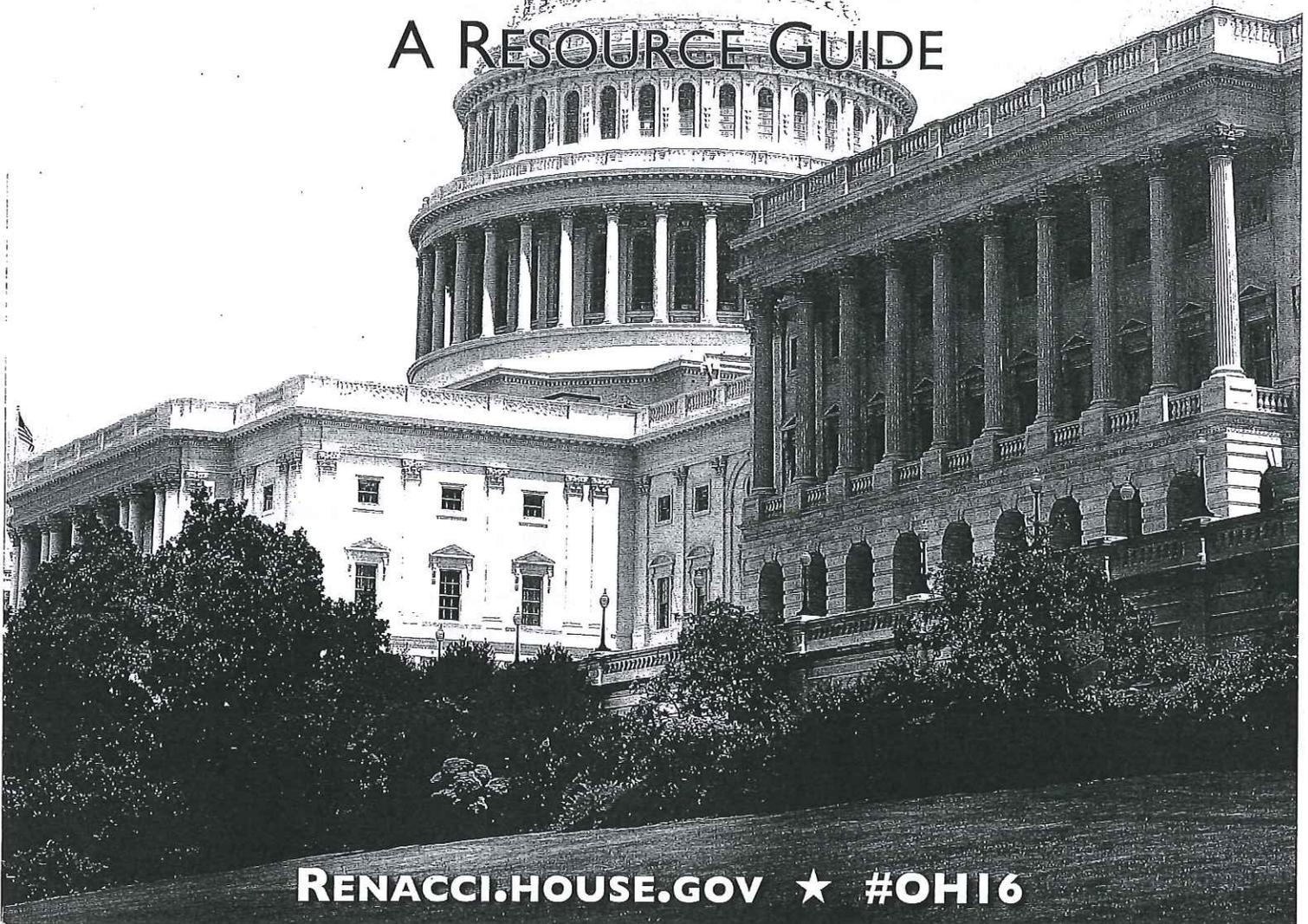
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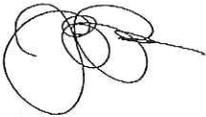


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One of the most important functions I perform as your U.S. Representative is help you gain access to information about the Federal government. I can provide assistance on a person's behalf to answer questions, find solutions, or just cut through the red tape of the Federal government. If you need help navigating a federal agency or are applying for benefits, my office can connect you with the proper resources. Although my staff cannot guarantee a particular outcome, they will do their best to assist you. I hope you will not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jim Renacci
Member of Congress ★ #OH16



SERVICES PROVIDED BY MY OFFICE

Military and Veterans

My office can help all active duty, Reserve, and National Guard personnel; in addition to helping all Veterans with a wide variety of issues.

In the case of persons currently in uniform, my office is able to assist you with:

- Medical care issues and benefits
- Financial issues such as pay and allowances
- Unfair disciplinary actions taken against them

For Veterans, my office is able to assist you with:

- Recovering or replacing medals and decorations earned while in the service
- Providing assistance with filing claims with the Veterans Administration for health and pension benefits
- Assisting Veterans who wish to receive their high school diploma
- Assisting Veterans with the VA's lengthy benefits process

Social Security

My office is able to assist you with:

- Inquiring to the Social Security Administration (SSA) about missing benefits checks or over payments
- Answering questions about a notice from Social Security
- Following the progress and report the status of your disability case
- Provide you with up-to-date information regarding your application or your appeal
- Expediting payment for approved disability cases

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Medicare

My office is able to assist you with:

- Contacting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to help you
- Address problems with your Medicare bill or help you understand your coverage
- Obtain assistance for you regarding your Medicare prescription drug plan
- Assist you with questions about your Medicare premium or deductibles

Immigration and Passports

My office is able to assist you if you have questions concerning:

- U.S. Citizenship and Permanent Resident (Green Card) issues
- Foreign Adoptions
- Visas for persons overseas who wish to visit, work, or study in the United States

My office is able to contact the U.S. Department of State if you have passport questions such as how you may obtain or expedite a U.S. Passport application.

Internal Revenue Service

My office is able to assist you with issues and inquires you may have with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Postal Service Inquiries

My office is able to assist you with problems you may have experienced with your mail service.

Washington, DC Tour Requests

Constituents planning a visit to our nation's capital may contact my office to request a tour of:

- The White House • The U.S. Capitol • The Library of Congress
- The U.S. Supreme Court • The Bureau of Engraving and Printing

U.S. Flags

Flags flown over the U.S. Capitol may be purchased through my office. Flags flown on particular dates to commemorate special occasions may be requested with advance notice.

Department of Education

My office is able to assist you if you have experienced difficulties with federal student loans.

Housing

My office is able to assist you with problems you have experienced with local housing authorities.

Federal Trade Commission

Issues with Identity Theft • Questions on Do Not Call Registry • Obtaining your free annual credit report

Youth Programs

- Military Academy Nominations • Congressional Awards
- Congressional Art Competition • Visions of the Future Series

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My office hosts educational events for constituents annually ranging from financial aid and identity theft protection seminars to veteran's resource events and job fairs. Please visit my website for up-to-date information on upcoming events at **Renacci.House.Gov**.



If you have questions, comments, or ideas about how I can better serve you, please visit my website at **Renacci.House.Gov**. You can also stay up-to-date on the latest happenings in the 16th District or in Washington by following me on Facebook and Twitter.

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On-site Document Shredding Event

Sep 12, 2015, 9 AM - Noon

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Free to Summit County residents and businesses at the BCF Sports Complex, Barborton

ReWorks will hold a free on-site document shredding event Saturday, September 12, 2015 at BCF Sports Complex 841 Wooster Rd. West, in Barborton (Enter Wooster Rd. West Only)

PLEASE NOTE:

- > Only Summit County residents and businesses are welcome.
- > All paper shredded will be recycled.
- > Limit 10 file boxes or shopping bags.

According to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice, 7% of households within the United States reported some type of identity theft during 2013. That theft amounted to financial losses of over \$21 Billion. Shredding confidential information to protect personal information and sensitive data is one step towards protecting yourself from identity theft. Plus it is a good way to recycle paper.

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karlar@cityofnorton.org

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Fwd: School patrolman

From : Charlotte Whipkey
<charlottewhipkey@cityofnorton.org>

Mon, Jun 08, 2015 07:42 AM

Subject : Fwd: School patrolman

To : Karla Richards <karlar@cityofnorton.org>

Good morning Karla,
Here's a resident's comments for the Council records.
Thanks,
Charlotte

From: "Linda Newman" <lindalou365@yahoo.com>
To: rickrogers@cityofnorton.org, "Danny Grether" <dannygrether@cityofnorton.org>, "Dennis Pierson" <dennispierson@cityofnorton.org>, "Paul Tousley" <paultousley@cityofnorton.org>, "Scott Pelot" <scottpelot@cityofnorton.org>, "Dennis McGlone" <dennismcglone@cityofnorton.org>, "Charlotte Whipkey" <charlottewhipkey@cityofnorton.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 7, 2015 7:34:22 PM
Subject: School patrolman

We understand that the issue of an armed patrolman in the high school is still being discussed. We would like to give our opinion on this issue:

1. If Norton has funds for another patrolman, we want him in our neighborhood and all Norton neighborhoods. Neighborhood policing is very low on the list of priorities for NPD.
2. You have a police station less than a mile from the school. If this patrolman was in one end of the new campus, response time would likely be faster from the station.
3. This will be a huge school; do you think a high school student would not be bright enough to know where this officer was and start something somewhere else?
4. Retired police and sheriff deputies, etc., are paid approximately \$13.00 an hour to do this job at local hospitals.
5. The parents apparently do not put a high priority on this, as they are collecting money for Astroturf for the stadium, but not for a school safety officer.
6. If there is money for this, we want our road fixed.
7. If something should happen, it would surely be a tragedy. However, this officer would not deter anyone bent on mayhem. And as for this idea that the students would look up to this individual, well, maybe, but we can't afford to buy role models for today's students. We used to call them PARENTS.

In closing, Norton Schools used to have a Superintendent and a high school principal for about the same number of students as today. Now they have Assistants to the Assistant Assistant, Monitors, and a list of employees who apparently still can't keep order. If we need armed people to protect the students, then how about the National Guard with a few armored vehicles at every school? We already pay for them.

Dave & Linda Newman
Ward 1

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Information on Website



Helping You ENJOY Your Outdoors!

Mosquito Abatement District

131 Snyder Avenue – Barberton, Ohio 44203

Phone: 330-848-2623 - Email: mosquito.district@yahoo.com

Website: www.mosquitodistrict.com

Protecting Your Health and Keeping a Safe Environment

The Barberton – Norton Mosquito Abatement District will be starting our adulticiding (spraying) program to help reduce the mosquito population. We are planning to start in the City of Norton on Thursday June 4th starting at 8:30 pm. The following week we will conduct the same in the City of Barberton on Thursday June 11th. The schedule is subject to change and we advise checking our website, www.mosquitodistrict.com for updates. Depending on the mosquito surveillance counts, not all areas may be sprayed.

We urge those with health concerns, along with those who maintain apiaries, to take the necessary precautions and contact our office at 330-848-2623 with any concerns.

Spraying will be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and proposed EPA regulations, specifically when:

Weather is absent of rain

Winds are less than 10 mph

Temperature is 55* or above

IF SURVEILLANCE LIGHT TRAPS CONTAIN LESS THAN 20 MOSQUITOES, SPRAYING MAY BE CANCELLED FOR THAT AREA

*SPRAYS ARE CONDUCTED THURSDAYS ON THE DATES BELOW UNLESS NOTED**

If unable to spray on the scheduled date, makeup spraying will be conducted on the following Monday if weather permits.

Norton

June 04 ----- June 18
July 02 ----- July 16
July 30 ----- Aug. 13
Aug. 27 ----- Sept. 10
September 24

Barberton

June 11 ----- June 25
July 09 ----- July 23
Aug. 06 ----- Aug. 20
Sept. 03 ----- Sept. 17
Wednesday Sept. 30*

Rick Rodgers

From: Christian Benzie <cbenzie@summitcountyboe.com>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 11:51 AM
To: Rick Rodgers
Cc: Joe Masich; Paula Sauter; Dave Petty; John Wysmierski
Subject: Resigning
Attachments: Gusman v Strongsville Bd of Educ.rtf; _Certification_.htm

Mr. Rodgers,

Below is the opinion of the Summit County Prosecutor. For any additional information please contact the Norton Law Director.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact John Wysmierski (330) 643-5336 or Christian Benzie (330) 643-5325, or at www.summitcountyboe.com.

Regards,

Ballot Layout Department
Summit County Board of Elections
470 Grant Street
Akron, Ohio 44311

From: John F. Galonski [<mailto:galonski@prosecutor.summitoh.net>]
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Christian Benzie
Cc: Joe Masich; Paula Sauter; John Wysmierski; Dave Petty
Subject: RE: Resigning Council Seat

I've researched the case law and spoke with Norton Law Director Justin Markey.

I would advise that there is some authority for the proposition that the resignation before it's effective date is speculative as the resignation doesn't exist at the present time. I've attached a case which outlines the problems that could occur in the scenario you have identified. However, the question seems moot as the Norton Charter at 3.06 places the authority to schedule the date of the election to fill a council vacancy in the hands of the City Council as an entity not at the discretion of any one councilmember or the board of elections.

From: Rick Rodgers [<mailto:rhi@neo.rr.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 9:04 AM
To: Christian Benzie
Subject: Resigning Council Seat

Mr. Benzie,

Per our discussion yesterday afternoon Tuesday April 29th I am asking if it is possible to resign my elected seat as a Norton City Councilman effective December 31, 2015 so that a replacement could be filled in the November 3, 2015 election. The intention is to save the City the cost of another election required by our charter. If you have questions regarding this request I can be contacted at 330-807-3487.

Thank You,
Rick Rodgers
Ward One Councilman
City of Norton