

Warren, Ohio

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING WARREN CITY COUNCIL

November 9, 2011

- CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting of Warren City Council was called to order by President of Council Robert Marchese in Warren City Council Chambers at 7:30 PM, 141 South St. SE, Warren, Ohio.
- INVOCATION/PLEDGE** Fiore Dippolito, 1st Ward Councilman opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ROLL CALL** MEMBERS PRESENT: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Dean, Marchese
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Rucker
- MOTION-ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES** Motion Novak, second Saffold to accept the minutes of the previous meeting but dispense with the reading of the same.
- VIVA VOICE: 9 YES, 0 No. Motion passed.
- MOTION EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER** Motion Novak, second Saffold to excuse Council member Rucker for good and sufficient reasons.
- ROLL CALL** YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra
- NO: Dean
- MOTION PASSED** 8 YES, 1 No. Motion passed. Mrs. Rucker is excused for good and sufficient reasons.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT** Mayor O'Brien, Law Director Hicks, Treasurer Homlitas
- ABSENT: Auditor Griffing, Director Franklin
- DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT** Chief Bowers, Chief Nussle, Bob Davis, James Black, Bob Pinti, Paul Makowsky, Rene Cicero, Lisa Mazzochi, Mike Keys, Brian Massucci
- ABSENT: Chris Stephenson, Tom Angelo, Tom Gaffney

REPORTS

- MAYOR** MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you very much Mr. President and members of Council. First of all for everyone's information the Director is in Detroit. He was going to see if he would be able to get back before today's meeting. Well if he's not he's representing the city in Detroit with the – in regards to the Wean Foundation.
- Speaking of the Wean Foundation, the construction over on Market Street as everyone can see is under way. Actually they are moving quite rapidly. The building is taking shape. I've been in meetings with the Wean Foundation and they are very excited about the project they have going on to the tune of 2.5 – 2.6 million dollars. And they have some future development plans in that very same block. So we're working on some more details regarding that project.

Speaking of that project, the neighboring project, the Director and I last week had the opportunity to walk into the National Fire Repair building; that's the former Showcase Book Store building in the third floor apartment suite. Mr. Paul Klauser is the owner of the building and he will be residing on the third floor. I have to say that that particular apartment suite will rival any apartment in the State of Ohio for sure; let alone in about a three or four state area.

From the original floor to the original brick walls, ceiling, sky lights, you name it. Let alone you wake up in the morning and look out the bedroom window at a 1897 year old courthouse on a beautiful fall day with the leaves turning throughout courthouse square. And the project should be done in February. When it gets closer to completion I'm sure they'll invite Council. Phenomenal, phenomenal project right on the courthouse square.

The Director and I had the opportunity to meet with the representatives from the Country of Canada at the Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center towards the anticipation of future stake holders that will be involved in that Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center again on the Courthouse Square. We are looking forward to the renovation and the project that that will entail. But the most important piece of the Tech Belt Innovation Center will be the ideas and the knowledge obtained at that center that will be the manufac – take the place of the manufacturing during the industrial revolution in this country. Those ideas born will take shape and will provide a new (inaudible) a new future for the revolution of tech belt and innovation.

Also we're very excited to work closely with the representatives of the Mocha House for the new acquisition of the Chase building on the same side of the street. I guess I'll say for the record we're pleased with the owners of the building; the victorious bidders of the building. And I'll say that some bidders were there that I was hoping were not the victorious bidders. And I'll leave it at that. But we're looking forward to working with the Mocha House representatives on the Chase Building.

And last I want to congratulate Bob Pinti and the members of the Trumbull County Board of Health, members of St. Joe's Hospital, Trumbull Memorial Hospital, Relay for Life, representatives from the Engineering Department regarding the bike trail, any and all schools that are involved in the health and fitness in the relationship to the City of Warren.

Again, the City of Warren was the recipient of the 2011 Healthy Ohio Healthy Community award. Now the City of Warren has participated in this for five years. The City of Warren has been a Gold Winner for four years and a Silver Winner one year. In the last five years no city in the state of Ohio has been the recipient of four Gold and one Silver. No city in Ohio. Again, Warren received the Gold again and only three other communities in Ohio received Gold's this year; Columbus, Springfield and Westerville. So we're in pretty good company with those cities. And congratulations Mr. Pinti, Mr. Makosky and the representatives from the hospitals. And congratulations to the City of Warren. Thank you.

LAW DIRECTOR

MR. HICKS: Thank you Mr. President. First I want to acknowledge and say hi to my dear friend Sheriff who has done a wonderful job in our county and hopefully will continue to do that for a number of years yet. Of course Chief Garino who is his right and left hand sometimes helping out. Nice to see both of you as always.

Not a report; by the way of just a comment because we don't get the privilege sometimes of having comments like that. So I just wanted to say that we all know that Friday is Veterans Day when we will raise up – many of us will put out flags and go to parades and cheer. But always keep in mind that come November 12th for those who have served and for their families it's still Veterans Day.

Everyday is Veterans Day; especially for those who have come back wounded; whether physically or emotionally. So please, always try to remember to thank them for their service and the sacrifices that their families have made. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. Law Director Hicks, just something that it be brought to attention. At the Charter School; the former St. Mary's School at the – on Elm Road the (inaudible) wall (inaudible) on the front of the auditorium; which is dedicated to our Veterans; men and women who served in World War II, they have an illegal sign in the middle of this announcing that they are the esteem academy covering this up. Being as I doubt if they have a permit to put the sign up being in the downtown area I just wondered if you could contact them and ask them to please remove that. I think it's embarrassing to our veterans that that's on there covering it up. The former Charter School that was there had a sign that was in the front yard and it was a regular sign.

So if you could possible deal with that I know you'd make one old army air core man real happy because I've been hearing about it for two weeks.

LAW DIRECTOR HICKS: Mr. President? Thank you for your attention to that Mr. Novak. And while our office does the prosecution the enforcement part comes under our building and zoning people. But we will make sure that that reference – I see you know my colleagues over there nodding their heads dutifully that that will be noted and they will obviously send the appropriate enforcement personnel out there initially to inform them of the issue. And then obviously if they don't comply then they'll come to our office for a little more forceful encouragement. Thank you.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you. And thank you Paul whatever could be done because the parade will be going right around on that corner going up High Street. So I think that should be removed. Thank you. Thank you Mr. President.

TREASURER

MR. HOMLITAS: Thank you Mr. President. I'd like to report that as of this morning income tax collections is 1.5 million dollars more than last year. And also Council earlier this summer asked could they be notified anytime investments were sent to the General Fund. We have an eight thousand dollars CD coming to you this week that will be transferred to the General Fund. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

No reports.

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SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE

C-037-11
10-31-11

Received from the Civil Service Commission

Notice of a meeting to be held November 2, 2011 at 8:00 AM in the Data Processing building.

REF: All Council Members

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C-038-11
10-31-2011

Received from the Board of Appeals.

Recommendations made on October 19, 2011 (Four Members were present, one absent):

1. File #PL-11-01 ADA Architects, Inc. – Proposed Family Dollar.

Four members voted to Table. Commission requested a site plan change with regards to Beverly St.

2. File #VAR-11-09 - ADA Architects, Inc. – Proposed Family Dollar.

Four members voted to Table. Commission requested a site plan change with regards to Beverly St.

3. Sign variance for 2186 Parkman Road – Proposed Family Dollar

Four members voted in favor of the sign variance.

4. Sign variance for 1543 E. Market St. – Family Foot Care

Four members voted in favor of the sign variance.

REF: All Council Members

C-039-11
11-9-11

Received from Planning and Platting Commission and the Board of Appeals:

Notice of a meeting to be held Wednesday November 16, 2011 at 4:00 PM in Warren City Council Chambers regarding the following:

1. A zone change for two parcels at 2186 Parkman Rd. from Residential A and Residential B to Commercial B.
2. A parking variance requested by ADA Architects, Inc. at 2186 Parkman Road for the proposed Family Dollars development.

REF: All Council Members

THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS ON FILE IN THE CLERK OF COUNCIL OFFICE.

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MAYOR OBRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. I wanted to mention to Council that – Brenda Smith reminded me that you know at the last Planning and Board of Appeals meeting we have approved some signs that are to be on Market Street. You'll see a difference of signage on Market Street; it's doctors offices. Basically the signage is going to be a brick or block base with a rather elaborate gold leaf sign. And that's consistent with the Meds and Eds section of the comprehensive plan. You'll see that – and for Council's information, those types of signs that they will have in those doctor's offices on Market Street range between four thousand and six thousand dollars; those signs. So you'll see a significant improvement on the signage on Market Street. And they way it looks as those signs first started everyone is contacting one of the two companies that are responsible for that type of architecture of that sign. So you'll see an improvement of the signage on Market Street also. Thank you very much Mr. President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

MR. NOVAK: Yes. Thank you Mr. President. No report as there was not a Finance Committee meeting scheduled this week. Thank you Mr. President.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. No committee report but in regards to the Health and Welfare, I'd like to take a moment to thank Jim Ries from our Law Department and Captain Gilmore from our Police Department for their professional expertise along with some of the residents and business owners who testified in the liquor transfer hearing this past week. Thank you very much.

LEGISLATIVE

MISS SAFFOLD: Thank you Mr. President. No report tonight. However, in light of the fact that a few members of Council will not be available on Wednesday November 23rd I move that we cancel City Council Meeting on that day; which will be November 23rd.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: November 22nd. I'm sorry.

MISS SAFFOLD: Oh, I'm sorry. November 22nd.

MOTION TO CANCEL MEETING

Motion Saffold, second Novak to cancel the regular meeting of Council on November 22, 2011.

ROLL CALL

YES: Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra

NO: Dippolito, Novak, Dean

MOTION PASSED

6 YES, 3 No. Motion passed. The November 22, 2011 meeting is cancelled.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Miss Saffold anything else?

MISS SAFFOLD: No thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you. Would you like to remove the Tabled Ordinances at this time so that we could do that housekeeping? Do you have that memo? Unless you'd rather wait till the end of the meeting.

MISS SAFFOLD: That would be fine. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: You'd think after all of these years I'd remember we wait. I'm sorry.

WATER/ WPC

MR. SFERRA: Thank you Mr. President. I'll be calling a Water Committee meeting November 17th at 4:00 for a look at the rate study. Thank you.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

GAYLE FERGUSON, 945 Riverview NW – Spoke on Massage Parlors.

DORCAS BORTON, 256 Kenilworth, NE – Spoke on Massage Parlors.

JOAN SULLIVAN, 671 Mercer Ave. NE - Spoke on Massage Parlors.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COMPLETE CONTEXT OF ALL OF THE ABOVE SPEAKERS AND ANY COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE ARE ON TAPE ON FILE IN THE CLERK OF COUNCIL'S OFFICE.

LEGISLATION FOR PASSAGE

**DRAFT 3194
RECOGNIZING AND
COMMENDING
SHERIFF TOM ALTIER
AND CHIEF DON
GUARINO AND STAFF**

A resolution recognizing and commending Trumbull County Sheriff Tom Altieri, Chief Don Guarino, and the staff of the Trumbull County Sheriff's Department for their outstanding efforts in promoting and conducting their program whereby inmates of the Trumbull County Jail are enlisted to eliminate blight and unsightly conditions throughout the City of Warren and elsewhere throughout Trumbull County.

Mr. Flask requests the clerk to read Draft 3194 in it's entirety.

READ

Clerk reads same.

**MOTION FOR
PASSAGE**

Motion Flask, second Saffold to pass Draft 3194 as read.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Dean

NO: None

9 YES, 0 No motion passed.

**PASSED
RES. 4506/11**

9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3194 is now RES. 4506/11.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. On I believe everyone's desk here we were given some information in regards to the program that has taken place. There is a lot of information here in regards to cleanup locations and the amount saved by the City.

I would like to thank not only the Chief and the Sheriff but also Bob Pinti from our Health Department for his efforts in this and especially Marti Morn and Councilman Novak. You know when they first started discussing this I was at the first meeting and that was the only meeting that I ended up attending. And I think they have done a fantastic job

throughout the City and now throughout the County. And I would just like to applaud them and thank them for their effort.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I spent some time googeling and doing some land line research concerning what's taking place in our other eighty-seven counties in the State of Ohio.

And after seeing what's taking place if there is a program in any of our adjoining counties or counties across the state, I have been able to compile this information and we are fortunate; and I say fortunate and blessed, to have one of the first programs in the State of Ohio that was instituted and the largest in the State of Ohio that has dealt with all of these issues we see in here with the cleanups throughout the county, working for our non-profits, working for the cities, the townships at the expense that has taken place.

There is no county, no other county in the remaining eighty-seven counties that has any program anywhere near what we have been able to enjoy at no cost here in the City of Warren and in Trumbull County.

And I think this needs to be realized and I don't think that when this was started I think there was some people that had their doubts I hope those nay sayer's realize and see what has taken place. And when we see the guestament of what was saved in this day and age with the State of Ohio's budgetary problems that we have and in the City of Warren and our surrounding areas what we've been able to have accomplished. And it's made a major difference in our neighborhoods.

And our neighborhood groups have seen what's taken place. Because we had representatives from each of those groups at those initial meetings. They've seen what's taken place, they've been able to call.

Also, I thank Mr. Pinti who put a lot of work and his staff being able to take the complaints, keeping track of these things, keeping track of what's been accomplished and to keep the program going. It has been significant.

So I myself; what has taken place in my ward greatly appreciate this. And I know that the citizens of Warren have seen it. They've vocalized to me what a significant impact this has made on our city. So again, thank you to our Sheriff Altieri, to Chief Gurano and his staff for what you've done. You've made an unbelievable effort and an unbelievable impact on the City of Warren. Thank you Mr. President.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. I ask that the gentlemen please stand one more time so I can present this certificate. Thank you Mr. President.

**DRAFT 3193
AGREEMENT WITH
THE PUBLIC
DEFENDERS OFFICE**

An ordinance for the purpose authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Service and Safety, for and on behalf of the City of Warren, to enter into an agreement with the Trumbull County Commissioners for the purpose of providing, during 2012, legal representation, through the office of the Public Defender, to qualifying indigent defendants charged in the Warren Municipal court with violations of Warren City Ordinances where there is a possibility of incarceration and the legal right to representation has not been waived, and declaring an emergency.

Miss Saffold requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3193.

READ

Clerk reads same.

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MOTION SUSPEND Motion Saffold, second Novak to suspend the rules requiring three readings on Draft 3193.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Dean

NO: None

9 YES, 0 No motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Saffold, second Colbert to pass Draft 3193 as read.

REMARKS

None.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra Dean

NO: None

9YES, 0 No motion passed.

PASSED
ORD. 12369/11 9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3193 is now ORD. 12369/11.

DRAFT 3195R
BOARD OF HEALTH
MAYORIAL
APPOINTMENT OF
JOANNE SIEMBIEDA A resolution for the purpose of confirming the Mayoral appointment of Joanne Siembieda as a member of the Warren City Board of Health, for the balance of the unexpired term of Richard Polko, commencing January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2015, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Flask requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3195R.

READ Clerk reads same.

MOTION SUSPEND Motion Flask, second Saffold to suspend the rules requiring three readings on Draft 3195R.

ROLL CALL YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Dean

NO: None

9 YES, 0 No motion passed.

MOTION FOR PASSAGE Motion Flask, second Saffold to pass Draft 3195R as read.

REMARKS

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. For Council's benefit Joanne Siembieda is a resident of the 3rd Ward; she lives on Butler. Her professional name is Joanne Siembieda; her married name is Siembieda Barron.

She is a retired educator. She has a bachelors degree and a masters degree at Ohio University. And she will be replacing Mr. Richard Polko a resident of the 5th Ward. And Mr. Polko chooses to retire and travel with his family. And I would thank Council in advance for this passage. Thank you.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Dean

NO: None

9 YES, 0 No motion passed.

PASSED

RES. 4507/11

9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3195R is now RES. 4507/11.

**DRAFT 3196
BOARD OF HEALTH
MAYORIAL
REAPPOINTMENT OF
HORTENSE WOOD**

A resolution for the purpose of confirming the Mayoral reappointment of Hortense Wood as a member of the Warren City Board of Health for the term ending December 31, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Flask requests the clerk to read the title on Draft 3196.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION SUSPEND

Motion Flask, second Saffold to suspend the rules requiring three readings on Draft 3196.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Dean

NO: None

9 YES, 0 No motion passed.

**MOTION FOR
PASSAGE**

Motion Flask, second Saffold to pass Draft 3196 as read.

REMARKS

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. Again Mrs. Hortense Wood is a member of the 5th Ward.

And the reason why I mention this is we've had board members and I think it's important to have board members throughout the city. And Mrs. Hortense Wood is a veteran board member.

And I can't underestimate the importance of board members; especially on the Board of Health. And as Mr. Pinti can attunely attest the Board of Health has been very active this last few years primarily with the neighborhood stabilization project. Every – the process for; as most Council – I'm sure all Council realizes that the process of demolition of homes, demolition hearings, condemnation hearings, you know inspections by the Sanitarians and all of which time the board members go over each parcel and to the point of the last – say the last five years over probably six hundred homes have been demolished, board members have gone through 600 cases of all of those homes let alone the important board duties of the restaurants and the sanitarian and inspector reports regarding restaurants.

And there have been some tough decisions made by board members over the past years regarding restaurants. And of course issues that crop up like for instance Warren Hills. And board members have been very active.

You know there are board members that the Mayor appoints that maybe are active maybe two or three times a year. It just so happens that the Board of Health is very active every month. And the other board appointments that the Mayor has and Miss Ferguson we'll see in the future soon regarding the Fair Housing Board and those types of issues.

So we can't really underscore the importance of board members throughout our community that do this for no pay and an awful lot of work. Thank you.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Dean

NO: None

9 YES, 0 No motion passed.

**PASSED
RES. 4508/11**

9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3196 is now RES. 4508/11.

**DRAFT 3197
REPEALING AND
REENACTING DIVISION
(d) OF SECTION 131.12
VEHICLE
IMPOUNDMENT FEE**

An ordinance for the purpose of repealing and reenacting division (d) of section 131.12 ("Motor Vehicle Impoundment and Towing Fee.") of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Warren for the purpose of designating that all fees collected per said section 131.12 be credited to the Police Department of the City of Warren and used solely for the purchase of motor vehicles for the City's Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Colbert requests the Clerk to read the title on Draft 3197.

READ

Clerk reads same.

MOTION SUSPEND

Motion Colbert, second Novak to suspend the rules requiring three readings on Draft 3197.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra,

NO: Dean

8 YES, 1 No motion passed.

**MOTION FOR
PASSAGE**

Motion Colbert, second Novak to pass Draft 3197 as read.

REMARKS

MR. DEAN: I've been a member of this Council since March of 2004. This will be the first time I've commented on an active piece of legislation.

This legislation came in on yesterday. I doubt outside of this room there is a handful of people that even know that we were considering passing this legislation.

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I'm sure there are people outside of this room who may have comment or would like to have their views heard on this legislation. There are at least three of us that have had conversations with business owners in this community that I think their voice should be heard.

When Mr. Flask earlier on in this Council I think he passed a piece of legislation encouraging Council not to rush through everything as a priority. That everything was not an emergency.

I know of no reason, no reason whatsoever that this item should not go before committee. It is not an emergency. There is no need to rush it through. And of course we should always be aware that every voice that wants to be heard in this room should have the opportunity to be heard whether we agree with them or whether we don't agree with them. As legislators I think we should have information from every quarter before we rush in one day a piece of legislation through this body. And I do suggest to all of my colleagues that we bring this to committee.

And last but not least take into consideration the information that we received earlier and as late as today from Mr. Hicks. Originally we were taking into consideration the time of an officer being spent. One hundred and nine thousand dollars won't buy you a lot of police cars. Barely one.

Since 2009 one thousand nine dollars I believe is the amount. That would be one vehicle. And I don't think that's worth killing the reputation of a business owner or causing our citizens undue grief and hardship when they come to get their vehicle they think downstairs and then have to go to Mays and have to pay an additional fee. Don't think a hundred and nine thousand dollars is worth the hardship of either our citizens or our business owners. Thank you Mr. President.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra

NO: Flask, Dean

7 YES, 2 No motion passed.

PASSED

ORD. 12370/11

9 YES: 0 NO. Motion passed. Draft 3197 is now ORD. 12370/11.

REMOVAL OF DRAFTS FROM COUNCIL FILES

**MOTION TO REMOVE
TABLED DRAFTS
FROM COUNCIL FILES**

Motion Saffold, second Morn to remove Drafts 2863, 2873, 2879, 2970, 2996, 3007 and 3019 from Council files.

ROLL CALL

YES: Dippolito, Novak, Brown, Morn, Flask, Saffold, Colbert, Sferra, Dean

NO: None

9 YES, 0 No motion passed. Drafts 2863, 2873, 2879, 2970, 2996, 3007, and 3019 have been removed from Council files.

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MISCELLANEOUS

MR. BROWN: Thank you Mr. President. I would just like to thank everyone that called concerning my wife and her surgery. I'm glad to report that I brought her home from University Hospital this afternoon.

And along those lines Bob – Mr. President there's been rumors of your health concerns and I wondered if you'd like to speak about those.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Yeah – it, thank you Mr. Brown. It's unusual, I've been very private in eighteen years. And I feel that a lot of the stuff that we go through is really our own.

It's been an odd five weeks. For the last five weeks I'm finding myself moving into a new larger job, moving and looking into different communities to relocate and then all of a sudden I find out that I have contracted prostate cancer. It runs in my family.

I use to drive by the billboards that say real men wear gowns and laugh. But I've come to realize it's serious stuff. There's a big dispute in the medical community and we see it in mental health too. Is the PSA test accurate? Is it not accurate? And I went to my family doctor and had routine work done and found out that my PSA test doubled.

So I think what you're referring to is I've had to see urologist oncologist and found out that I have - you know we put everything in Bio-cycle social health on a scale of one to ten. And I found out that I have an eight on a ten scale. Ten being you're going to Pete Rossi's. So what I've decided to do is have the surgery and so Tuesday of next week I'm going to have the – it's no walk in the park according to my doctor. But it's the thing to do. I'm going to have the surgery done.

And that comes at a time it's really unusual. Because I didn't anticipate and didn't see this coming, didn't even have any symptoms had I not had that testing done. I would encourage anybody that's male over fifty to have the PSA test done. It's very real, very terrible thing. I'm greatly supported by my wife, I'm greatly supported by my staff; that figured out something was wrong when I was constantly going to doctors appointments. But Mr. Pinti probably said it best; to my neighbor when he had said walking away after hearing this with his wife he said don't send flowers to the hospital too quick. Wait and see if everything is alright. Meaning he didn't want to send them twice.

I have to laugh about that because this stuff for a guy like me that has never been in this position it's an adjustment. And it's something that you look at very seriously. I figure that I'm doing the right thing. And I have been blessed with a great doctor. And so yeah, I appreciate your concern.. And I don't know, even on a grass roots level those of us who put ourselves in this position, we are held up to a lot of people talking about things and it's completely normal.

I've come to grips with it. Whatever is to be is to be. So I'll know better after the surgery. So they tell me it's a couple of days in the hospital and then you're out. And I'll take a month or two to see how I'm feeling.

So I thank you for your concern.

MR. BROWN: Thank you Mr. President. Our prayers will be with you.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Thank you. I appreciate that. Thanks a lot.

MR. NOVAK: Thank you Mr. President. I echo Councilman Browns comments concerning your health issues that you will have to be embracing. As a friend of twenty years I realize you know what goes through your mind when you have these issues. I consider myself lucky. I've had major injuries; broken neck, broken back, other issues. But I was younger and you can weather those things more easily when you're younger. But as you get older they start coming back and reminding you you're there. But again, you know you will have my support and help in whatever you need. And I hope and pray that everything comes out well for you Bob.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: I appreciate that.

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MR. NOVAK: And one small announcement. This is from Donna Pashoti who is the Events Coordinator at St. Joseph's Church. It's now called Blessed John Paul II Parish; still St. Joseph's Church to me. They will be having hopefully it's not their last tree lighting ceremony at the Community Garden on North St. on November 26th at 6:00 PM. There will be caroling by Warren G. Harding High School Choir. And there will be light refreshments after the tree lighting at the St. Joseph's Social Hall. Neighbors, friends and parishioners are invited. Again, hopefully this will continue. This was started by the retired priest from there; Reverend Fred Trucksess. It's something that's been attended and been welcomed in that neighborhood quite well. We also have a very good attendance from the residents over at Community Skilled Nursing Home.

Let's hope that Bishop Murray makes the right decision when it comes. Unfortunately we hear now it's suppose to come Christmas week. So let's hope he makes the right decision when it comes to what's going to happen with our churches. Because we know all of our churches here in Warren are anchors in the neighborhoods. They're very important.

So let's hope he has Warren's residents and those neighborhoods residents at his best interest when he decides what's going to take place.

So again if you can make it on the 26th of November at 6:00. The choir puts a very nice show on. Hopefully we'll have some good weather for this tree lighting. Thank you Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: Also, thank you for your comments. I'd like to add one more thing I forgot. If you're male and the doctor ever brings up to you – you talked about pain and injury, brings up something called the prostate biopsy, run the other way. Because it's equivalent of taking a staple gun on the most sensitive part of your body and firing off about twenty-five times. It's no pleasurable experience.

MR. DIPPIOLITO: Thank you Mr. President. I didn't support the cancellation on the forth coming meeting however, because there's been a I think what do you call it? A hearing – public hearing regarding that. It surely doesn't affect me but I know it might affect the applicant in seeking some resolution before the end of the month.

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: There's a date change. There was a date change on that Public Hearing. December 14th.

MR. DIPPOLITO: Oh. It can be changed?

PRESIDENT MARCHESE: It has been.

MR. DIPPOLITO: Fine. One last thing Mr. President. We've talked about good things happening in Warren. Last week I told you about the street improvements I've seen in the ward. And we talked about a lot of grass cutting.

However, I want you also to take a drive by St. Joe's Hospital. You're going to see a nice clean property inside and outside the fence all around. I tell you we've been working very hard on a group from the Northwest people have been doing fantastic work there. In fact even the old Pamela Apartments and the Garden Street Apartments have been cut up pretty nicely. So in any event I along with the – our Trumbull County friends I think that we see right among us in the 1st Ward anyway, people that are doing a fantastic job in taking care of that grass over at the St. Joe's Hospital. It will probably last the rest of this year. Snow will come, the freezing, no more grass. So you might want to take a look and look at it.

And while you do that you'll pass by the old I call it money pit. See how that is with the nice grass cutting job. Thank you Mr. President.

MAYOR O'BRIEN: Thank you Mr. President. Two things. Number one I agree with Mr. Dippolito that the Northwest Neighborhood Association has done a fantastic job with the former St. Jos's Hospital.

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I wish to inform Council that we are working on plans to demolish the house that is north of the urgent care building and also which is across from the old St. Joe's Hospital. And we won't be satisfied Mr. Dippolito until the Pamela Apartments are down and we're working and getting closer with that. Number one.

Also for Council's benefit and the public's benefit Mr. Novak mentioned the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at St. Joe's Church on North Street; which is St. Paul's the II new name. And I have to mention this Al and Fiore. Just for Council's benefit three churches have merged that are going to be one. The decision is going to be made pretty soon on one church. The three churches are Christ Our King, St. Pius and St. Joe's.

Mr. Novak belonged to St. Joe's, Mr. Dippolito belonged to St. Pius. Both are hoping that their church stays. The fact of the matter is one is going to go.

Now it's important to know that because as Mr. Marchese and I can look around and see who is Catholic. I know the Catholic's that are on council and the department heads. The community of Catholics but the community of the city has to work together also. And this in other communities has really separated communities. And Christ Our King just put up the white flag and said we give up. But St. Pius and St. Joe's Parishes both have their heels dug in.

I mean St. Pius feels they are the church and St. feels they are the church. And one of the two are going to have to merge with the other. So I just hope that whoever the decision is made; by the way I believe to St. Joe's also. But whatever decision is made that everyone works together as one community. Thank you.

MR. DEAN: Thank you Mr. President. 11-11-11 is Friday. The time that I've spent on this Council talking about Veterans I make it a point not to look at Mr. Hicks. Because Mr. Hicks only gets emotional about one thing and that's talking about Veterans and our military. And it's something different about those of us who have served. And I saw it in Mr. Brown and I saw it in Mr. Hicks.

I was at Cameron Bay when I got the news that a relative had died. I got a helicopter ride up to Denang and took fire all the way up to Denang. I got a flight on a 130 to Guam. I got a flight from Guam to San Francisco. When I got to San Francisco they gave me a bag from the BX to put my uniform in because I was told that I probably would be spit on with a uniform on walking through the airport in San Francisco. Now a lot of the guys that were around then are now in nursing homes. Their bodies have failed. They're the toughest guys on the planet. In Sandusky nursing home there are five hundred and fifty veterans. Mt. Horab there are three hundred and seventy-five.

Last year at the suggestion of Mr. Brown who said you know we ought to do more than just say thank you to these guys. We were at Packard Music Hall. And last year we did our very first gift for veterans. And we drove two truck loads of gifts up to Sandusky; Uhaul Trucks of people who gave. I watched John Brown get off work and run back and forth carrying everything you could carry into those trucks. And the guy had nothing to do with the military named Al Novak and his check was larger than everybody else's.

So we'll do this again the day after Thanksgiving. We'll be at the Packard Music Hall from 9:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon. And for those that would like to say more than just think of that or thank you for your service there are lots of things that people who are in these nursing homes whose relatives have forgotten all about them, who don't come to visit them, who don't call them, who don't send cards to them. But when they see us a little town that they never heard of in Ohio thinking about them the day after Thanksgiving it will mean the world to these men and women in those two nursing homes.

And for all of you that are going to help and Mr. Hicks; Lt. Cornel retired I appreciate all of you. Thank you Mr. President.

MISS SAFFOLD: No report tonight Mr. President. But I do want to let you know that I will be lifting you up in prayer with my ladies prayer line. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT MARCHESE: I appreciate that. Thank you.

MR. FLASK: Thank you Mr. President. At the last committee meeting that we had (recorder stopped)

The tape recorders stopped working and the end of Mr. Flask's comments and motion to adjourn did not record. (11-9-11)
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MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT 8:38 PM

Motion Novak, second Colbert to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.

VIVA VOCE : ALL YES; 0 NO'S. Motion Passed.

Robert Marchese, President of Council

Brenda E. Smith, Clerk of Council

