



**Caucus & Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

CAUCUS:

The caucus meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: G. Bellan, S. Barr, S. Scaffide, D. Walker, M. Stauffer, J. McFearin and B. Furey

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Ted Yates, Mayor
David Maistros, Law Director
Sarah Buccigross, Finance Director
Shannon Collins, Clerk of Council
Mark Gutowski, Senior Communications Administrator

Presentations:

No presentations this evening.

Items for Discussion:

No items for discussion this evening.

Audience Participation:

No audience participations this evening.

Pending Legislation:

Ordinance 46-2020 - Appropriations Amendment to decrease in Personnel

Mrs. Buccigross stated this is the budget reduction for personnel and it is on third reading tonight.

Mr. Bellan asked Mrs. Buccigross what the total was. Mrs. Buccigross stated it is \$702,000.00.

Ordinance 47-2020 - Establishing Charter Millage for 2021 and 2022

Mrs. Buccigross stated this is the two year plan for the millage.

Ordinance 48-2020 - 2021 Tax Budget

Mrs. Buccigross stated this is the tax budget for next year's collections, this year's tax rates. This is where the police and fire pension's funds supported as well as police and fire equipment.

Mrs. Stauffer asked if this was just for 2021. Mrs. Buccigross stated yes. The tax budget is set every year.

Resolution 55-2020 – Similar Use for Pet Grooming in C-1, C-2, C-3 AND C-5 District

Mr. Maistros stated that this was talked about at the last meeting in regards to adding the additional districts as Planning Commission intended which will include C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-5 districts.

Resolution 58-2020 - Appointing 1 members to BZA

Mr. Bellan stated this would add Michael Jamison to the Board of Zoning Appeals. This is ward specific to Ward 5.

Ms. McFearin asked for clarification if this was open or someone left the board. Mr. Furey stated that Seth Rodin stepped down due to his increased duties with his employer. This would fill the remainder of his term. Mr. Bellan stated this is through March 31, 2022.

Ordinance 59-2020 - Appropriations Amendment for Local Coronavirus Relief Fund

Mrs. Buccigross stated this is to set up a couple budget line items for the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund. This is the money the city got in from the state which was approximately \$268,592.30. This will be used to reimburse for COVID items already purchased and looking at other purchases/projects such as touchless entry at the fire stations and touchless faucets and soap dispensers.

Mr. Bellan stated this is just setting up the accounts for this.

Resolution 60-2020 – Supporting State Mask Order

The mayor stated that Summit County is now in the red category for COVID. The state and county have both mandated the wearing of masks in public places. Some communities are doing ordinances with civil penalties. The city has decided to encourage the mandatory use of masks in Twinsburg.

Mr. Scaffide clarified that this is not another layer it is just supporting what is in place at the county and state level. Mayor Yates confirmed that. If needed, the city has other ways to enforce this such as trespassing and disorderly conduct charges if a business calls.

Mr. Furey stated the penalty for violating the state law regarding masks is a second degree misdemeanor punishable by 90 days in jail or a \$750 fine. Mr. Furey stated that the COVID guidelines are very fluid. Mayor Yates stated this is one of the reasons the city chose to do a resolution verses an ordinance which allows us to follow the state and county guidelines.

Ms. McFearin stated her concern is why it is needed if it is just repeating what the governor has said, there is no meat to it and it is a changing environment. She does not like the verbiage used. She believes our residents and businesses know what the state is requiring them to do. The mayor stated that different municipalities are handling it differently. He wants the residents to know the city is watching and looking at. He understands this is not an ordinance and does not have civil penalties. Ms. McFearin stated she does not think this is needed. She stated that if we wanted to do more than the state level is we can do that.

Mr. Scaffide stated that we have passed other resolutions in support of things. Ms. McFearin stated that this resolution does not state that. Mr. Scaffide stated he supports this and would like his residents to know he supports this.

Mrs. Stauffer asked without this resolution if someone were to go into a business and not comply, does the owner follow the same protocol of calling the police. Mayor Yates stated he wants to encourage everyone to take this seriously.

Miscellaneous:

No miscellaneous this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Regular Council Meeting:

Mr. Bellan called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: G. Bellan, S. Barr, S. Scaffide, D. Walker, M. Stauffer, J. McFearin and B. Furey

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Ted Yates, Mayor
David Maistros, Law Director
Sarah Buccigross, Finance Director
Shannon Collins, Clerk of Council
Mark Gutowski, Senior Communications Administrator

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Walker bestowed the Invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 23rd COUNCIL MEETING

Moved by B. Furey, seconded by M. Stauffer

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Walker presented a Certificate of Appreciation to CERT dog Chogan. Chogan was involved in numerous events in the city including; Environmental Commission Earth Day and Clean-up events, Cost of Freedom, participation in the city's CERT Team and countless parades, trainings, concerts and open house events.

Assistant Chief Bosso also presented handler Jamie Zammikel a certificate and gift for Chogan along with CERT Commander John Houston who presented a donation from a local business made to CERT.

No awards or presentations this evening.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Sue Clark – 9845 Crestwood Drive

Mrs. Clark discussed the safety forces and their importance to the community. She stated she has read the Finance Committee minutes from 2014-present. The fire truck has been removed 15 times and the pension has been brought up 22 times. Mrs. Clark stated that in going through these minutes there is talk of inside millage needed to be considered but over the past few years items such as change orders to the club house, consultant fees, pickle ball courts and Issues 46 & 47 that the residents have voted down multiple times have been paid for. Mrs. Clark stated ways to increase revenue would be to raise income tax 1/4% back on, reciprocity by 1/4%. The city could ask the residents to put the 1/4 % income tax back on and revisit it in a couple years and stop giving money to the CIC. Why not wait to see the outcome of the clubhouse is along with what will happen from COVID before putting more pressure on the residents. She has attended many meetings and has watched wants over needs be approved numerous times. She asked that council stop and see if there are other ways that will not be as permanent. She stated she is willing to do research on other communities.

Bruce Baldwin – 3310 Cannon Road

Mr. Baldwin stated in June 2019 there were two culvert pipes were starting to give out. They patched a portion of this and then only finished part of it. This section has gone bad since and nothing is being done. Also stated the same six signs he talked about before are still up. He stated yesterday was the anniversary of Officer Miktarian's last day and he understands now may not be the time financially but would still like to see a sidewalk placed from the parking lot to the monument. He thinks this may encourage more people to visit and remember.

Michael Turle – 9930 Forest Lake Drive

Mr. Turle stated the city asks for resident involvement but then when they offer ideas and suggestions they are turned away. Mr. Turle stated he has introduced many ideas which included purchasing Corbett's Farm and have a farm park for the residents to enjoy; the idea of saving the Old School and turning it into an arts center; a Twinsburg home economic loan program; the Twinsburg environmental effort by purchasing saplings using them in the future; food truck event on Friday's; Center Valley retention program. He would like to introduce two new ideas. One being the STOP program, stop taxing our people. The other idea is GOLF program, get off the land financially. Sell the clubhouse and course as a package with the 19.2 acres that the city attempted to rezone and was turned down by the voters.

Kathy Turle-Waldron – 1659 Glenwood Drive

Mrs. Turle-Waldron stated she came and spoke to council at the last meeting regarding who they represent, how they collected data to base the inside millage decision on and how council makes their decisions. She stated she is disappointed that council did not use the tools in their tool chest to engage the community to see what they wanted. She would like to know the same things regarding data collection and how council is representing the residents. Mrs. Turle-Waldron stated she did a poll on social media for today only giving residents four options with one being what is presented before council tonight. Not one person chose the option that is before council tonight. She hopes council thinks about this before they make their decision tonight. She stated she understands the city needs more money, she is not opposed to that. She is opposed to council voting on something that has not been thought out and brought to the community.

Mrs. Walker responded to Mrs. Waldron's comments. Mrs. Walker stated that in the past she has been around the whole city and has talked to residents. She stated that there are great people on council with many years' experience. Council talks about what is for the betterment of the entire City of Twinsburg. She stated her ward is an older section of town and has its share of seniors. She stated she has been helping the residents for many years. Mrs. Walker stated she appreciated what Mrs. Turle-Waldron said last meeting about taking the time to consider this. Mrs. Walker stated council has taken the time. She welcomes feedback but talking down about council without know what all they have done is unprofessional.

Mrs. Turle-Waldron stated that she believes Robert's Rules allow her to respond since she was addressed directly. Mr. Bellan stated that it is not a back and forth. Mr. Furey stated that the city follows Robert's Rules for the meeting but council rules when it comes to audience participation. Mr. Furey stated that there is no back and forth in the council meeting whereas there is that option in the caucus meeting. Mrs. Turle-Waldron asked Mr. Maistros if this was correct. Mr. Maistros stated that council has rules governing this.

No further public participation this evening.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS

Ms. McFearn – Golf Advisory, Public Safety, ARB, Vol. Fireman

- ARB met on 7/1 & 7/2 due to the large amount of agenda items. Their next meeting will be 7/16.
 - Case 20-07-55 – 8806 Merryvale Dr – Single Family Home – Approve as Noted
 - Case 20-07-62 – 8790 Merryvale Dr – Single Family Home – Approve as Noted
 - Case 20-07-63 – 8875 Merryvale Dr – Single Family Home – Approve as Noted
 - Case 20-07-66 – 8811 Merryvale Dr – Single Family Home – Approve as Noted
 - Case 20-07-67 – 8861 Merryvale Dr – Single Family Home – Approve as Noted
 - Case 20-07-68 – 8857 Merryvale Dr – Single Family Home – Approve as Noted
 - Case 20-07-71 – 3170 Cannon Road – Single Family Home – Approve as Noted
 - Case 20-06-49 – NW Corner of Darrow & Summit Commerce – New Day Care Facility Approve as Submitted
 - Case 20-07-53 – 2111 Meadowood Blvd – Paver Patio & Gazebo – Approve as Submitted:
 - Case 20-07-57 – 10326 Merriam – Sunroom Addition – Approve as Submitted:
 - Case 20-07-65 – 2999 Connotton – Garage – Approve as Noted

- Case 20-07-58 – 2035 Midway Dr – Weedman Sign Review – Approve as Noted:
- Case 20-07-60 – 2700 E. Aurora Rd – T-Mobile Sign Review – Approve as Submitted (Building Sign) Approve as Submitted (Monument Sign):
- Case 20-07-69 – Multiple Locations – Ethan’s Green Sign Review – Move to Table
- Case 20-07-52 – 9996 Darrow Rd – Repair of Carport – Approve as Noted
- Case 20-07-54 – 10055 Deerfield – Porch Roof – Approve as Submitted
- Case 20-07-56 – 12138 Waywood Dr – Roof Over Existing Deck – Approve as Submitted:
- Case 20-07-61 – 3166 Darien Lane – Covered Patio Area – Approve as Submitted
- Case 20-07-64 – 8909 Gettysburg Dr – Screen Room Addition – Approve as Submitted
- Case 20-07-70 – 1565 Bridget Lane – Single Family Home – Approve as Noted
- Nothing to report this evening

Mr. Furey –BZA, Treasury, Finance, Tax Incentive Review

- CIC met on 7/13. Stated there is a board vacancy that there are two candidates for. The CIC is maintain the property they own and looking at additional acquisitions on Route 82. Their next meeting will be 8/3 at 4:30pm.
- The next BZA meeting is scheduled for 7/22 at 6:30pm.
- Nothing further to report this evening

Mrs. Walker –Public Safety, Twins Days, Chamber, Community Relations

- Met with the Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Allyson Tonozzi. They spoke about the Chamber’s upcoming activities which include their Golf Outing.
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting for Mold-Rite’s expansion
- Nothing to report this evening

Mrs. Stauffer – Public Works, Environmental, Community Relations

- Nothing to report this evening

Mr. Scaffide – Planning, Capital Improvement, Parks & Recreation

- Planning Commission is on summer recess.
- Attended the CIC meeting on 7/13. Mr. Furey already reported on this meeting.
- Nothing further to report this evening

Mr. Barr – Finance, Public Works, Public Safety

- Finance Committee’s next meeting will be August 25th at 6:00pm.
- Nothing further to report this evening

Mr. Bellan – Finance, Public Works, Fitness Advisory, Charter Review

- Hoped everyone had an enjoyable 4th of July.
- Nothing further this evening

MAYOR’S REPORT:

- Thanked the Elevate Cleveland organization for setting up online meetings with local businesses during this time. Thanked Hitachi Healthcare of America for their conference call with their CEO who was overseas but was still able to meet.
- Attended the Mold Rite groundbreaking for their expansion on their building. This addition will bring an additional 30% more business. Currently the produce 750 million pieces per year. With the expansion it will bring them to the 1 billion mark.
- Thanked Claudia Lillibridge for the invitation to be in her virtual play. Encouraged residents to keep their eye out for more information.
- Congratulated Officer Olivia Bartulovic on her public swearing in earlier this evening. She is a byproduct of the Twinsburg Police Explorer's program, got her bachelor's degree and came back to take out test.
- Spoke on the legislation for the increased millage that is on tonight's agenda. Mayor Yates stated that the millage has been talked about for some time. Stated when Chrysler closed there were a lot of decisions made in ways of the ¼%. The city built reserves. In 2013 there was about \$25 million in income tax that year. In 2014 when it was repealed there was a \$2 million decrease in the first year. In 2015, it was at \$19 million. From 2015 to current the city has squeezed the operating side. The city has decreased the expense side and has stated it will need to start looking at the income side. One resident commented about looking at what other communities are doing. When the city looked at what other communities are doing we found that Twinsburg is 30 out of 30 of Summit County communities in regards to millage that supports their general fund. If the millage passes council tonight it would move the city to 23 or 24 out of 30 communities. Every other communities uses inside millage to support their general fund. The city has done a great job maintaining the level of services and amenities we have. He asks council to support this tonight. Splitting the millage increase into steps between two years is a good compromise. Even though it is a challenging time the city needs to continue to move forward.
- Stated that each year the city employees gather to remember Officer Josh Miktarian. There are employees who are still here that worked with Josh but there are many who did not but all gather to remember. He asked for a moment of silence at the meeting for all to remember him.

Moment of silence in remembrance of Officer Joshua T. Miktarian

- Nothing further to report this evening

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Tim Morgan – Fire Chief

Call Volume

- The fire department ran a total of 217 calls for the month of June. 1406 calls for 2020 which down 4% compared to last year.

Fire Prevention

- Inspected 157 locations and 5 fire investigations.

Training

- The Public Education is currently suspended due to COVID-19. However there were 5 drive by visits.
- Department logged 91 training events which was approximately 408 hours of training.

Notable Events

- Event #20-1248; 6/8 @ 17:12: TFD was called to assist in the search for a female possibly missing in Center Valley Park. 12 TED personnel were engaged in the search along with over two dozen CERT members for over four hours along with numerous law enforcement personnel until the search was suspended due to darkness. Personal items of the individual were located in the park, but the individual was located in a area business plaza later that night.
- Event #20-1289; 6/14 @ 04:34: Called for mutual aid to Hudson for a house fire. An Engine with four personnel responded and worked for over five and a half hours. The fire caused major damage to a century home in a non-hydranted segment of the city. No injuries were reported.
- Event #20-1340; 6/22 @ 10:45; Called to 1-480 at the 38 MM for a van on fire. Crews responded and extinguished the fire, although the van was a total loss, there were no injuries.
- Event #20-1345; 6/22 @ 18:02: Called to 1-480 at the 35 MM for a garbage truck on fire. Crews responded to find the fire coming from an area between the truck cab and the compactor, among wiring harnesses and hydraulic hoses. The fire was able to be extinguished without the fire extending into the compacted garbage. There were no injuries.

Points of Interest

- Weather Warning Sirens: July's monthly test of the system was conducted on the 11th, all sites functioned properly, except for the unit on Bavaria Rd. that did not function at all. The issue was referred to the Township administration.
- COVID-19 Operations:
 - 6/5 - Pick-up PPE from Summit County.
 - General: Still maintaining adequate PPE supply, including disbursements from SNS and donations from local businesses and individuals. Chief Morgan and Bosso regularly participating in conference calls with Summit County agencies. TFD has experienced no illness of personnel or personnel families, to this point.
 - Working with Building Dept. giving guidance to different occupancies throughout the City and Township regarding operations as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- Projects in Process:
 - Replacement windows in the second story of Station #1 - NOPEC Grant. : Windows on order, installation forthcoming.
 - Replacement Bay doors on the front of Station #1 - NOPEC Grant. Details still being worked out.
 - Installing a Sprinkler system in Station #1 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant/Capital. Installation in process.
- New Engine:
 - Committee members will be at the factory on 7/16/ & 7/17 to finalize the truck design, actual construction of the truck will commence shortly thereafter.
- Staffing:
 - Fulltime Staffing: Hannah August sworn-in on 6/23.
Part Time Staffing: Hannah August to full time
Current Staffing: (as of 7/1)
 - 30 Fulltime (+1) (1 on light duty due to injury)
 - 11 Part-time (2 on extended Leave)

- 1 Fulltime Executive Assistant
- 0 Part-time Secretary (Laid-off)
- Chief Morgan stated he knows it is a tough decision regarding the inside millage but also knows the functions of a government representative are tricky. He understands that sometimes hard decisions need to be made. Chief Morgan stated it is never a good time to raise taxes. The city is highly reliant on income tax and feels it is only fair that the residents bear some of the costs.

Chris Noga – Police Chief

- Thanked everyone for their ongoing support of the Twinsburg Police Department, especially over the last couple months. While they had to adapt their operations for COVID they have been able to still provide residents safety and security.
- Stated as a Department Head and resident he would like to support council in their decision to support the inside millage. He stated that in his job he has to make tough decisions with the best interest of Twinsburg in mind, even if they are not popular. He asked them to use their political courage to make the decision that will protect the future of our safety forces and remain a credit to our community.

Sarah Buccigross – Finance Director

2019 CAFR & Audit

- The State of Ohio extended the filing due date for financial statements on the Hinkle system to the end of June. The CAFR has been submitted to the online Hinkle filing system. The on-site portion of the 2019 audit was completed last week.

2020 Budget Adjustments

- The reductions for 2020 personnel costs appropriation amendment is on 3rd reading tonight. The personnel budget reduction is \$702,000. An additional appropriation amendment will be presented in the fall to reduce operating expense budgets as well as to adjust revenue estimates for 2020.

2021 Budget Process

- The 2021 budget worksheets have been distributed to Department Heads to work on their requests. Meetings with the Mayor and Finance Director have been scheduled for August. Capital Improvement Board meetings have been scheduled for August & September. An additional CIB meeting is scheduled for this year per the request of the Board last year.

June Close

- Finance will be closing the June books this week. The financials will be released online as soon as they are finalized and reviewed.

2020 Tax Year/2021 Collection Year Tax Budget

- The Tax Budget is on final reading tonight. Thank you to Council for their careful consideration of this year's budget. The tax budget includes millage to stabilize the Police & Fire Pension Funds and support Police & Fire equipment needs.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

- Funds have been distributed for the new Local Coronavirus Relief Fund in the amount of \$268,592.30. An appropriation amendment to set up new line items for this Fund is on legislation tonight. These funds are currently budgeted as operating supplies to cover the costs incurred related to COVID. The funds will be used to reimburse purchases of: masks, cleaning supplies, sneeze

guards, etc. Projects being reviewed include: touchless entry for the Fire Stations, temperature check stations, and upgrades to City restrooms (touchless faucets/soap dispensers/hand dryers).

- Funds for the Summit County COVID-19 PSGP Fund have not yet been received. The County continues to work with the Ohio State Auditor's Office, the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, and the US Treasury to ensure that the program meets all eligibility requirements.
- COVID-19 relief funds received earlier this year related to the EMS services that the City provides are being used by the Fire Department for their costs incurred related to the global pandemic.
- Finance has attended and will continue to attend all available conference calls, webinars, and trainings regarding the COVID-19 relief funding and the necessary documentation to comply with Single Audit standards.

July 2020 Income Tax Revenues

- July 2020 Income tax receipts total \$1,716,678.01 compared to July 2019 receipts in the amount of \$2,582,226.78. This reflects a decrease of 33.52% or \$865,548.77 compared to last year.
- YTD 2020 Income tax receipts total \$13,119,347.04 compared to YTD 2019 receipts in the amount of \$14,992,728.89. This reflects a decrease of 12.50% or \$1,873,381.85 compared to last year.
- Refunds in the amount of \$45,838.22 are included in the July collections.
- The net change in distribution for this month for individual, net profit and withholder collectively is: \$213,419.17.

Ms. McFearin asked how income tax is affected by people working from home. Mrs. Buccigross stated that while we are operating under the global pandemic the taxes still come to Twinsburg if the office is located in Twinsburg. However, there are some lawsuits occurring that will undo that and not sure how long this will last.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 46-2020 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AS ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE 16-2020, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TWINSBURG FOR THE YEAR 2020

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 46-2020

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded by B. Furey

Mr. Bellan stated this is an amendment of \$702,000.00.

Mayor Yates stated annually this is capitalized at \$1.5 million with the unemployment. He stated the city is stretched on employees. Thanked all the employees for stepping up and covering where needed.

Mr. Barr clarified that this is a reduction of \$702,000.

Mr. Furey stated with this reduction and the 10% permanent reduction of staff the city now has the same number of employees as 2010. The operations have gotten bigger and there are more safety forces to complete the excellent services the city provides.

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 47-2020 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER MILLAGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.01 OF THE CHARTER TO BE REFLECTED ON THE 2021 AND 2022 TAX BUDGETS AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 47-2020

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded by S. Barr

Mr. Scaffide stated he has struggled with Ordinance 47-2020. He is not denying the numbers or that the city needs the additional revenue. He was disappointed that he didn't have the opportunity to give his opinion. He stated he agrees it there is never a good time to raise taxes but feels the pandemic compounds this. Mr. Scaffide stated he has always supported our safety forces. At one point in the discussions 1.4 mills was proposed, which he could probably support. Then 2.5 mills in one year and another 2.4 mills the next were being proposed. He stated he struggled with that but then considered the park millage will be coming off so that portion was a wash. When the ¼% came off the city did nothing because there was \$20-25 million in the bank. He stated he doesn't believe we spend extravagantly. He said he suggested to put it out on the ballot. Let's ask the residents if they want this. Do they want to pay for trash or leaf pick-up? Do they want to pay for these things separately or just have the real estate taxes go up? Mr. Scaffide asked why we cannot separate the two years and see where we are at in 2021. If it were separated he may be able to support it since the 1 mill for the park is coming off. He reiterated that he does support the police, fire and service departments.

Mrs. Stauffer stated she agrees with Mr. Scaffide and also supports police and fire. She read a statement which said she believed the millage should be put to a vote of the people. She is in support of part one, the increase of 2.4 mills because she recognizes that we need to fund police and fire pensions and with the park fund coming off it would have minimal impact to the residents. With the current pandemic and all its uncertainties she feels the second part should wait and not be an automatic increase.

MOTION: TO AMEND ORDINANCE 47-2020 TO REMOVE SECTION II, THE AUTOMATIC INCREASE OF 2.5 MILLS

Moved by M. Stauffer, seconded by S. Scaffide

Mr. Furey asked Mrs. Stauffer why she would not have brought this up earlier for discussion. He stated that Mrs. Stauffer voted for every financial transfer of money for the clubhouse then voted no on the final vote. Mr. Furey stated that we have been discussing this for a six months or longer. He was upset that she did not bring this up for discussion in a meeting prior to this.

Ms. McFearin stated it was her idea to have a two year plan. Increased revenue has been a topic for the five years she has been on council. The performance audit said the city has done a good job making cuts. Everyone knows we need the increase, why are we not doing what is best for the city. If the tax is not needed later we can always do another piece of legislation. Everyone has said they know we need it but no one did anything and now we are in this situation. Just as the residents are struggling, so is the city.

Upon roll call motion failed 3-4, with G. Bellan, S. Barr, J. McFearin and B. Furey dissenting.

Mr. Furey stated that there were three options to increase taxes. One was income tax, one was a tax credit, which Mr. Furey believes is the least fair and the other was property tax. A property tax would move the city to 23rd in the county for property tax. He stated council does not get a pass on these taxes, they have to pay them too. If there is a tax credit he would get a pass because he works in the city. He stated with the property tax increase he would be paying approximately \$300 more over two years. He used another example of a home appraising at \$134,000 and stated it would be about \$13.25 a month increase.

Mr. Furey continued stating the city has cut 10% of its employees. There was a performance audit that came back that the city is running extremely efficient. He said he was disappointed that the audit did not give the city more options to save money. The biggest thing that came back from the audit was to put property tax in and charge for trash. An increase of 3.4 over two years seems fair to balance the portfolio as the audit and finance departments have recommended. 85% reliant on income tax is not a balance portfolio. Mr. Furey said Mayor Procop asked council to do this in 2008 and he wishes he would have listened back then. He wishes he would have listened and kept the ¼% in place. He believes that this installment of property tax, long term will balance the city's finances for years to come.

Mr. Scaffide stated that those that are voting no tonight do know that we need this. He said the surprise came when it turned out to be inside millage and not income tax. He stated that the city needed to be organized to get the income tax raised, I guess it's much easier to do it this way. Mr. Scaffide stated we need to do something, something needs to give. He just doesn't think raising property taxes in the middle of a pandemic is the right thing to do.

Upon roll call motion passed 4-3, with S. Scaffide, M. Stauffer and D. Walker dissenting.

ORDINANCE 48-2020 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 48-2020

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded by S. Barr

Mr. Scaffide stated he will be voting no on this one also as the tax increase is embedded in this as well.

Mr. Furey the purpose of this is our annual tax budget that gets submitted to the county.

Mr. Maistros clarified that this is for 2021 and the 2022 tax is not included in this.

Upon roll call motion passed 4-3, with S. Scaffide, M. Stauffer and D. Walker dissenting.

RESOLUTION 55-2020 - A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE PLANNING COMMISSION DETERMINATION THAT "PET GROOMING" IS A SIMILAR USE TO THE USES PERMITTED IN A C-1, C-2, C-3 or C-5 BUSINESS DISTRICTS

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 55-2020

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded by B. Furey

Mayor Yates this is to recognize pet grooming as an approved use in these districts.

Mr. Scaffide this was approved by the Planning Commission as well.

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 58-2020 - A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ONE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF BUILDING AND ZONING CODE APPEALS

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 58-2020

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded by D. Walker

Mr. Bellan this is specific to Ward 5 and the resident is Michael Jamison. His term will go to March 31, 2022. He is taking the place of a previous member who stepped down.

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

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Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO PLACE ORDINANCE 59-2020 ON THE THIRD AND FINAL READING AND DECLARING AN EMEGENCY

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 59-2020 AS AN EMERGENCY

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded by J. McFearin

Mr. Bellan stated this a creation of accounts that are for Coronavirus funds. We need the accounts set up to receive the funding.

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

RESOLUTION 60-2020 - A RESOLUTION ADVISING RESIDENTS AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF THIER OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S MANDATES BY WEARING FACE COVERINGS AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING IN SUMMIT COUNTY

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 60-2020

Moved by G. Bellan, seconded by S. Barr

Mayor Yates stated the city is showing its compliance with the county and state mandates.

Ms. McFearin stated during caucus she is not in support of this because it is just reiterating what the governor has said. She does not care for the wording which suggest our residents don't know what they are supposed to be doing. She said this is just a statement.

Upon roll call motion passed 5-2, with J. McFearin and B. Furey dissenting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. McFearin:

- Shared information from the World Health Organization on how to appropriately wear a mask.
- Nothing further this evening

Mrs. Walker

- Shared the info on how to apply for the committee regarding Racism as a Public Health Crisis.
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Scaffide:

- Clarified that the finance meetings he spoke about earlier were work sessions not necessarily open meetings.
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Barr:

- Stated he made a tough decision tonight. He knows this will be hard for our residents. He did not get elected to do what was fun or what was popular. He got elected to do what is right for Twinsburg. This had to get taken care of due to years of inaction. Everybody up here said we should have addressed this, we should have done that. The reason he voted the way he did tonight was out of necessity. It needed to be done.
- Nothing further this evening

Mrs. Stauffer:

- Stated she can respect Mr. Barr's statement. What she didn't respect was getting attacked for her opinion.
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Furey:

- Stated he still thinks Mrs. Stauffer should have presented that motion earlier.
- Explained the Homestead Tax Exemption for seniors with certain economic requirements or a disabled veteran.
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Bellan:

- Stated there were many discussions tonight. He echoed Mrs. Stauffer's respect for everyone's opinion. There has been a lot of talk about police, fire and service throughout this. Twinsburg is about the entire package of services we get, whether we use them or not. He voted the way he did because he is very cognizant of how much things cost and he is not willing to see Twinsburg move into the future and not have those services. It is the total package that makes homes sell in a matter of days, makes people flock to Twinsburg. Thanked everyone for the countless hours spent discussing this. He knows this was not an easy decision for anyone but appreciates the fact that there was an informed discussion and vote this evening.
- Nothing further this evening

Mayor Yates:

- Stated the tax increase has been a very emotional process. Stated he agrees with Mr. Barr that we are put here to make hard decisions when needed. He stated as the mayor he represents the residents and the employees. There is 200+ employees. It was hard to let employees know they are going to be laid off. Thanked all who participated in the decision tonight. One thing with our system is that we don't always agree. He understands this was a hard decision but believes it was the right decision and what is best for Twinsburg.
- Nothing further this evening

Council wished Mr. Barr a Happy Anniversary.

Mr. Maistros

- Wished Council a happy break.
- Nothing further this evening

Mrs. Collins

- Stated the first meeting back after break will be August 25th
- Nothing further this evening

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:34pm.

Attest:

Greg Bellan
President of Council

Shannon Collins
Clerk of Council