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Council President Baker called the meeting to order.

Paul Simonsen from Orrville C&MA offered the prayer. The Pledge was recited by all.

Roll call: Shupp, Wilson, Vance, Hamsher, Aspiras, Corfman and Lorson were present.

Vance moved to adopt the minutes of the last regular meeting May 4, 2015; Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Public Comment: Boy Scout Troop #60 presented the Council with a plaque of appreciation in support of their 2015 Spring Camporee at Orr Park, April 17-19, 2015.

Standing Committee Reports:

No report for Health & Safety, Parks & Recreation, Transportation, Planning

Finance – Aspiras – Thank you, Mr. President. The Finance Committee did meet just prior to this evening's regular council meeting. The discussions evolved around the procurement of a new ERP system. The current system that we have is pretty antiquated. It's no longer supported so we need to make a move. Ms. Strimlan and her IT group did a good job presenting the software package that they're looking at along with the hardware that supports that. It's up near \$900,000. We do have budgeted just over \$1,000,000 so we've got a lot of questions that were answered in this meeting. Had a good meeting. So we have asked Ms. Strimlan to move forward with legislation. That should be coming up here within the next council meeting or two. And that's all I have. Thank you.

Utilities and Ordinance & Personnel – Thanked the scouts from coming tonight and presenting to the council and the Mayor. Scouts are very helpful on projects in the City, like GOBA. Great group of young people and some great leadership too.

Special Committee Reports: None

Administrative Reports:

Mayor Handwerk: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I would also like to thank the scouts for coming tonight and thank you for the little award. We were glad to have you in our park that weekend. One thing I would like to mention is that our Memorial Day procession will start downtown at 9 a.m. on Memorial Day and as always will proceed up Main Street and then turn at the square and go out Market Street until we get to Crown Hill and then take Crown Hill up to the cemetery. If you're going to the cemetery just for the ceremony that should probably start about 10:00. If it would be rainy that day the rain location is the Methodist Church and that would be just the ceremony over there. The other thing I wanted to mention is that tomorrow I will be in Columbus, Mr. Brediger also will be down there tomorrow. I have an OMEA meeting and also an AMP workshop and then later in the day that's followed by a reception for our State Legislators and so hopefully Mr. Brediger and I will get a chance to speak to our legislators and inform them of some things that are important for us. And then lastly I would like to just mention the grass in the streets. We mention this every year. It is a problem. As grateful as I am for people that are mowing their grass, because we have some that aren't, we do want to just remind people that if you blow all that grass out into the street there's a few problems with that. One, it's unsightly. And I know it dries up in a few days but it still lays there in the street. Or it washes, if we get a good rain, down into the sewers which is even a bigger problem that our Utilities people don't care for and our Safety Service Department. And then lastly, it's also, and this was brought to my attention I never really thought about this before, but it's a danger to bike riders and motorcycle riders because if that grass is wet and they're trying to come to a stop and hit a patch of wet grass laying in the street, that can be a lot slipperier for them than it would be just on regular pavement of the street. So just to remind people. And I get that there are certain times you have to mow one direction just because that's the way your yard works better, if you have to blow it in the street, you know it doesn't take a whole lot of extra work to take a blower or broom and sweep it up after your done. So just a reminder for that. And that's all I have. Thank you.

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Safety Service Director Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. The Service Department is hard at work this week preparing the cemetery for the Memorial Day festivities. They're also busy filling the pool as we prepare for the pool opening May 29th. Thursday, May 28th pool pass pre-sale and Friday, May 29th is actually the pool opening for the season weather permitting, of course. Trash pickup, just a reminder trash pickup next week, because of the Memorial Day holiday will be pushed back one day so it will be Friday instead of Thursday for our property owners. Heatherwood, Kenwood, Meadow and Tammy have now been paved. That project is nearing completion in regards to all the paving is done, a few manholes need some final adjustments. They do hope to be out of there this week, weather permitting again. So that's good news for that project wrapping up finally. Once again this year we'll be having Family Fun Night Movies in Orr Park. We do have three movies planned. June 19th is Annie, July 17th is Big Hero 6, and August 7th is Cinderella. And as I mentioned at the last meeting we are doing our Orrville Performing Arts program which is always a success and the first performance is coming up June 11th and that's the Back Porch Swing Band. So we hope to see everyone out there. And that's my report for this evening.

Utility Director Brediger: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple of informational items. This week Orrville Utilities was awarded American Public Power's RP3 Award. This award mainly focuses on the distribution side of our business and it keys in on reliability, safety, work force development, and system improvement. Orrville Utilities was one of 191 out of 2,000 public power communities that received the award this year. We have received this award in prior years but each year it gets a little bit more difficult to meet some of the standards and some of the requirements so it's a real testament to the work that's performed in our Distribution Department. So I wanted to pay them some recognition. Also next week as you're aware, we purchased a house at 305 Mineral Spring Street. That house will be demolished and that will be on May 26th. The last item I have is an announcement that's required by the Ohio EPA. And that is that our 2014 Water Quality Report is now available for viewing on line and you can see that report at www.orrutilities.com/waterqualityreport If that's too much just go to our website and you'll find a link for that. But this report contains all the important information about the source and the quality of the drinking water that we use in our community. If you have any questions please call 330-684-5130 if you'd like a paper copy mailed to you. But this is part of our annual reporting. As you go through the report there's a lot of information in there that looks at the testing standards, limits, and things along that line. And we received excellent ratings all the way across the board as we have done in many prior year. With that, that would conclude the report from the Utilities.

Finance Director Strimlan: Thank you, Mr. President. As Mr. Aspiras mentioned we did have a workshop prior to tonight's meeting to discuss an ERP system. We did conduct a very extensive evaluation process as well as a very extensive RFP for this purchase. After implementation we should experience many benefits both internally and externally for our customers and our citizens. Also if you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to call my office. Either myself or someone from IT will be able to answer those questions for you. Also on another note our CAFR is going through the final reviews at the State level. You should be receiving a memo shortly concerning the closing audit meeting. Once that CAFR is released each of you will get a copy from the State and it will also be on our website for review. And the last thing I have tonight is just a reminder that it is budget time. At our next Council meeting we will be presenting you with a schedule, some important dates, and of course our workshop that will be scheduled in June. And that's all I have this evening.

Law Director Kirkbride: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

Council President Baker: This evening I have a few things. One, I'd like to thank the City Street Department or whoever it is that's putting the stripes down. I think they're almost finished and you can tell which side of the street you're driving on now, and that's a good thing. One other thing, if you notice, the scouts are still here and there's a reason for that. Those guys are also working on their citizenship merit badge. So it's something that I think is really wonderful that the scouts do things like this. The Mayor mentioned our Memorial Day ceremony. It's coming up at the end of this month. One thing that happened this past Saturday, and many people don't realize it, this past Saturday was Armed Forces Day. So there's different ways to congratulate or to thank the people that are currently serving or have served in our military. That's all I have for this evening. We have no old business to conduct so we'll move to new business, Mr. Lorson.

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New Business:

Lorson moved that Resolution 16-15 be placed on first reading. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 16-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to advertise for bids and enter into a contract and/or contracts for the resurfacing of Back Massillon Road in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler, do you want to describe this one?

Wheeler: Sure. I think it's pretty straightforward. This resolution will allow us to go out for bids for resurfacing of our portion of Back Massillon Road. The engineering estimate on this project is \$280,000. We do have more than enough in our license fees to cover the cost assuming it comes in within engineer estimate. It is budgeted for in our capital budget for this year.

Vance: Could you please describe the scope of the work that will be done?

Wheeler: It will be what we call a mill and fill. They will have the current coat of what's there removed, any kind of base repair work at that point that's needed will be done, then there will be an asphalt overlay.

Shupp: We're doing a section west of the bridge basically, right?

Wheeler: Correct.

Shupp: Is the county going to move on their section?

Wheeler: I have spoken to the county and they said they would take a look at their funding at this point, didn't really make me any guarantees that it would be done, did say there were a lot of projects that were priorities for them countywide. So I didn't really get a commitment from them. If I were to guess I would say that this year they probably will not be doing their project.

Mayor: They are going to be doing the bridge there. They're repairing that bridge and from what I heard today they were going to try and do some repair but they probably aren't going to be able to do the full redo like they would probably do in the next year or so.

Wheeler: Yes, as far as the remainder. Correct.

Shupp: That's too bad. Because that's even worse than our section.

Wheeler: I do think they're going to come in and do some work I don't know that it will be the full mill and fill type thing like what we're looking at.

Shupp: Okay. Thank you.

Vance: I have another comment. I don't know if there's any way for the story to be told to the County, I'm sure you've told them, but that's probably the number one road that we hear complaints about.

Wheeler: I've absolutely shared that particular statement exactly.

Mayor: And that was the conversation that I had with one of our commissioners this morning. The same thing.

Vance: Yes, I would urge the commissioners to reconsider their decision and to make that a priority this year.

Wheeler: Just if I could comment, in fairness to the commissioners, I've been working directly with the county engineer so I don't know what part the commissioners have played in that other than what I've talked with the engineer.

Vance: Okay. So I would rephrase that to say whatever part County officials have, to reconsider their priority and understand there are thousands of people that use that road and a lot of complaints coming from there. So it's important that that receives priority attention this year.

Wheeler: Yes, sir.

Mayor: And I think the thing we have to remember too is, and this came from the engineer back to the commissioners this morning, Wayne County has a lot of roads. And he's got plenty and this is a big year for bridge work that he's got. He's got quite a few bridges and they're expensive. I'm sure the County Engineer would love to say, yes, we're going to do that. But just like us sometimes you just don't have the money to do things when you want to. So I think, as Mr. Wheeler said, there will be some repair done it just won't be the complete job.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 16-15 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 17-15 be placed on first reading. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 17-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Board of Control to enter into a contract and/or

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contracts, with the Wayne County Commissioners to provide supplemental funding for the Jefferson Avenue Resurfacing Project in the City of Orrville, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Wheeler: We did receive CDBG funds to do an asphalt overlay at Jefferson. This, they've given us \$60,000 or, I'm sorry, \$60,000 will be provided by the County. The contract is directly with the County so if there's any overages it's our responsibility to pay those overages. And so this resolution just allows us to go pay directly to the County so if there are overages beyond \$60,000 it's being paid, of course. We did budget for this in the capital budget. I believe there's \$10,000 in there between engineering and roadwork and so this resolution allows us to expend those funds directly to the County commissioners. Almost a reimbursement if you will.

Shupp: On Jefferson, this is going to be the whole length of the street?

Wheeler: It is actually, yes, it is from Elm to Ella.

Shupp: From Elm to Ella. But not west of Elm?

Wheeler: Not west of Elm.

Shupp: That's where it dead ends.

Mayor: Little street there.

Wheeler: It dead ends, correct.

Shupp: It's about half a block long. Is that getting done also?

Wheeler: Not beyond Elm, not as part of this project. That isn't within the LMI area unfortunately so it didn't meet the CDBG requirements to asphalt overlay.

Shupp: This, I was on this street recently, because I knew it was coming up. It doesn't seem to be that bad to me.

Wheeler: It's not horrible. There was some water repairs that were done there so there are some areas that are more desperate than others. To be very honest this area probably is not one of our top roads but it's one of the few that are CDBG eligible. So as a result we look for the obviously the worst road we could find in that area that would meet the criteria to receive the funds.

Shupp: Okay. Then we had some restrictions with our process.

Wheeler: We had more than a few unfortunately with the CDBG funds.

Shupp: I know that there are some other streets in much worse shape than that one if we were.

Wheeler: Yes, sir. If I had my choice probably Jefferson would not be at the top of the list but unfortunately it is at the top of the list meeting all the CDBG criteria. Yes, sir.

Shupp: Criteria, okay, thank you.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 17-15 be adopted as read. Hamsher seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 18-15 be placed on first reading. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. **RESOLUTION NO. 18-15**, A Resolution authorizing the Safety-Service Director to sign an Agreement and/or Agreements on behalf of the City of Orrville, Ohio for the purchase of salt from the Ohio Department of Transportation for the 2015-2016 season, and declaring an emergency.

Baker: Mr. Wheeler, the weather is nice out there.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. President. I know we don't even want to talk about this right now but unfortunately winter will be here before we know it. The Department of Transportation does a very good job of getting out in front of the bids so that there's plenty of time and the bids will be going out soon. We have to turn in our agreements as quickly as possible. We are requesting 1100 ton which is the same as we requested last year. We used just under 1400 that's with the summer reserve so with the summer reserve we'll have enough to meet to that requirement this year as well. And this year was pretty bad so I wouldn't expect that our use would be much more than that and hopefully it's just the opposite and a lot less. The bids did come in at just under \$60 last year which were higher than the year before but still considerably lower than some of our adjacent communities are paying that are not part of the DOT agreement if you will. Where that will come this year I guess we'll see. But that's part of the bidding process.

Aspiras: Mr. Wheeler, the current legislation in front of us mentions an additional 400 tons of salt for summer fill.

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Wheeler: That would be actually for next summer. Yeah, that's the tricky part. We already this did summer's order. It actually would be for 2016 summer salt order. I upped it a little bit to go up to 400 just in case. There's a little more flexibility in there because I'm not expecting a bad winter but just in case.

Aspiras: What did we use this past winter?

Wheeler: We used just under 1400. Just under 1400 tons.

Hamsher: I'd like the record to show that if we get a bad winter its Mr. Wheeler's fault.

Wheeler: I do not want to jinx us. And the contract does allow us to go 110% over the quantity amount so if there were a need we could go over 1210 tons through the contract beside the 200 we already have in the summer. Which still take us over the 1400 we used this year.

Baker: Any other comments? I see none.

Lorson moved that the rules, regulations, and statutes requiring the reading of a resolution on three separate days be suspended. Aspiras seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Lorson moved that Resolution 18-15 be adopted as read. Corfman seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried.

Baker: Ladies and gentleman that completes our new business for this evening. We'll move on for comments for the good of the order.

Good of the Order

Corfman: Thank you, Mr. President. Usually this is when I notify Council that I won't be here at the second meeting of June. This year I will be. So, first time in 15, I'll be here for both meetings in June so I may get some attendance award or something.

Vance and Aspiras both congratulated the Orrville High School graduating class of 2015.

Baker: Thank you, anyone else? We need that last one.

Wilson moved to adjourn the council meeting and Lorson seconded. Roll call vote; all yeas; motion carried. Council was adjourned 8:03 PM.

Jeanne Feudo, Clerk of Council

Date

Lyle Baker, President of Council