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President Handwerk called the meeting to order. Paster Paul Shallenburg offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

Roll call: Purdy, Miller, Landaw, Baker, Corfman, Weaver, and Leathers were present.

Miller noted that in the April 16, 2007 minutes in Section D. of the Standing Committee Reports in should read Mr. Weaver, not Mr. Purdy. Miller moved and Purdy seconded that the April 16, 2007 minutes be approved as amended. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

<u>Public Comment</u>: Aristotle & Deborah Zournas of 344 Mohican, Orrville, were present to address the issue of noise from the Buckeye Dehydrators facility.

Mrs. Zournas: We live in the last house on Mohican right next to the factory. Since they started operating at night about 3-4 weeks ago our windows have been shaking, our walls have been shaking. We live as refugees in our home. We have to go to the basement and sleep, if we can get any sleep. Both of our jobs require mental concentration. I am following asleep at traffic lights on the way to work which tells me I am probably not doing my job very well. We have done a little bit of research about decibel levels and the dangers that they can cause. Also, I have looked up from the EPA some laws that state that we have an environment for all Americans free from noise that jeopardizes their health or welfare. I also have some statistics from the Center of Disease Control what can happen when you are exposed to decibel levels at such high levels. They have a sonic siren that goes off every 30 seconds all night long. I have heard that some of you have gone up and sat and listened in their cars. I cannot stress to you enough that that is not what it is like to sleep in our house at night. We have a child that is not getting enough sleep. He has to go to school and as I stated before we have to go to work. My dissatisfaction arises from the fact that I have been told that they are within their rights. I am not disputing the fact that these people do not have the right to work, but I feel that we also have the right to sleep. They need to make money, we also need to sleep so we can go to our jobs and make money. Honestly, we have gone to talk to them and they have been verv nice.

Mr. Zournas: Very cooperative, very nice.

Mrs. Zournas: Very nice. They have not thrown us out or called us name. They have been very nice. Mr. Zournas: Very decent people.

Mrs. Zournas: We do not want to be seen as a threat. That is not our intentions to threaten anyone and make anyone feel bad.

Mr. Zournas: We are not here to complain, we are just here to inform. Nothing more.

Mrs. Zournas: We are the buffer for every other house on our street. We stop the noise for everybody else, but when your walls are shaking and your windows are shaking at night it is not very pleasant and this goes on.

Mr. Zournas: I feel that this is a very real problem for us. A house in the middle of Orrville has the same rights with a house where we live as far as a piece of mind.

Mrs. Zournas: We can't open our windows, we can't sit in our yard. I mean this is our property, this is what we pay a lot of money for each month and we can't even sit in our yard. We can't have a normal conversation. I do not know what else to do. I have made photo copies for all of you of the statistics since we know we do not have a lot of time. I also do not have a lot of time because of work right now, but I have got a few signatures from neighbors who are also concerned.

Mr. Zournas: We are here just because we want to protect the quality of our lives.

Mrs. Zournas: We chose Orrville over a lot of other places when we moved here from Europe. He became a citizen, he loves it here, and we don't want to leave Orrville, but we are discussing selling

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our house right now because we have no other options. We see no other option at this moment. That is all we have to say.

Handwerk: Does the sonic siren you mentioned go on during the day and early evening or just late? Mrs. Zournas: All the time when they run.

Mr. Zournas: It used to be for two years it was during the day so we could ignore it because we are at work. It is easier during the day, but it is a very different game.

Mrs. Zournas: It goes off every 30 seconds for like 10 seconds at a time and then it stops. I cannot even begin to explain it.

Weaver: When you stopped there to talk to them did they agree to do anything?

Mr. Zournas: Yes, the one gentlemen expressed the fact that he is trying to find a solution.

Mrs. Zournas: I have tried contacting other companies – there are only 10 companies in the United States that do what they do. I have tried contacting the companies to find out what kind of parts they sell, if there are any kinds of silencers, things like that. I have spent a lot of time trying to find and I have gotten no response so far.

Mr. Zournas: In this day and age we live I am sure there are solutions when we can have open heart surgeries.

Mrs. Zournas: We are just asking for a compromise. We are not asking them to stop working. I think that if they are going to be our neighbor, because they do live next to us and we do like them, they are nice. But our neighbor beside us, she is quiet. We have tried and when their truck drove through our yard, we were very nice.

Purdy: How far away from your house is this?

Mr. Zournas: It must be 50 yards. We are directly in a straight line from the source.

Mrs. Zournas: And it just has a chain link fence so there is no sound barrier at all.

Purdy: Do you think it is a measurable noise? Has anybody been out with a decimeter?

Mrs. Zournas: Okay, I called them and according to the nice young lady on the phone, the City told the and this is her words exactly were the City said we are allowed 60 decibels and we must be right at that because I can hear it two streets away. Well I called the City and they said they have no decibel law/ordinance. That is what I was told.

Mr. Zournas: Complaining is not the way to go, we are just informing. We are here to explain a problem because the good people of the City have ears to hear and we have a voice to say. Maybe we can reach a compromise, maybe not. We are trying.

Purdy: This is running through the evening. Does it start up at a particular time or is it just continuous?

Mr. Zournas: Sometimes it starts at 12:00. Sometimes it starts at 2:00 or 3:00. The night that I know very well what happened because I didn't sleep at all. It started at 12:00, it stopped at 2:00, it started at 3:00 and I am not sure when it stopped because I left for work. I don't think there is a pattern.

Purdy: Are the windows open in this plant that adds to the?

Mr. Zournas: There is an open gap there directly.

Mrs. Zournas: I don't know how to explain it. It sits up on top of a roof. It is like a big blower thing.

Mr. Zournas: I have not seen it so I can not be technical.

Mrs. Zournas: Yes, we have never gone in.

Mr. Zournas: I am a technical person, but I can not speak intelligently about that,

Mayor Steiner: The siren as I think you know come from the bag house.

Mrs. Zournas: I know nothing about it.

Steiner: The bag house has the bag that filters the product and knocks it back down. The vibration from it is what you are hearing it go off and it goes off whenever they are in operation because that is part of the process. They are looking at, with the manufacture, if there is a way to quiet. They need the vibration, but they don't need the sound I don't believe.

Mrs. Zournas: The vibration is not the problem it is the sound. It scares you. When you are sleeping soundly and they start at midnight.

Mr. Zournas: Eventually it becomes a little bit of a problem, because you are waiting for it.

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Mrs. Zournas: It is like you are counting it down when you are lying there at 3:00 a.m. know you have to get up at 6:00. You have to come stay with us one night that is all I can say.

Steiner: They are looking at that and the big problem is that they are running three shifts now. They say they need to do that to be profitable.

Mrs. Zournas: But we need sleep also.

Steiner: I understand that.

Mrs. Zournas: I cannot explain to you what it is like to go a week without sleep.

Mr. Zournas: The problem is that we are so close, they have the need for the production and we have the need for the quality of our life and the piece of mind. That is basically where we meet and hopefully the compromise will be there. We are willing to do whatever it takes.

Mrs. Zournas: We don't want to sell our house, but that is what we are talking.

Handwerk: We had several committee meetings tonight and we talked a little bit about your's right before we had to stop to come in here for this meeting. I would like to put this in the Health & Safety Committee, Mr. Corfman, and as soon as you can get a committee meeting scheduled. Mrs. Jewell has some information I think and as the Mayor said the company is looking into possibly being able to get something that would be little quieter. Maybe the vibration could be fine, but just not with the siren.

Mrs. Zournas: If we could get rid of the siren, maybe...

Handwerk: We will see if we can find out where they are with that.

Mr. Zournas: The vibration is like a train constantly going by.

Landaw: How loud is that noise? The vibration?

Mr. Zournas: The sunroom is not tolerable. You cannot be there.

Mrs. Zournas: We sleep in the basement when they start. We have no other choice. That is the only way we can get any sleep.

Corfman: Becky you said you already have some information. How much more time do you need? Jewell: I can find it whenever you need it. I have done some research online regarding municipal codes to see what they said and I have looked at some of the information that is online with the Center of Disease Control and such information that is out there on noise levels.

Handwerk: Do you want to try to meet on May 14th before Utility Board?

Corfman: You need what a half hour? 6:00? Handwerk: At least for an initial meeting?

Corfman: Yes, it will be just a general information. So that will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Mr. & Mrs.

Zournas you are welcome to come. It is a public meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Zournas: Thank you for your time.

# **Standing Committee Reports:**

- A. Finance Mr. Miller reported there was a Finance Committee meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> after the Utility Board concerning surety and fidelity bonds and we will see some legislation soon coming out of that meeting. Also, Mr. Leggett, before the meeting, passed out the 2008 budgeting schedule to council. You will find that it is very similar to what we have done in the past. I would like to make a motion that we set a public hearing prior to our regular meeting on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, when it will be put on first reading. Miller moved and Purdy seconded a public hearing be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Additionally, I would also like to make another motion to call a special meeting of council the next week, Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, after the Utility Board for the purpose of second reading on the 2008 Budget. Miller moved and Corfman seconded a special meeting be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> after the Utility Board meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. And then, of course, at the following meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> would be our third reading of that. That is all I have. I would like to encourage everyone to vote tomorrow.
- B. Utilities Mr. Landaw reported Director Preising announced at the last Utility Board meeting that the OMEA legislative day will be May 15<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting to talk about the Base Load Plant will be on May 24<sup>th</sup>. We are invited to attend those. I am not going to give all the details right now, but if anybody is interested we can talk more or Director Preising will have the information.
- C. Health & Safety Mr. Corfman reported the committee met at 7:00 p.m. tonight discussing games of chance and entertainment arcades. We are asking for the law director to draw up legislation at which time we will have another public workshop to discuss where it goes from there. This is mostly in regards to games of skill.
- D. Parks and Recreation Mr. Purdy reported the committee met on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and this meeting was about the responsibility about the care of the baseball diamonds, the pools, and the parks. Mike Staley had a meeting with the schools and they sort of got things straightened out about whose responsibility it is to do what. Mike is supposed to get us a copy of what they decided to do, what the school's responsibility will be and also what the parks responsibility will be. According to Mike it went well and they both agreed what they are going to do.
- E. Transportation Mr. Baker had no report.
- F. Planning Mr. Purdy had no report.
- G. Ordinance & Personnel Ms. Leathers had no report.

Special Committee Reports: None.

## **Administrative Reports:**

A. Mayor - Mayor Steiner reported that last week we received preliminary notification the City of Orrville Office of Orrville Industrial Development will be recognized for regional economic development award. This is award is recognizing us for our economic development effort with the investment of new manufacturing jobs and retaining manufacturing jobs in Orrville through the year 2006. This is a great compliment for our community. Official announcement will be in the very near future and will include an article in the trade publication. We recently approved site plans for an Auto Zone to be built on North Main Street north of Pizza Hut. They are an automotive supply store and will employee between seven and ten employees. The survey and study for the new truck route has started and next Monday will be the first meeting of the truck route stakeholders. This is just another

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step in the process of bringing this project to the construction stage. On April 27<sup>th</sup> the Kinney Hostetler building on Church Street was purchased at auction. We are not sure of what the owner's plans are for this property. A local banker advised me of what he knew about it and then around the office I have heard something else, so we will have to wait and see. Hopefully that building will be used for something productive.

B. Safety Service Director-Director Jewell reported that beginning today the engineering firm we hired will be out conducting traffic studies. We hired Engineering Associates from Wooster and they have a subcontractor who will be out there with them. Anyone associated with this project who will be out and about in the community will have a letter from the City of Orrville stating that what they are doing is a part of this traffic study. We started getting phone calls today regarding this project. What I would like to stress is that the project is a feasibility study to determine the feasibility of placing the truck route as our comprehensive plan had recommended. The first step is the traffic study. No route has been chosen for this truck route. The city has not started to purchase property. It is strictly a feasibility study. The study area goes from west of Vine Street clear out to east of Tannerville Road. On the north side it is Back Massillon Road. On the south side it is Church Road. So there is a very large area. They are going to get traffic counts around Orrville on all the main roads leading up to that area. They are going to do truck turning movements at 30 key intersections and they will have 100 people out there. So you may see somebody placing a strip counter down across the road or you may see someone sitting at an intersection in a truck or a car counting turning movements. This is all part of this study and that will be going on for a least two and a half weeks. They did start today and I just want to stress the route location has not been chosen. The stakeholders review will be people who will be meeting to discuss all of the findings that come out of the information that we get. In addition to that there will be at least two public hearings where the public will be involved and asked for input. This process that we are starting right now will go on for a least a year until it is finalized and the location has been chosen. It will be a very public process. Handwerk: Thank you for that information. There has been guite a few people ask where is this truck route going to go.

Jewell: We don't know yet.

Baker: I have a question for Mrs. Jewell. There is a sign on Schrock Road that says no through trucks if they are coming from the west. However, that sign cannot be seen until you are past it because they put a new telephone or electric pole in front of it. The old sign is on a pole and that pole is apparently going to come down because it has a big X on it. So I was wondering if we can move that sign to the other side. The other day I was behind a truck and I am sure by the time he saw that sign it was too late because he had a lot of trouble at the other end of Schrock Road getting around the corner.

Jewell: Okay, we will take care of that.

C. Utilities Director – Director Preising reported that he passed out a copy of the meeting notice Mr. Landaw referred to. We invite council that has the time that would like an in-depth look at what we are proposing for the Base Load Plant in the future. This is probably the meeting where everybody that is involved will be there to explain their portion. For those who can't go to this at some point in time we will have a representative from AMP Ohio come out and go through a presentation, but it won't be nearly as explicit as they will be giving at this meeting. The time is approaching, probably sometime in September, probably when you first come back from summer recess that you will be getting an ordinance to participate in this project. Right now we have an ongoing study being done by R.W. Beck that will help us determine how much about this project that we will want to take part in. We are looking way down the road and there are a lot of things that we felt we couldn't make that decision on our own so we have that consultant working on that and hope that report will be finalized here in the next month. We will get that to you as soon as possible prior to those times. Again, if you are available we are taking the City van and we would have room for everybody that would like to

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go, just let me know. The other item I have is that we are going to be coming to you about another power project that is going to be a hydro project. AMP Ohio has acquired three hydro licenses on the Ohio River. At the time we were approached to participate in this, which was back several months ago – almost a year now, they only had one license and the quantities of the power out of the plants was minuscule and wouldn't have done much for us. They now have three licenses and they have opened up again to the group and they need to make a decision very soon as to participation. We, as a plant, would like to participate to a level of five megawatts. At that level or somewhat below that level just to have a participation in the project if there is every a renewable portfolio standard it is set up that this hydro is considered a renewable. The price of hydro power is looking more and more attractive. The prices now that people thought were going to be so high are now some of the lowest power coming out. Looking forward to the future as we grow and we are approaching the limits of our plant – at times we get very close to that top limit – looking down the road 20 years we are going to need additional power and this would be a source of power and a very reasonable price of power. We are going to be proposing to participate in this.

- D. Finance Director Director Leggett reported the schedule of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) rates effective May 16, 2007 was distributed prior to the meeting. These are for your files and should they change council will be informed. The other item is the Monthly Fund Balance Report through April 30, 2007 was distributed prior to meeting. Weaver moved and Miller seconded the Monthly Fund Balance Report be approved subject to audit. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.
- E. Law Director Director Lutz had no report.
- F. President of Council President Handwerk reported that about a week and a half ago he attended a workshop at the Shisler Center in Wooster. It was a NEOSO (Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office) meeting. This is an organization based in Cleveland right now. They are in about 14-18 counties and they are looking to expand into – that particular day they met in Wayne County, Ashland County, and Richland County. I am hoping that in the near future maybe to set up a meeting with at least some of our city officials, some of our school officials, Wooster City Schools, and the City of Wooster, and possibly even the hospitals. Basically what they do is get products for people at the best possible price you can get them. The one simple example they gave which kind of put the whole thing in perspective was if you use lots and lots of bottled water and you were paying the best price you could get was \$1 for that bottle of water. If they could get that for you for \$.90 you would take that deal, right? Obviously, you say yes. They would make \$.05 off of the \$.10 we are saving so we still get the better price and that is how they make their money. There is no fee to join and you can get out whenever you want to. They are looking at adding all kinds of products all the time. It goes from rock salt which is something the City could be purchasing. They basically do all the bidding for you so it can save your city administrative lots of paperwork. Right now I think it is just something we need to look at. The people that are in it really seem to be happy with it. Hopefully we can set up a meeting to a least talk about it. From what they said, if you are unhappy with it there is no fee to get out of it if you want.

#### **Old Business:**

# Resolution 19-07

Leathers moved and Corfman seconded that Resolution 19-07, a resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the relocation and improvement of Back Massillon Road at the intersection of North Crown Hill Road, be placed on third reading. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

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Handwerk: We talked about this several times. Does anybody else have any questions. Mrs. Jewell, I just have one. We talked about Wayne College eventually coming out here. Do they have plans in the near future to do that so that is why we are jumping into this right now?

Jewell: They made us aware of their plans probably two or three years ago. What we done then was program it in, done the engineering, and now we are ready to go to this phase. I don't know how soon they are ready to move forward with theirs. I thought they would probably be there already, but I think they done some changing. I have been in contact with the college and I do know that they still plan to have their driveway meet at this location and come along their property line so it will line up with this street, but I do not know how quickly. I guess theirs always depends on state funds and availability. Like I said, I thought they would already be here because of the fact that we had to program it into our capital improvement. So I don't have a definite time for you.

Landaw: What is the total estimated cost of the project?

Jewell: The estimated cost is around \$95,000.

Leathers moved and Purdy seconded that Resolution 19-07 be adopted as read. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Good of the Order:**

Leathers: I just wanted to mentioned that anybody that could be watching this tonight, please check their voting place for tomorrow, because the Orrville precincts are combined quite a bit. Your regular voting place may not be open tomorrow so please check the postcard you received in the mail or if you need to call the Board of Elections that number is 330-287-5480 and they will be there probably by 5:30-6:00 in the morning to help you.

Handwerk: Also, take your ID with you.

Purdy: This question is for Mrs. Jewell. Do we need to remind the public of the change of the trash pick up.

Jewell: Yes, thank you. This is the week the both Orrville and Wooster are switching their collection. Orrville will be collected one time a week and that collection day will be on Thursday. Everything can be put out at the curb after 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening and pick up will start at 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

Corfman moved and Baker seconded that the council meeting be adjourned. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Tamra Peppard, Clerk of Council

Dave Handwerk, President of Council