



City of Willowick
City Council Emergency Special Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

ADA NOTICE

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Minutes

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

President Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic
Ward 1 Councilman Tom Loncala
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

MISCELLANEOUS

To Authorize the Emergency Expenditure of Funds for Search and Rescue Investigation relating to the Collapse of Shoregate Towers Apartment Complex Parking Decks

President Koudela and Mayor Vanni took time to praise everyone who came and worked at the collapse of the Shoregate Towers parking garage on 8/23/2023. The mayors from the surrounding municipalities offered any support they could provide during this incident. The reason for the meeting was to authorize the mayor and fire chief to retain assistance of B&B Wrecking and Excavation for search and rescue efforts. It did not appear anyone was under the garage, but two individuals were hurt and transported for the injuries they sustained.

Chief Brennan had a question about the estimates for the service from B&B with one being \$150,000 and another for \$250,000. Director Landgraf explained this was in the event more funds need to be re-appropriated for the extended services, council would come back to the table to approve the additional funding. Mayor stated the city will do everything to recoup these funds since this is taxpayer money but if the city does not aid and an individual is found in the rubble, then there will be more serious issues. Press releases were sent out. Director Landgraf did send notice to News Herald from Fair Housing acknowledging all the work the city has done to get Shoregate Towers in compliance with its numerous violations and a conviction was finally

achieved in May, 2023. This will allow the fire department to get in and investigate there is no further danger. Upon completion, the city will extricate itself and will pursue any evidence against the property owners.

Councilman Malta asked about the other side coming down. Chief Malovrh stated this was the other side of the garage and not the building itself. Per the engineer, the towers are not attached to the parking garage so the residents are safe.

Councilman Mohoric inquired about the injuries. Chief confirmed two individuals with minor injuries but there are rumors of a third. There has been no confirmation of this and unsure where the media has received this information.

Chief Malovrh explained the steps B&B would take to allow the department to safely go inside, retrieve the vehicles and search for any injured or deceased individuals.

Councilman Loncala asked for verification of the money portion including the additional and the possibility of going after the owners. Director Landgraf replied that pending what is found during the investigation, the city will do whatever it can to recoup the funds.

Councilman Phares asked if the Shoregate apartments have been inspected for stability. Chief Brennan stated the city has written a violation to them in regard to getting the east and west buildings and the parking garage inspected by a structural engineer. It was discussed in last year's budget. The owners did not comply with what was asked per the engineer's report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Vanni reported on a statement from the engineer regarding the rainfall received on the first day of the storms which was 2.45 inches in 3.75 hours. The damage was between 6-7:30pm when the peak rainfall fell at an estimated 2.76 inches per hour. Per Engineer McLaughlin, this was the time when the majority of the rainfall fell and was a larger event than the system that came through in 2019. Numerous phone calls received from the flooding but in half, the water that entered basements was clean water and not sewer water was coming through the walls which is not the city. The other portion was sewer water. Willoughby flooded in addition to Route 2, which had to be shut down due to 2 feet of water. Storms expected again (after this meeting, there was another similar storm) with a potential 1-3" expected which would not be ideal.

Councilman Malta requested Mayor stop by 825 Deborah as they have had their home waterproofed, and they still flooded.

Councilwoman Bisbee has received calls and requested verification of the city picking up storm damage from the resident tree line and it was confirmed they were aiding in the cleanup. A 40' bin was ordered from Kimble to utilize in addition to Kurtz allowing for the city to dump.

Councilman Antosh inquired about the Clarmont property update and if it was the cause of the flooding in surrounding homes. Engineer McLaughlin noted they are still investigating that area.

Councilman Loncala asked if any rehabbing is done based on the POS (point of sale) test. Chief Brennan when POS is done, existing piping is just clay. PVC piping is placed so the dye test is only good for 2 years. If there is all new PVC piping around the house, the city typically do a 10 year test and give them a "grandfather." When someone sells, they are only going to do the minimum work and not replace the whole system. Per Engineer McLaughlin the pass/failure has gone down especially for the right of way.

1. Motion to Authorize the Mayor and/or Fire Chief to Retain the Assistance of B&B Wrecking & Excavating, Inc., for Search and Rescue Services in Relation to the Fire and Collapse of Shoregate Towers Apartment Complex Parking Decks in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to waive the three readings made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Further Discussions; All Motions Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

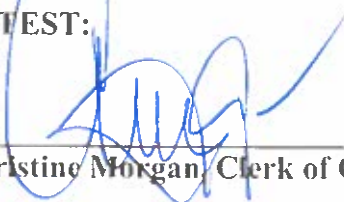
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned 7:04pm



Monica Koudela, President of Council

ATTEST:



Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council