

# City of Groveport

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## Meeting Minutes

**Monday, December 19, 2016**

**6:30 PM**

**Council Chambers**

### **City Council**

***Mayor Lance Westcamp***

***Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky  
Hutson & Scott Lockett***

**I. Call to Order**

by Mayor Westcamp at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Marsha Hall - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

**II. Moment of Silence**

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chief Portier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Roll Call**

**Excused:** 1 - Jean Ann Hilbert

**Present:** 5 - Shawn M. Cleary, Edward Dildine, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, and Ed Rarey

**A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to excuse Council Member Hilbert from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**V. Approval of Minutes - November 28, 2016**

Approved as submitted.

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City Council Meeting Minutes 11-28-16

**Attachments:** [City Council Meeting Minutes 11-28-16.pdf](#)

**Proclamation**

*Mayor Lance Westcamp read a proclamation congratulating Scott Clinger on his professional and civic accomplishments. The proclamation was presented to Officer Scott Clinger.*

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Scott Clinger Proclamation

Attachments:     [Scott Clinger Proclamation.pdf](#)

## **VI. Business of Guests**

### **a. Pauline Buck - SR 317 Traffic**

*Pauline Buck, 4396 Landmark Road, addressed Council on the matter of industrial traffic on State Route 317. Ms. Buck's house is located on the north side of Landmark Road with the back yard running along State Route 317. Her 5 year old house's structure is being threatened and imbalanced by the ground vibration created by the immensely increased traffic behind the home. When a heavily loaded semi drives north on SR 317 at 50 mph, the walls shake and rattle within her home for 5 full seconds. The windows rattle, there are hairline cracks in the foundation, and the ceilings are separating from the walls because of the vibration. There is nothing to dissipate the vibration from SR 317 to her house. Ms. Buck doesn't know if it is the road or the ground work underneath. When semis are travelling both north and south, she gets double the rattles. Ms. Buck commented neighbors have complained about the noise created by the traffic but have neglected to talk about other dangers at that bend of the road. She does not know who was responsible for the structural survey or the soil survey in the area that said that the tract of land north of Landmark Road was suitable for residential properties to handle the vibration. Her house is not capable of handling the vibration and it sits closest to the road. She has come to Council because someone gave authorization for that stretch of land to be suitable for residential structures and that the structures would support (withstand) the vibration. She needs something done and wants Council to see the damage being done to her house, as well as some of her neighbors' houses. Ms. Buck is asking Council for help with identifying the cause and a resolution to remedy the problem.*

*Law Director Kevin Shannon stated there could be several issues that could be in play with this matter. One, it could be shoddy construction of the house. Mr. Shannon suggests he and Administration get together with the Groveport City Engineer Steve Farst as to the circumstances of the complaint. He has never heard of any type of situation where road traffic, and he is not saying traffic is not causing the vibration, but that the vibration can cause a house to rattle apart. Mr. Shannon is not an expert on the matter, and he would like the opportunity to speak to the City's Engineer, but to him this sounds like a construction issue. Mr. Shannon cannot give legal advice but he can tell Ms. Buck if she paid to have the house constructed, she would have signed a contract with the builder, and that builder contracted with her to build a soundly constructed dwelling. Her home having cracks in the foundation and walls sounds like a construction issue. Ms. Buck asserts the cracks in the foundation and walls are because of the vibration from the heavy traffic. Mr. Shannon stated there are setback requirements when any subdivision goes into a development area. Safety on the roadway, vehicles travelling, et cetera are all taken into consideration. It sounds like Ms. Buck has a construction issue as it relates to her dwelling. She may find herself having to engage in litigation with Rockford if it comes down to the fact that her home is literally shaking apart. The City has not had any other issues with homes in Founders Bend. Ms. Buck stated when she took the matter to the Founders Bend Homeowners' Association, she was told the President of the association had brought this issue before Groveport City Council. Ms. Buck was informed the Founders Bend Homeowners' Association has never brought the matter before Council. Founders Bend Homeowners' Association President, James Chilton, has been very active in bringing concerns from the homeowners in Founders Bend before the Groveport City Council. Mr. Shannon has never heard of any issues of any damage to homes as a result of shaking and/or traffic. Council Member Hutson lives along State Route 317 also. Her house is very close to the roadway and she has never had any issues. Ms. Buck asked if Mrs. Hutson's lot was flat/even with the road*

or in a valley. Mrs. Hutson's home sits even with the roadway. Ms. Buck believes her house being in a valley is the problem. Mr. Shannon asked if Ms. Buck has had a structural engineer come in and inspect her home. She had a construction engineer, who is a 203 renovation loan specialist, come to the house. He looked in the basement, the attic, and around the house. She was told the sublevel is fine, it is above where the vibration comes across the ground. The survey Ms. Buck referred to is done by the builder at their own cost.

Mr. Shannon went over the process a developer has to go through to get an approval on any particular tract of land they wish to develop. From zoning approval to planning approval. As far as whether the house was constructed properly, there is an initial inspection by a Groveport Building & Zoning Inspector as to occupancy but ultimately, as to the quality of that construction, if it was not a good product that was built, then a homeowner goes back to the builder. She would need to contact Rockford Homes and have a superintendent come out to look at her home. Ms. Buck needs to consult with legal counsel to advise her on the issue. This is an issue of construction. Ms. Buck feels it is an issue of construction and the problem of the vibration from SR 317 traffic. Administrator Marsha Hall stated the roadway is kept in excellent condition. Mr. Shannon stated 317 is a State highway and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has jurisdiction over this highway. The City of Groveport cannot do anything with this highway without their approval and, if the minimum specifications as to compaction, pavement and all the other things that go into the construction of a highway don't meet ODOT standards, the project cannot even be constructed. Groveport has jurisdiction of the highway within the City's municipal corporation limits but it still has to be done according to ODOT's standards. Ms. Buck commented that as she leaves this meeting, it is with the understanding that since she is the only one in attendance she can't expect any help from the City Council. Mr. Shannon wasn't saying that; he does not doubt that she is having a serious situation with her house. He encourages her to contact legal counsel to review her contract with Rockford Homes. If she goes through the expense of legal counsel and hiring a structural engineer and it still comes back to the problem being the highway, what does she do then? A comment was made for her to go to the state. She retorted by saying that Groveport City Council is not here to help her at all. Council Member Cleary interjected that was not true at all. Council was here to answer any of her questions and/or concerns and Mr. Shannon has done a fine job doing just that. Mr. Cleary thinks she needs to expand her view a little and consider that it may be just her house and not the highway at all. Ms. Buck commented that is what she will deal with if that's the case, but she needs to know where the problem is coming from so if she gets her house fixed, the damage won't happen again. Ms. Buck needs to move forward by contacting Rockford Homes but she responded she already had people at her home and they said it was the road and she needs to go to the City Council. Now she is being told the opposite and being told to go back to Rockford Homes. Ms. Hall doesn't understand how anyone can say it is that road causing the structural damage to the house. It may be loud when traffic goes by. Ms. Buck isn't talking about the noise, it will always be noisy. Ms. Hall contends all the land the highway sits on and all the land Founders Bend sits on would have to be bad soil. The project wasn't all constructed at the same time and it was constructed by various people. That tells you it is not the road. There is no proof what-so-ever that trucks driving on the roadway would be causing that damage. Ms. Buck stated for clarification that if Ms. Hall stood in Ms. Buck's house, Ms. Hall could say for a fact that it's not road vibrations from the weight shaking her house. Ms. Hall knows the noise on SR 317 can get loud, she also knows what the loudness can do to windows shaking. Ms. Buck stated it was shaking the walls not the windows and the more it does it, the worse it gets. This is not something that has just started overnight. Ms. Hall agrees with Mr. Shannon that Ms. Buck needs to start with Rockford Homes. Ms. Buck said she already has a structural engineer coming to inspect the house. If that engineer finds it is caused by the roadway she will be coming back to City Council.

*Ms. Hall agrees she should come back. Ms. Buck's engineer should be able to tell Groveport's City Engineer exactly what he finds and why he believes it is the roadway. And if it is the roadway, Ms. Hall stated the City will deal with the engineer's findings. Council Member Dildine explained that Ms. Buck needs to go through the steps to determine who is being impacted by the problem (other homeowners on Landmark Road) and then determine the cause of the problem. Ms. Buck needs to provide the City with a copy of the engineer's written report. Ms. Buck thanked Council for their time and Mayor Westcamp thanked Ms. Buck for coming.*

## VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

### A. 3rd Readings

#### ORD. 16-052

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A GOLF CART FLEET FOR THE LINKS AT GROVEPORT AFTER A VENDOR IS SELECTED VIA COMPETITIVE BIDDING

**Sponsors:** Lockett

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-052. A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

#### ORD. 16-053

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A GOLF COURSE SPRAYER FOR THE LINKS AT GROVEPORT

**Sponsors:** Dildine

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-053. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

#### ORD. 16-054

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE EAST BIXBY ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER

**Sponsors:** Hutson

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-054. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**ORD. 16-055**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE 2017 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** Hilbert

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-055. A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**ORD. 16-056**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE PAINTING OF THE INDOOR POOL CEILING AND WALLS AT THE GROVEPORT RECREATION CENTER

**Sponsors:** Dildine

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-056. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**RES. 16-005**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC CAPITAL CORPORATION, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Lockett

*Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to amend the title by adding at the end a comma and "the declaration of an emergency" and Section 3 after That "this Ordinance (Resolution) be considered an emergency measure immediately*

*necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of the community as this legislation must be enacted in a timely fashion so that the City has financing in place for the purchase of essential equipment. **WHEREFORE**, this Ordinance (Resolution) shall be in full force and take effect after its passage by Council and signature of the Mayor" The previous language to be redacted.*

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Resolution No. 16-005. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to amend the title by adding at the end a comma and "the declaration of an emergency" and Section 3 after That "this Resolution be considered an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of the community as this legislation must be enacted in a timely fashion so that the City has financing in place for the purchase of essential equipment. **WHEREFORE**, this Resolution shall be in full force and take effect after its passage by Council and signature of the Mayor". The motion carried by the following vote:

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adopt as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

## **B. 2nd Readings**

None

## **C. 1st Readings**

### [ORD. 16-060](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-067 (ADOPTED 11/09/2015), THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016 AND FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-011 (ADOPTED 02/08/2016), WHICH AMENDED THE SAME

**Sponsors:** Lockett

**Attachments:** [ORD. 16-060 Amend 2016 Appropriations Attachment.pdf](#)

*Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings so the Ordinance would go into effect immediately pursuant to the Groveport Charter upon passage by Council, as this is an appropriations Ordinance. This same request will apply to the next appropriations Ordinance as well. Staff is requesting as these two Ordinances are the City's standard clean up*

*ordinances that are done every year.*

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-060. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

#### [ORD. 16-061](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 16-014 AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER FINAL CASH FUND BALANCES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS OPERATING, PROPRIETARY AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

**Sponsors:** Dildine

**Attachments:** [ORD. 16-061 Final Cash Fund Balances attachment.pdf](#)

*Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings.*

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-061. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to suspend the rules as to the three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

#### [ORD. 16-062](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT-OF-WAY / EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN RELATION TO THE HENDRON ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THE



## DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Hutson

*Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. This Ordinance, as well as ORD. 16-063, relate to the Hendron Road Project and the funding in conjunction with Franklin County in the completion of the project.*

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-062. A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to adopt as emergency legislation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

[ORD. 16-063](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AN INTER-AGENCY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER IN RELATION TO THE HENDRON ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Hilbert

*Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date.*

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-063. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt as emergency legislation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

[ORD. 16-064](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT THE GRANT OF PARCEL 185-001015, 384 WESTPORT DRIVE, FROM MICHAEL HARRIS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Cleary

*Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. Mr. Shannon explained the ongoing property maintenance issue the Building & Zoning Department was having with this property. The home on the property had a fire a couple of years ago with the structure eventually being razed. However, the garage was not damaged by fire and the original owner has since moved from the area. The property has gone through a series of steps. Foreclosure proceedings had started and stopped but the original owner is still the titled owner of the property. The City wants to take possession of the property by way of a quick claim deed from the owner. Groveport will then convey the property, by way of an agreement, to the Franklin County Land Bank, who can take the property and demolish any structure remaining on the property at their cost. Once done, the Franklin County Land Bank will convey the property back to Groveport free of any liens and the City can do whatever it wants with the property. Administrator Hall stated the City would look into selling the property to recover some of the cost of demolishing the house.*

**Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-064. A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to adopt as emergency legislation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

**Yes:** 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

## **VIII. Reports**

### **A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

*Mayor Lance Westcamp made recommendations for appointments on various boards, commissions and committees.*

*Mayor Westcamp recommended Pat Pickett to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission.*

*Council Member Dildine made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to appoint Patrick Pickett to the Planning & Zoning Commission. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.*

*Mayor Westcamp recommended Becky Hutson to serve as Council Representative on the Planning & Zoning Commission.*

*Council Member Dildine made a motion, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to appoint Becky Hutson as Council Representative to the Planning & Zoning Commission. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.*

*Mayor Westcamp recommended himself, Marsha Hall, Kevin Shannon, Jean Ann Hilbert, Jeff Green and Ruthanne Ross to serve on the Records Commission.*

*Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to appoint Mayor Westcamp, Marsha Hall, Kevin Shannon, Jean Ann Hilbert, Jeff Green and Ruthanne Ross to the Records Commission. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.*

*Mayor Westcamp recommended Scott Clinger to serve on the Personnel Board of Review for a one year term.*

*Council Member Dildine made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to appoint Scott Clinger for a one year term to the Personnel Board of Review. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.*

*The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Holiday.*

*Law Director Kevin Shannon stated it was time to reappoint the legislative representatives to the police auxiliary board. The board will then meet and appoint its members for terms that will end December 31, 2016.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to appoint Shawn Cleary and Ed Dildine as Legislative Representatives to the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents' Fund Board. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Excused:** 1 - Hilbert

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hutson, Lockett and Rarey

**B. Administrator - Marsha Hall**

*Nothing further to report.*

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Adm Report to Council - Dec 19

Attachments: [Adm Report to Council - Dec 19.pdf](#)

**C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier**

*Nothing further to report. Chief Portier wished everyone Happy Holidays.*

**D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green**

*Director of Finance Jeff Green reported the submitted finance report shows approximately a 5.5% increase above last year's income tax collections. The City is looking good with its carryover into the New Year. Mr. Green credits staff with the job they have done with reining in expenses. Mr. Green thanked Council for all their support this year and he wished everyone a Happy Holiday.*

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Finance Report November 2016

Attachments: [Finance Report November 2016.pdf](#)

**E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon**

*Nothing further to report.*

**F. Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson and Scott Lockett**

*Council Member Lockett wanted to know what follow up Administration did with an issue, like Ms. Buck's house, comes before Council. He heard a lot of recommendations given but asked if anyone follows up with an email or is the process done. Mr. Shannon commented there is a very fine line between giving legal advice, which the City shouldn't do, and telling her she needs to get in contact with a lawyer. A lawyer will want to review her contract with the builder. This is the best the City can do for her at this time.*

*Council Member Hutson reported a resident had approached her regarding signage at the intersection of SR 317 and Hendron Road. When travelling north on SR 317 and turning right onto Hendron*

Road, there is not a turn lane or any signage to tell the north bound traffic someone may be making a turn. At the speed of 50/50+ mph a turn signal is not always sufficient notice of a driver's intentions. Mrs. Hutson doesn't know if a turning lane or signage is the answer. She does know it is getting harder and harder to turn north on SR 317 from Hendron Road with Groveport's increased traffic. Mrs. Huston thinks it is time for Administration to contact ODOT regarding an intersection study. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Member Cleary acknowledged Scott Lockett for stepping up to replace Council Member Donna Drury. Donna Drury has done a lot for the City of Groveport and is still very active in the community. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

#### **G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross**

Clerk of Council Ruthanne Ross wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. After Wednesday, she will see everyone in 2017. In response to Mr. Cleary's asking about her three newest grandbabies that were born last week; Mrs. Ross reported everyone was healthy, happy and home keeping their mommies up all night.

#### **H. Standing Committees**

Council Member Dildine reported on the Trees & Decorations Committee. 2017 Committee meeting dates have been approved for February 13, April 10, September 11 and November 13. An apple orchard posting board has been erected at the tree farm. The board displays a diagram and species of each apple tree planted. Mark Digiando mentioned a person complained as to the style of the metal benches placed by the pond; the type of benches do not fit the environment. He said they will be replaced. The Committee purchased new Christmas wreaths with LED lights which should last longer. The Committee will be purchasing new poles with flags that go around in circles instead of wrapping around the poles. The flags and poles are to replace the faded flags and broken poles that were flown on Main Street from Memorial Day to Flag Day in 2016. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

#### **IX. Other Business**

Madison Township Fire Chief Bates submitted the November 2016 Monthly Update Report.

Mayor Westcamp inquired if there have been any complaints from Elmont Place residents where they cut the Sycamore trees along the main drive. The leaves on the Sycamore tree are big. Trees are selected and planted by the developer. When trees are being replaced

*in subdivisions, the new trees have roots that grow down and are made to better fit the confined spaces within a housing development.*

- a. [#291-2016](#) MTFD November 2016

Attachments: [MTFD November 2016 Monthly Report.pdf](#)

## X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

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Lance Westcamp, Mayor

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Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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