

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council President Deidre Petrosky presiding. Members of Council present were James Edwards, Kathy Fleischer, Patti Keller, Don Moore, Kevin Piros and Scott Rowley. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Woofter, Law Director Wilson, Finance Director Gibson, Police Chief Morris, Fire Chief Rea, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the May 21, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$ 38,621.18 was made by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE O-19-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Service Director to purchase a John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Piros. **ROLL CALL O-19-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye.

ORDINANCE PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING

ORDINANCE O-20-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to purchase utility billing software and support services from Munilink was read and moved for third and final reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-20-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE**

PASSED THIRD AND FINAL READING

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION R-22-18 – A Resolution authorizing the City’s new Police Chief to be added as an authorized user of the City’s Middlefield Bank Credit Card was read and moved by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

ORDINANCE O-21-18 – An Ordinance authorizing the City of Cortland to enter into a contract with Ronyak Paving Inc. for the 2018 Asphalt Resurfacing Program was read and moved by Councilwoman Keller and seconded by Councilman Rowley. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Councilman

Piros and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL ON SUSPENSION OF RULES** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ROLL CALL ON O-21-18** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED IN EMERGENCY**

REPORTS:

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

FINANCE DIRECTOR GIBSON – Thank you for the support on the ordinance for the software for the utility billing program. I will talk to Munilink tomorrow and get everything rolling. We will get on their list and see what type of time frame we have. Other than that, I have nothing else to report. I'll answer any questions you have.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – I have nothing to report but at the next council meeting we will bring an ordinance forth to put mobile records in our cruisers. SRO Smith approached me and asked if we could be able to do reports from our cars rather than come back to the station. This way you would not have to leave the school grounds to do so. That is something that will benefit all of our officers. So, you will have an ordinance at the next meeting that will enable us to do reports in the cars.

We are working with the school to hopefully have a 2nd SRO for the next school year. Those negotiations are going extremely well. You may have an ordinance. Can I discuss this publicly?

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - Yes, you can.

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS - We will have an ordinance to amend the union contract. It's going to be more like a side letter. This will allow us to flex the 2nd school resource officer in the summer months to be able to use them on weekends rather than lock them into the Monday through Friday day turn. So, the union was very receptive on that. It would be a temporary letter to go through the remainder of the school year. Attorney Wilson has worked on it to make that happen. So, you will probably see that at the next meeting as well.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - The nice thing about that is the union took the lead in putting together the language for the side agreement. All I had to do was approve it. I'll put a resolution together for the next meeting like the Chief said and we'll get it passed so he can implement the flex scheduling this summer.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Chief, do you see a new hire filling that position or moving one of the existing patrolmen for that.

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS - It will be a new hire but it will be a part-time officer from within.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Let me clarify that, it will be a current part-time officer moving up into a full time position.

POLICE CHIEF MORRIS – Correct. That particular officer will probably not be the actual school resource officer. We will move a more senior officer from another shift and he will take that position.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Very good, thank you both for working on that.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

FIRE CHIEF REA – I have nothing to report tonight but would be happy to answer any questions.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – First off, I would like to thank council for the support on the resurfacing. There were no questions so I will give a little update. I will be getting the notice of award, scheduling the pre-construction meeting, and getting the contract set up with them. We can't start until we receive the Ohio Public Works Commission agreement which typically comes in July. We are getting ahead of the game on that. The resurfacing will not start until the month of July.

Also, thank you for the support on the backhoe. That is the last piece of equipment, so I will be calling the supplier and getting that ordered which leads me to an update on the Jeep Cherokee purchase.

The Jeep Cherokee purchase is on hold. After it was passed last meeting, I contacted the dealership that is holding the state contract and was informed the owners are in the process of selling the dealership. They are unable to fill any orders. The salesman I had been working with said it was beyond his control so the owners are proceeding with the sale and apparently that must void the contract with the state. So, not only are they not taking new orders, if your car was not on the lot they are not fulfilling those orders. We will be circulating back on that sometime. Supposedly, they are going to go out and get new contracts with the state. I haven't looked into that. It's not a priority at this time. So, more to come on that issue.

The crack sealing machine and material arrived today. We are out starting crack sealing some of the roadways.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Circulating back to the Jeep Cherokee, won't the state have to go out and solicit bids now?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes. Correct. That's what I was informed. They are going out to renew that contract. Not only was it that vehicle, but they have a number of vehicles they were providing on that state list. So, ODOT and any state agency that utilizes that cannot purchase those vehicles.

MAYOR WOOFER - Patrick, would that have to come back to council as three readings or could that come through as.... since council already approved the purchase.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – It will have to come back because it's specific to...

MAYOR WOOFER - I know it has to come back. My question was does it have to come back for three readings?

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - Yes.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Because the ordinance is specific to the dollar amount and that vendor, that particular vendor. It's not just a vehicle; it's particular to that vendor. Other than that, I don't have anything else to report and I will entertain any questions that council may have for me.

COUNCILMAN MOORE – Don, I know the rain yesterday caused some storm sewer issues, did you look at any of those today?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – At this point we are compiling a list and just going to start working on them from there. I know we were out clearing out the culverts and doing some of that work today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - After we do the culverts and that's all settled; are we going to do street sweeping? There are a lot of rocks especially on North High St at the intersection.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – The street sweeper has been out but we will continue with that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Thank you very much.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR WOOFER – I don't have a whole lot this evening. To remind people, our mosquito spraying which has been rained out I think each week we were supposed to have it. Obviously, you can't apply mosquito spray in the rain. We've had some pretty wet weeks. I, for one, have noticed an increase in mosquitoes so I'm hoping we will have a good weather week and we can get the guys out there spraying. This month it will be June 13th and June 27th.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – We did spray last week. It was cancelled on Wednesday due to high winds so they sprayed on Thursday May 31st, the makeup day.

MAYOR WOOFER – If you happen to be a bee keeper in the City of Cortland, call the city and let us know where you have your hives and we will attempt not spray in those vicinities. I know bee keepers are concerned with the mosquito spraying and how it might affect their beehives.

Brush chipping is the week of June 25th. Put that on your calendars. If you don't know, we are very specific on the size of the limbs and the height and width of the pile. If you exceed that, don't be surprised your pile is not picked up. Go to the website or call the city to confirm those dimensions.

Cortland Street Fair is June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. We hope everyone is in attendance for that. It's a fun time. Come out and enjoy it. That is all I have unless anyone has any questions of myself.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – I have a follow up to the chipping for Don. The new unit was used during the last chipping and it performed flawlessly?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes.

COUNCILMAN PIROS – Good.

NO COMMITTEE REPORTS

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM AUDIENCE:

ARCH NANCE ~ 257 ROBBIES RUN

ARCH NANCE – While I agree that this last storm was abnormal, we have a problem in our backyard and in our neighborhood. Every time we have any kind of heavy rain, our backyard floods and our neighbor's backyard floods. Between myself and the neighbors we've contacted Mr. Wittman and were told that when they developed the plaza behind or in front of us and the area where our homes are, that area is basically a flood plain. The property of the lots were designed so that water would back up so it wouldn't flood the parking lots at the plaza. Like I said, last week was abnormal but I've got pictures that my wife took yesterday of the water coming from Portal. It comes down from what I believe is a 24 inch drain. We have an open drain next to our lot. It goes back into another drain but the water gets this deep in our backyard. Yesterday, it was up underneath our deck almost touching the walls to our house. Two to three times a year when we do have a heavy rain, we have a significant amount of water in our backyard. I have 3 sump pumps just in case one of them fails. Every time we get this rain, I have to go downstairs and babysit the sump pumps in case one of them dies and get the other one running. I want to know if anything that can be done. We've lived there for 20 years and we've had this problem for 20 years since we moved in. Twenty years ago this was new development. My neighbor behind me lives on Portal and I'm sure he's got something to say. They had pretty bad problems yesterday. We are really, really tired of our backyard being a lake every time it rains. Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - I have a quick question for you. How long does it take to recede?

ARCH NANCE – Anywhere from 1 ½ to 3 hours.

BILL SPRING ~ 235 PORTAL

BILL SPRING – I'm a resident of Cortland for about 9 months now. I'm the manager of Mosquito Creek Dam, Corp of Engineers so I'm kind of familiar with water and rain. When talking about retention ponds, I don't have so much of a problem. We do get quite a bit of water but it's nothing

significant to where it touches the foundation of the home or anything like that. It flows downhill and is doing some serious damage. I'm just here to observe and see what kind of solutions were being brought to the table and see if I can help in anyway.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Thank you. I appreciate that.

BILL SPRING – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - I don't know if we can offer any solutions this evening; however, we will take all the information and will work with the Service Director and try to formulate some kind of a plan. I thank you for your offer and your assistance. That was very kind.

BILL SPRING – Just as a note, we also killed 2 resident raccoons last night with the water that we had. We had to dispose of those as well.

CHERYL THOMAS ~ 248 OLD OAK DR

CHERYL THOMAS – We've been there since July of last year. I believe we were lied to when we were told our house has never flooded. But at any rate, yesterday was abnormal; I totally agree with you. It came up much higher than it normally does. But this is probably at least the 5th time since we've lived there that I can remember our backyard flooding. We have a bridge that crosses over Walnut Creek. The water gets about 18" to 2' below that. On a normal day I can walk under it with head clearance... (INAUDIBLE)... So, that that's how high the water is coming up in our yard. It floods our yard, our backyard and it comes up very quickly. Now yesterday there wasn't a lot of rain. It was a hard rain but it didn't rain long. We've gotten a lot more rain...

MAYOR WOOFER – There was a significant amount of rain. More than generally we've had in the last 2 years. Don, I think you measured.

COUNCILMAN MOORE - Yes, the rain gauge at my house said 3 inches almost in ½ hour.

MAYOR WOOFER – That's why when you watched the news today it showed all the reports of the flooding. The pictures were of Cortland because we got so much rain. I'm on Fox Run which is down the corner from you. My street never floods. I'd be happy to show you a video of my entire street flooded. I had flooding in a basement at a property I own up north behind you on Tournament Trail in those condos. It was significant. I've had flooding there twice since 1988. We had so much rain that our system could not disperse that water as quickly as we were getting. So, flooding was inevitable.

CHERYL THOMAS – I agree, yesterday was an abnormal situation, but I was coming to this meeting before that rain yesterday. I stopped on the road a couple houses down. The Cortland guys were working on the generator, I think.

MAYOR WOOFER – It was the lift station. Are you in the house that Brainard’s built?

CHERYL THOMAS – A white house. I don’t know who built it.

MAYOR WOOFER – The church looking house?

CHERYL THOMAS – Yes, they call it the church house. And like I said, I’m not specifically talking about yesterday, yesterday was scary. This isn’t the only scary time we’ve had. My concern is what is going to be done? Is there something wrong with that creek that it needs cleared out? I actually question whether Mosquito Lake engineers ought to... (INADUDIBLE)... to open it up. I don’t know what’s going on. I called and left a message with your office, Don, and I didn’t get a return call back.

MAYOR WOOFER – When did you call?

CHERYL THOMAS – Today. And like I said, that phone call and this meeting was happening for me today regardless.

MAYOR WOOFER – What time did you call and who did you talk with?

CHERYL THOMAS – Christine. I left a message and she said she was leaving it in a log. I was assuming the log was because a lot of people were...

MAYOR WOOFER - Right that’s what we were doing. We were logging calls so we know exactly where situations are within the city.

CHERYL THOMAS – So one of our problems in this creek is our property ends here, the next property is here, and a tree is down coming over the creek. When that water gets really high it starts acting as a dam.

MAYOR WOOFER – The tree?

CHERYL THOMAS – Yes, the tree does.

MAYOR WOOFER – Whose property is the tree on?

CHERYL THOMAS – It doesn’t appear to be ours.

MAYOR WOOFER – Perhaps I’m wrong, but I believe it’s the property owner’s responsibility.

CHERYL THOMAS – It’s in the other side of the lot where the woods are. I don’t know who owns that woods back there. It fell across. I don’t know if we could chop it up or if we could get whoever

owns it to chop it up and get it out of there. Is the creek clear all the way down? Again, I'm not saying specifically yesterday, I'm saying multiple times.

MAYOR WOOFER - My question is to our Law Director and Service Director, who is responsible for the creek? Is that the Army Corp of Engineers? Is that our responsibility?

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - We don't have any easements.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - Walnut Creek is not in the storm sewer easement. I know several years ago, Bill close your ears, they went through and did some clearing and got out to Tournament Trail and stopped. That past practice might have flown in the late 80's or early 90's but now it's... That creek was straightened out years ago and that's part of the problem. Then everybody built too close to it. So, short answer, it's the property owner's responsibility; but we also give guidance. You don't want to mow down to the creek. You don't want to do anything with stabilization.

CHERYL THOMAS – I read all that online today.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - If there is a log jam, something like that, that poses an immediate emergency for flooding, the city will go in and assist with removing that. Now, a downed tree across it, we will have to go out there and take a look at it to see if it rises to that level.

CHERYL THOMAS – Would you, please?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes and I will return your call tomorrow or sometime this week and give you a little bit more information. That's a new bridge. The guy that built that was a steel worker and he actually arched it. Several or 10 years ago the original bridge got wiped out.

CHERYL THOMAS – Right, because it was flat. It didn't arch. He put a nice one in. I don't want to lose it.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Your issue, is you have Walnut Run and we also have a tributary that comes in from the east that drains a lot of 11. It was a quick storm but the drainage area to that point on Walnut Creek is expansive. I think it's over 500 square miles. Well, I would have to... no. It goes all the way up into Johnston Township. I don't know the exact acreage. When my phone started blowing up last night, I was like, let me see what's going on.

CHERYL THOMAS – If I had your number I would have called.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – It was not just a little cell of red, it was solid line of red that extended from Cortland north up to almost to 87. So, that entire Walnut Creek drainage area got hit with 3" of rain in a 30 minute period. Also, what we are dealing with is a lot of the farmers have tiled their

farms up there because they want to keep them dry and that has exasperated the problem. We are getting the run off that much quicker. There was an extensive study done on Walnut Run 15 or 20 years ago. The engineering recommendation was to dredge it and widen it; which there's not room and there's no jurisdiction for the city to do that or do additional retention upstream and that's outside of the city.

MAYOR WOOFER - Is the Corp of Engineers somewhat capable or responsible to do something with it?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - They would not have any jurisdiction on this because it's actually not identified in any flood plain maps.

MAYOR WOOFER - So, who does? It's just running wild?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - The property owner. It goes back to the drainage laws of Ohio.

LAW DIRECTOR WILSON - The people who own along it.

CHERYL THOMAS – So, I can get a little mini in there and dig it out?

MAYOR WOOFER – No, and I think Bill will probably agree with that. Here's the problem. Then you run into issues with the EPA.

CHERYL THOMAS – Okay.

MAYOR WOOFER - Anything you do to upset the ecological system in that creek would come back to you and the fines are very...

CHERYL THOMAS – I don't want water in my basement. That's my goal here, okay?

MAYOR WOOFER - I know.

CHERYL THOMAS – So, can I put nice decorative white rough along our creek?

MAYOR WOOFER - It's your property.

CHERYL THOMAS – I can put a 3 foot rough?

MAYOR WOOFER - Yes, you can put concrete abutments up. Right, Bill?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - There are steps you can take to protect your home. We have a brochure on basement flooding on the website.

CHERYL THOMAS – I read that too.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - It didn't come up to the house. It's the proximity of you to a receiving stream. You are going to get water in your yard.

CHERYL THOMAS – My goal is to prevent water in my basement. That's my goal. I don't want to see that.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – There's probably some things you can do as far as landscaping and mounting to keep the water from getting up to that foundation. I would try to minimize anything you would do within the creek because the force of that water is going to undo whatever time and effort you spend on that.

CHERYL THOMAS – Just so you know, I put a 2 or 3 foot rough in there all along the creek. It's going to push it out to Tournament Trail.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – You said a rough? What are you saying? A 2 or 3 foot what?

UNIDENTIFIED MAN IN AUDIENCE - Riff raff stuff. I'm a heavy equipment operator and we do a lot of that. We need to come up... (Inaudible)... across to the other yard, across the water I would say 3 feet. Take riff raff... (INAUDIBLE)... bank that... (INAUDIBLE). That's going to force that water over by the condos and into the woods.

MAYOR WOOFER - So, I should thank you for flooding my condo.

(LAUGHTER)

CHERYL THOMAS – I'm just asking you if it's legal because it's going to change.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN IN AUDIENCE – Not before I do it.

MAYOR WOOFER - Oh, you haven't done it yet?

UNIDENTIFIED MAN IN AUDIENCE – No.

CHERYL THOMAS – If it costs me \$1,000 to put some rock up there and not be going in my basement with mold.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN IN AUDIENCE – 7 to 8 feet it came up to the house yesterday and that's way to close.

CHERYL THOMAS – And before that it came up probably as high as 2 feet less than that. Yesterday was abnormal so I'd really like to take yesterday out of the equation. I'm saying what's happened in the past.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - We'll talk.

CHERYL THOMAS – Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN IN AUDIENCE – I've worked on a lot of waterways. I know you don't disturb the minnows and all that stuff. You can't actually take an excavator and go down in there to do things. That is not going to help the problem because the water is going to go so high anyhow.

CHERYL THOMAS – So you'll check on the tree situation and let me know?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – Yes.

CHERYL THOMAS – Thank you.

MAYOR WOOFER – Just as a point of clarification, we do not normally inspect that creek. It is private property. The city is not responsible for private property. So, if there are issues anywhere along that creek, we depend on the people to call the city and let us know like you have done tonight. So, I thank you for that.

CHERYL THOMAS – I haven't walked up that creek. I'm wondering if someone can do that. Can you check it out?

BILL SPRING - For the record, I got 12 calls today about that creek.

CHERYL THOMAS – Can somebody check it out? I don't think that's...

MAYOR WOOFER – Would we send someone down there to inspect it?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN – We've done that on occasion. Another thing is to resend the letters to the property owners that border that?

CHERYL THOMAS – And don't read it?

MAYOR WOOFER – A lot of people down creek or above you will cut their grass and dump their grass in the creek. They dump tree limbs in the creek and do everything they are not supposed to do.

There are issues along the whole thing. We don't really have jurisdiction over that. That all adds to the problem. Bill?

BILL SPRING - It does. There are ways to report that kind of stuff. Just a small correction, we do have authority over waterways such as Walnut Creek, not as maintenance but as far as regulation.

MAYOR WOOFER – When you say we, you mean...

BILL SPRING - Corp of Engineers.

MAYOR WOOFER – You're the Army Corp, okay.

BILL SPRING – We work together with Ohio EPA, and we do Clean Water Acts, any type of environmental permitting, stuff like that. If someone is do dumping into a waterway there are ways to get them to stop. I will provide you with my office number if you would like to talk more about that further.

CHERYL THOMAS – I would.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – I have a quick question about Robbies Run. Wasn't that creek rerouted when they built those houses on Portal?

COUNCILWOMAN KELLER – Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – I used to play back there as a kid. They totally rerouted that entire creek when they put that development in, when they put Portal in and when they put Robbies Run in. They totally rerouted it. My thought is, is that creek not trying to go back the way it was? You know? It's just my thought.

MAYOR WOOFER – Are you talking about the upper portion of Portal not the old part?

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – The upper portion. The new part, yeah.

MAYOR WOOFER – Right.

ARCH NANCE – That creek yesterday was full to the top and it was almost to the road.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER – They totally rerouted that creek.

MAYOR WOOFER – Where does the water come from that goes into Robbies Run, Don? Does that have anything to do with Walnut Creek?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - No.

MAYOR WOOFER – That’s coming from where?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - 95% of the city goes into Walnut Creek except a little portion on the southern end that goes into Confusion Run.

MAYOR WOOFER – That’s out of our city limits, right? Isn’t that up in farmland? Up in Johnston and that area that’s draining in Robbies Run?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - No. That’s what comes across through Gemwae Knoll and Diamond Way.

COUNCILWOMAN FLEISCHER - Back between Turquoise and Diamond Way. That’s what you’re saying, right? Where that retention pond is?

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - We have a nice map showing the drainage areas and everything. We can review to answer that question because a picture is worth a thousand words. But no, it does not. That runs Robbies Run and goes between now Chemical Bank and the post office, underneath 5, down by Dollar General and then goes in there down by 46. That doesn’t impact anything north of Main St. Once Walnut Run gets passed 5 over the dam, it’s natural because no one has built in there and we don’t have any issues.

CHERYL THOMAS – Like you said, a picture is worth a thousand words. Do you want to see the pictures of what we... (INAUDIBLE)?

(INAUDIBLE)

MAYOR WOOFER – I do too. There was so much flooding here in town yesterday.

ARCH NANCE – My wife just reminded me, every time our yard floods we have a gentleman on Portal, Mr. Teacher, I don’t know if you people are familiar with him or not, but he is a teacher at Howland. He is claiming, and he keeps telling me, when they redid the football field they took out 6 drains and didn’t replace them when they remodeled everything and put the lights up. That’s when his yard started to flood. His has gotten constantly worse. He has been in contact with the school superintendent and he hasn’t gotten any... I went and told his wife they were having this meeting tonight and I thought for sure he would be here because he is a fireball. My wife just reminded me that part of the problem in our backyard has intensified since they have worked on that football field, since they’ve redone it and taken those 6 drains out. I didn’t know about that until he told me. Another thing, the water that comes through our drainage ditch and goes down to the parking lot, there is a cement

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culvert that it goes into. I don't know how often they look, but it doesn't appear to me that it's ever been cleaned out. I'd like to know once the water goes through that culvert, then where does it go? How does it get to that creek that they cut on Robbies Run to carry the water to where you're saying across 5? Because that seems to be the blocking point where it stops.

SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN - I have to look at the situation. I'm not exactly sure where your house is.

ARCH NANCE – Our house is on the cul-de-sac and there are 2 empty lots between us and the neighbor's house. The storm drain runs parallel to our property. Like I said, it gets down to that cement culvert and that's where everything backs up from there. Ellen Dieter has been trying to sell these lots for 20 years. She put a retention pond in which helped. It did alleviate part of the problem but that retention pond fills up and then the 2 lots flood. She lucked out and sold them to an investor and I don't know what is going to happen to that. I would like to know how that water gets from that culvert to where it's supposed to go because it just doesn't seem to go. Thank you.

MAYOR WOOFER – Thank you.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PETROSKY - Thank you. I appreciate all your comments here this evening.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Fleischer. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Fleischer, aye; Keller, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piro, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL