

VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 7/16/24

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora present.

Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski, Solicitor Vince Ruffa, Police Chief John Majoy, Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham, and Village Engineer Jim Sickels

All stood for Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Elkins requested all cell phones and pagers be placed on silent mode.

Good and Welfare:

Mayor Elkins condemned the actions of the perpetrator in the assassination attempt of Donald Trump this past weekend. No matter your political views, violence is not acceptable.

Mayor Elkins asked for a moment of silence for the passing of George Bican and Blake Garra.

Mayor Elkins completed the formal swearing-in of Firefighter/EMT Austin Stacho to NHFD.

Mrs. Graora motioned to enter Executive Session. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Executive Session began at 6:08 PM.

Discussion of personnel issues (to consider appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official), and pending/potential litigation.

Mrs. Graora motioned to exit executive session. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Regular Session resumed at 6:41 PM, with a brief recess to return to council chambers.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

June 4, 2024 Regular Session of Council

Mrs. Graora noted that an error needs to be corrected – the Introduced by for Resolution 24-27 should read “All of Council,” because Mayor Elkins was not involved in the legislation or the related agreement. She explained that the legislation itself is correct, but the minutes have a typo. Other members recognized the error and agreed.

Mrs. Graora motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Moran seconded. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Minutes approved.

June 4, 2024 Public Hearing

June 12, 2024 Special Session of Council

Mr. Moran motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Graora seconded. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Minutes approved.

Legislation:

ORDINANCE 2024-11, AS AMENDED

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 315 ENTITLED “AUTOMATED SPEED AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM,” TO UPDATE SAID ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-11, as amended, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2024-11, as amended, is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-11, as amended, is adopted.

ORDINANCE 2024-12, AS AMENDED

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 317 ENTITLED “OFFICER-OPERATED HANDHELD TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT DEVICES AND SPEED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM,” TO UPDATE SAID ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-12, as amended, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2024-12, as amended is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-12, as amended, is adopted.

ORDINANCE 2024-30

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1367
ENTITLED "ARPA ENHANCED HOME RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAM,"
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-30, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2024-30 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-30 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 2024-31

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1337.02(b) OF CHAPTER 1337
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO GARBAGE AND
RUBBISH PICK-UP OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-31, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2024-31 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-31 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 2024-32

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING THE PAY, REMUNERATION AND
BENEFITS PROVISIONS FOR ALL SERVICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL,
AND AMENDING OR REPEALING, AS APPLICABLE, ALL ORDINANCES OR
PROVISIONS THEREIN THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PAY,**

**REMUNERATION, AND BENEFITS SCHEDULES ADOPTED HEREBY, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-32, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2024-32 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-32 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 2024-33

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING AND
DISPENSING OF RECREATIONAL AND/OR MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN THE
VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-33, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2024-33 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Kray voted no. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-33 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 2024-34

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 333
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO SPEED CITATIONS
OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-34, rules suspended, and that Ordinance 2024-34 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2024-34 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-28**INTRODUCED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT A GIFT FROM TREVOR K. ELKINS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$6,875.00 TO PAY FOR THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEE NIGHT AT THE GUARDIANS GAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 24-28, rules suspended, and that Resolution 24-28 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-28 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-29**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$400,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND (100) TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND (292), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 24-29, rules suspended, and that Resolution 24-29 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-29 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-30**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS AND ANGELO BENEDETTI, LLC FOR THE BRIDGEVIEW AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 24-30, rules suspended, and that Resolution 24-30 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-30 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-31

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS
AND METROPOLIS CONSULTING, LLC FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING
SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 24-31, rules suspended, and that Resolution 24-31 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-31 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-32

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL
OPIOID SETTLEMENTS RELATING TO KROGER CO. AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 24-32, rules suspended, and that Resolution 24-32 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-32 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-33

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LETTER
AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN
CONNECTION WITH THE GAMMA AVENUE WATERMAIN
REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,400, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 24-33, rules suspended, and that Resolution 24-33 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-33 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-34

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LETTER AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE HARVARD AVENUE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,800, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 24-34, rules suspended, and that Resolution 24-34 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-34 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 24-35

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS
AND ALL OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS AND GATSO USA, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF AN AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Resolution 24-35, rules suspended, and that Resolution 24-35 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 24-35 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4623**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****APRIL 2024 DISBURSEMENTS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$766,729.24 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4623, rules suspended, and that Payroll Resolution #4623 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4623 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4624**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****MAY 2024 DISBURSEMENTS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$785,934.51 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4624, rules suspended, and that Payroll Resolution #4624 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4624 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4625**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****EMPLOYEE PAYROLL P/E. 6/8/2024****PD. 6/14/2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$84,447.97 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4625, rules suspended, and that Payroll Resolution #4625 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4625 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4626**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****EMPLOYEE PAYROLL P/E. 6/22/2024****PD. 6/28/2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$95,651.65 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4626, rules suspended, and that Payroll Resolution #4626 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4626 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4627**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****EMPLOYEE PAYROLL P/E. 7/6/2024****PD. 7/12/2024**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$86,894.10 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Graora motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4627, rules suspended, and that Payroll Resolution #4627 is placed on 1st, 2nd and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4627 is adopted.

Reports:**Councilperson Kray:**

Reminder that August 10 is Shred Day at the Village Hall parking lot from 9am to noon.

Thank you to Linda for the hard work at the senior dinner last weekend, 51 people had a great time.

Councilperson Moran:

Nothing at this time.

Councilperson Dunman:

Reminder to residents that leaving a message or comment on Facebook is not the way to contact us. If you need assistance, use the contact numbers in the recent newsletter.

There was discussion of a remediation project at Shell Gas – what is the status of that clean-up? Chief Higginbotham confirmed that he has been following along with the EPA-required project, and Shell is currently waiting on the power utility to provide electricity for the equipment needed.

Continuing issues with trash removal by Kimble – we are starting discussions on recovering the costs of Kimble's failure to provide the services in our contract. We are frustrated to be paying for services that are not always provided in a timely manner.

Councilperson Giersz:

Thank you to all who assisted with the senior dinner, and to seniors for attending.

She has received inquiries about providing lawn cutting services for the Village. Should we consider third parties to assist the service department? Mayor Elkins noted that the service department is currently searching for an additional full-time laborer to handle some of the duties needed, including lawn mowing. Contractors are not out of the question, but we would like to add a staff member and try to catch up with staff.

Council Pro Tempore Graora:

Happy Juneteenth.

The blinds were installed on the windows in council chambers this week, funded by a grant from NOPEC.

The garage sale went well; there are requests for an additional date of Village-wide sales in the fall. Stay tuned.

The pedestrian walk signal is out of order on Washington Park by BP. Mayor Elkins noted that this type of issue should be reported ASAP to the service department or police non-emergency phone number – please don't wait for a council meeting to report something related to public safety. Our vendor will send a professional to address the issue quickly.

Mayor:

The Village's website is out of order – it is in the process of being repaired/restored. Thanks for your patience.

Repeating Mr. Dunman's reminder – please do not use Facebook as a means of communicating with the Village. If you need assistance, call the phone numbers shown in the most recent newsletter, or one of the council members, or him, and your questions will be addressed.

On a related note, the newsletter has multiple reminders about trash pick-up procedures in the Village. These have not radically changed: trash should be placed at the curb the evening before pick-up on Monday (unless there is a holiday), and trash cans need to be taken back into the yard/away from the curb the morning of the next day (Tuesday). This is everyone's warning about the rules. There will be no further warnings. Failure to comply with the Village's long-standing trash rules may result in a citation and fine.

We have some business that needs to be conducted in August; can council be available for a special meeting? Council compared schedules and agreed to meet on Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00pm.

Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer Nagorski presented the June 2024 RITA report (see attached.)

Fiscal Officer Nagorski presented the June 2024 Rumpke report (see attached.)

Fiscal Officer Nagorski presented the May 2024 Fund Cash Report:

General Fund MTD Receipts	\$ 658,725.97
General Fund MTD Disbursements	\$ 621,101.79
General Fund Unexpended Balance	\$ 884,876.95
All Funds MTD Receipts	\$ 866,035.02
All Funds MTD Disbursements	\$ 785,934.51
All Funds Unexpended Balance	\$2,064,713.62

Fiscal Officer Nagorski presented the June 2024 Fund Cash Report:

General Fund MTD Receipts	\$ 588,308.05
General Fund MTD Disbursements	\$ 810,806.53
General Fund Unexpended Balance	\$ 662,378.47
All Funds MTD Receipts	\$1,034,834.59
All Funds MTD Disbursements	\$1,162,005.37
All Funds Unexpended Balance	\$1,937,542.84

Chief Majoy:

Chief Majoy shared the May 2024 and June 2024 NHPD reports (see attached.)

Reminder that parking is not allowed on Washington Park Boulevard between Crete and Harvard. There have been issues lately with parking near the golf course, but new signs have been added to discourage cars from blocking traffic there.

Council recently approved the purchase of portable speed limit signs that will allow his department to evaluate where there are problems with speeding within the Village (in addition to Harvard and I-77 where tickets are regularly issued.) These units do not issue tickets, they simply record speeds and display them.

Chief Majoy recognized Sergeant Rachel Halaska, who recently completed FBI-LEEDA trilogy training. It is not an easy course to complete and Sgt. Halaska should be commended for the efforts in addition to her regular patrol and supervisor duties.

Chief Higginbotham:

Chief Higginbotham shared the April 2024 and May 2024 NHFD reports (see attached.)

Firefighter Stacho is expected to start on June 24; he will begin with various training tasks.

Thank you to the police department for their assistance during recent incidents. His department is grateful for the cooperation.

Mr. Sickels:

Mr. Sickels provided a July 2024 update on the projects occurring and planned for the Village (see attached.)

He will be holding a public meeting on Thursday, August 1 at 5:30 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend and share ideas for the community development grants, which we hope to apply for in August/September.

Purchases & Approvals:

a. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve the transfer of Permanent Parcel Numbers 511-06-024, 511-10-050, 511-11-030, 511-12-006, 511-12-080, 511-12-087, and 511-16-014 to the Newburgh Heights Community Improvement Corporation for use in the proposed Newburgh Heights Community Improvement Corporation Side Lot program in the event said parcels are selected by eligible participants in the CIC Side Lot program. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.

b. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve an expenditure of up to \$6,875 to fund the Employee Night at the Cleveland Guardians Game on September 24, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.

c. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve the appointment of Joseph Zidones to full-time firefighter for NHFD. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.

d. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve the quote from Samartano Concrete for parking lot restoration at Village Hall, including crack filling, sealcoating, and striping, at a cost of \$6,175. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.

- e. Mr. Dunman motioned to approve the appointment of D. Claire Burns to part-time administrative assistant for the service department. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Four voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Mrs. Graora abstained. Motion passed.
- f. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept the donation from McGean Rohco in the amount of \$500.00 for flags and other Memorial Day celebration supplies. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- g. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve the May 2024 Fund Cash Report. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- h. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve the June 2024 Fund Cash Report. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- i. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept an in-kind donation from Michelle Graora of a prize raffle gift for the Senior Dinner in the amount of \$50.00. Seconded by Mrs. Kray. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- j. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept an in-kind donation from Steve Moran of a prize raffle gift for the Senior Dinner in the amount of \$50.00. Seconded by Mrs. Kray. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- k. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept an in-kind donation from Dorene Kray of a prize raffle gift for the Senior Dinner in the amount of \$50.00. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- l. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept an in-kind donation from Linda Giersz & Family of goods, supplies, & gifts for the Senior Dinner in the amount of \$250.00. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- m. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept an in-kind donation from Bill & Debbie Dunman of a prize raffle gift for the Senior Dinner in the amount of \$50.00. Seconded by Mrs. Kray. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- n. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept an in-kind donation from Cleveland MetroParks/First Tee of a prize raffle gift for the Senior Dinner in the amount of \$25.00. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- o. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept an in-kind donation from Newburgh Automotive Services Inc. of a prize raffle gift for the Senior Dinner in the amount of \$30.00. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.
- p. Mrs. Graora motioned to accept an in-kind donation from Village of Newburgh Heights Police Department Outreach Foundation of a prize raffle gift for the Senior

Dinner in the amount of \$200.00. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.

q. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve a \$5,000.00 donation to the First Tee – Cleveland for the Cleveland MetroParks First Tee Capital Campaign. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.

r. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve the appointment of Christopher Pazako to part-time patrol for the NHPD. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.

s. Mrs. Graora motioned to approve the appointment of Mark Baznar to part-time patrol for the NHPD. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Five voted in favor via verbal confirmation, none opposed. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Jeff Moore, Washington Park Boulevard, asked for clarification on the Home Maintenance Grant – it is available for homeowners only, and his current information with Cuyahoga County does not show his property as owner occupied. How can that be corrected? Mayor Elkins explained that can be provided with his grant application – income tax payment records, or voting records, but it can be corrected longer-term by providing those documents to the building department for Cuyahoga County to update.

An exchange student visiting Newburgh Heights from Mexico City made a statement thanking the Village for making him welcome.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Graora motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Kray. Roll call: Kray, Moran, Dunman, Giersz, and Graora voted yes. Motion passed.

Date Approved: 9/17/24

Mayor Trevor Elkins: 

Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski: 