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Council President Baker called the regular meeting to order.

Pastor Brad Dews from the Orrville Baptist Church offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

Roll call: Shupp, Miller, Vance, Hamsher, Aspiras, Corfman and Leathers were present.

Corfman moved that the minutes of the January 22, 2013, regular meeting be approved as posted. Hamsher seconded Roll call vote. Aspiras abstained. All others, ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

A. Finance – Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. President, as it turns out I do have a little piece of business here. The last meeting we schedule for the 14th of March the second reading of our Final Appropriations for 2013. That is a Thursday because there will be some folks missing at the beginning part of the week. To that meeting, what we failed to do, or what I failed to do was come up with a time so we are going to do that and I'm going to make a motion that that meeting that has already been scheduled be after the Utility Board meeting that evening. Leathers seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Miller: And of course the first reading will be the first meeting in March. That's all I have sir.

B. Utilities – Mr. Vance: Thank you, Mr. President. No report.

C. Health & Safety – Mr. Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report.

D. Parks and Recreation – Mr. Aspiras: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report tonight.

E. Transportation – Mr. Shupp: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report either.

F. Planning – Mr. Hamsher: Thank you, Mr. President. Like a lemming I will follow the crowd, no report here either, sir.

G. Ordinance & Personnel – Ms. Leathers: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

Baker: We have no Special Committee reports. We'll move to our Administrative Reports, Mayor Handwerk.

Special Committee Reports: None.

Administrative Reports:

A. Mayor Handwerk: Thank you, Mr. President. The only thing I'd like to mention is just to commend our Service Department for the job they've done on the streets here the last week or so with the continuous snow. I know we went out of town over the weekend and there have been years past where I've heard people say, "Well it was fine until I got to Orrville." What I found this weekend was just the opposite; it was fine in town until we got out of town. So that was certainly nice to see and we appreciate the work that those fellows do. Looks like we're going to continue to do that for a while I guess. Since I gave my report last meeting, I will give my time to Mr. Wheeler tonight for his report later one. That's all I have.

B. Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a brief report tonight, as we discussed at our Transportation Committee meeting in December, Norfolk Southern railroad has asked us to consider closure of Schrock Road from Crown Hill to Back Orrville Road for safety reasons at the railroad crossing. We've been working with Ohio Railroad Development Commission on that process and to consider this closure and the next step in that process is a public meeting. Inviting all the public, any citizens, anyone that would like to comment even folks that don't live in town are welcome to comment just as a required part of the process. I would like to have a meeting on Thursday, February 21, from 6-8pm at Schmid Hall. We'll also get information out and posting out on facebook, website, mass email and invite folks to come

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out and comment for or against or even just to be educated in regards to that process. Handwerk: What were the times on that? Wheeler: 6-8. It will just be an open meeting. Folks can wander in at any time between those hour and comment or get information from us at that point. Miller: What day of the week is that? Wheeler: That's a Thursday night. Shupp: The 21st did you say? Wheeler: Yes, sir. Leathers: Schmid Hall. Wheeler: And that is my comment for this evening.

- C. Utilities Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. I also have no comments tonight. I will yield my time for the Safety Service Department annual report. Wheeler: You guys are going to be disappointed in the length. Baker: You'd better have a long report. (Laughter)
- D. Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll give Mr. Wheeler a bit of a reprieve. On January 30th HB601, the municipal income tax uniformity legislation was reintroduced as HB5. The new legislation is very similar to the first piece that was introduced; it is just a little longer in length, about 12 pages to be exact. Unfortunately, the most troublesome part of the original bill that would mandate that 5-year net operating loss carry forward is still included in the legislation. Also some language that would invalidate our local tax ordinance and mandate that we adopt the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code by reference remains in the legislation which would also be a loss of control for us. As we've said time and again, there are parts of the uniformity that are welcomed by us. Some of the their proposed changes would have little to no effect on revenue for us, but in its current content, depending on the economic climate, this could create some financial concerns for us in the future so we are watching this very closely. We're hoping to meet with Representative Amstutz and also Representative LaRose on February 16 at a Tri-City meeting in Rittman to discuss our concerns with them. We will continue to keep you posted as the legislation moves forward and pass along any information we receive. That's all I have this evening.
- E. Law Director Kirkbride: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.
- F. Council President Baker: Thank you. For my report this evening, the one thing that I would like to encourage people to do is with the weather that we're having right now, please slow down and pay attention to what you're doing as you're driving. And if you're walking, please watch out for some of those cars. They're not as able to stop as easily as they would have been able to on drive pavement. That's all I have for this evening. We have no Old Business scheduled so we'll move to New Business. Ms. Leathers.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Leathers moved that Resolution 3-13 be place on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 3-13**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND/OR CONTRACTS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THREE (3) YEARS, WITHOUT BIDDING, FOR SELECTED INSURANCE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF ORRVILLE, OHIO.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler any comments for us?

Wheeler: Thank you Mr. President. This is really just a housekeeping resolution. We've done this, from my understanding, for about the last 20 years. It simply allows us to get our insurance through our insurance agent who obviously does go out and get quotes for us so it's competitive by nature but not necessarily a formal bidding process. We've been fortunate enough that our insurance has gone down from \$80,000 in 1991 to it was just under \$30,000 last year for the same package of insurance. So we've been fortunate from that standpoint that we've been able to save quite a few dollars over the last 20 years on our insurance. This insurance would cover general liability, vehicles, property, buildings, etc.

Baker: Anyone have any questions for Mr. Wheeler?

Leathers moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leathers moved that Resolution 3-13 be adopted as read. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leathers: And that concludes tonight's new business, sir.

Baker: Thank you. We will now move to our Safety Service Department Annual Report.

Wheeler: May I have a few minutes to set up?

Baker: We'll give you that time.

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Safety Service Department Annual Report by Director Wheeler: I want to thank everyone for coming tonight to the 2012 Annual Report for the Safety Service Department. My name is Steve Wheeler. 2012 was another busy and productive year for the Safety Service Department. (Mr. Wheeler presented a slide presentation; hard copy can be viewed at the Safety Service office during normal business hours.) Wheeler: And that's my presentation. Are there any questions?

Miller: Yes, Steve, just out of pure curiosity, the majority of burials in the last few years were of non-residents? Is that correct?

Wheeler: Correct.

Miller: Is there any explanation for that? Are these folks that used to live in Orrville and have always planned to be buried here? Or are you just talking City limits?

Wheeler: I think we're seeing.....

Miller: Or just outside the City limits?

Wheeler: I think the majority of those are around the surrounding areas. We have started seeing a few that are coming in from out of county but the majority are just in the adjacent villages and cities. I know that we have very competitive rate which makes it attractive. As a result of that I think we do get maybe some folks that normally wouldn't be buried here. But I think overall it's a result of just folks coming in that are from the area that don't necessarily live here but live in an adjacent community.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler, on page 5, the recycling analysis, I know the Mayor is happy to see the recycling program. If you look at 2010 to 2012, since we went to J and J there was roughly a 2% increase and somewhat sustaining. Do you know what's caused that? I mean obviously that's positive.

Wheeler: To be very honest I think a portion of that is tracking as well. Your numbers are only as good as your tracking. I know that J and J have some new innovated programs that they use with the recycling. They have a new recycling center that they utilize. I think as a result of that maybe that the numbers are a little more accurate than they have been and that's not a bad reflection on Waste Management, just as time goes on everyone gets a little better at tracking numbers.

Aspiras: And that does not include the recent containers that were put over there just beside Buehler's.

Wheeler: That's correct. That's Buehler's program that runs that and we don't access those numbers.

Aspiras: Okay so then my second question would be the Joint Solid Waste District grant money that we receive. Obviously that's a reflection on the citizen's of Orrville and their trash rates.

Wheeler: Not only trash, it's a reflection as well on the number of recycling as well as the yard waste recycle as well which is taken into account for that grant program.

Aspiras: Okay. Will that continue for the citizens in 2013 based on our recycling rates?

Wheeler: Yes, sir.

Aspiras: Okay, great.

Wheeler: And those dollars are used to lower the monthly trash rate and we also use a small portion of that for a kindergarten program that's been going on for a number of years with the lunchbox program which is very popular as well.

Vance: I know we've said this several times before but if you just maybe recap once again, we had some engineering cost for the truck route, what's being planned this year? What's being planned next year?

Wheeler: This year the plan is to begin the actual construction design. We have been working with the Department of Transportation to try to keep this project moving forward. So one of the things that we've asked them to consider is simply doing the High Street portion or to attempt to get that done in 2014 with the Pine Street portion in 2015. I'm sorry, '13 and '14. Our hope is that the construction design will be completed this year and we'll be able to begin and complete the High Street construction portion of the project which would involve the extension of High Street into Burton City Road and then the closure of Orr Street.

Aspiras: I know you've sent out a few correspondence on some of the positive things with the K9 Unit. I know it's been short, just a few months since we've implemented that. Can you share your thoughts on going forward? Was it the right decision? Is it something we want to do here in Orrville for the year, for the remainder of the year, for the future?

Wheeler: I think it's still early but it's been an effective program. I think the bad guys per se now know that the K9 is out there and are aware of it. It's a tool that is honestly, as I read the reports, is used almost on a daily basis. I think everyone knew about the story where we didn't even have to have the K9, the K9 was sleeping at home and we used it as a tool to catch a criminal. It's been effective. It's still early. I think hopefully that program will do some more community outreach as well. It's a tough time of year obviously to do that. One of our goals is not just to catch criminals with the K9 but also to reach out to the community and make Freddie an asset to the community as well. That's one of the things I look for in the next few months.

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Aspiras: I have one other question to add to that. I know we had a couple of committee meetings and there was a lot of questions about cost. Has that come in line with what was planned?

Wheeler: To be very honest other than the upfront costs, we haven't had any additional cost with the dog. We're fortunate to have donations from the local businesses so there hasn't been any additional cost connected at this point.

Aspiras: Training cost came in within budget?

Wheeler: Everything was within budget, yes, sir. Any more questions? Thank you everyone for your time tonight.

Good of the Order:

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Wheeler. This evening does anyone have anything for the good of the order? Mr. Miller.

Miller: Mr. President, I do. I just want to mention that our very own Andy Knode who is behind the camera here all of these Council meetings, will be heading up an improv show this Friday night, Feb. 8, at Orrville Community Theater in the Sav-A-Lot plaza at 7:30. If you like "Whose Line is it Anyway?", if you've ever watched that, you'll love this. And he's very talented at it. He'll also be there on Valentine's evening. There's a great package that we put together about that so if you want to know about that and further information 604-8504. Area code 330-604-8504 or catch us on Facebook. That's all I have.

Baker: Thank you, Mr. Miller. Anyone else?

Leathers moved to adjourn the council meeting and Shupp seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes all. Motion carried. Council was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jeanne Gault, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council