

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON FEBRUARY 26, 2018 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL SAM HITCHCOCK PRESIDING. COUNCIL PRESIDENT HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

MR. DEAN HOLLAND  
MR. DAN LANZER  
MR. ROB MAURER  
MRS. AIMEE MAY  
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS  
MR. KELLY RICKLIC  
MR. JOHN ZUCAL

EXCUSED ABSENSE

AUDITOR BETH GUNDY

- MR. MAURER MOTIONED TO ADD ORDINANCE 3-2018 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA  
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION  
7 YEAS  
ORDINANCE 3-2018 HAS BEEN ADDED TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
- MR. MAURER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED  
MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION  
7 YEAS  
TONIGHT’S AGENDA HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
- MR. LANZER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 12, 2018 REGULAR SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL  
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION  
7 YEAS  
MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 12, 2018 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVED

**CORRESPONDENCE** . . . . . CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To Councilmembers from Councilman Dean Holland, dated February 15, 2018. This is an email titled “Tuscarawas County Commissioner’s Meeting New Apartment Construction”.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 26, 2018. This is the Mayor’s Report.*
3. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Day, dated February 26, 2018. This is the State of the City Report.*

**Administrative Reports.....**

MAYOR’S REPORT/REQUESTS ....MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

Mayor Day had the following report:

- The City Receives \$400,000 for Southside Community Park Development : State Representative Al Landis called me this morning with the news that he and Senator Jay Hottinger were able to get \$400,000.00 from the State Capital Budget for development of the Southside Community Park. The money will allow phase one of the park’s development to get underway sooner than expected. Please thank Representative Landis and Senator Hottinger at your first opportunity because they fought hard to secure this money for New Philadelphia.

- Planning Commission Recommends Wind Turbine Restrictions : At its February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the City Planning Commission approved regulations on future construction of wind turbines in the City and forwarded its recommendation to Council's Zoning and Annexation Committee. The regulations would be written as a new chapter in the City's Codified Ordinances. Zoning and Building Code Administrator Mike Scolati and Law Director Fete authored the regulations, which would restrict the location of wind turbines to industrial zoned areas within the corporation limits and require such things as fall zones and noise studies.
  
- Revising the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with Menard's: Last week Law Director Fete and I worked with Jennifer Syx of InSite Advisory Group to revise the Community Reinvestment Area tax abatement agreement with Menard's. The revisions reflect new employment figures and construction dates. The agreement now states that Menard's will employ 40 full-time permanent jobs and 80 part-time jobs as originally stated, but the hiring will occur within 24 months of completion of construction. The original agreement stated 12 months. Hiring will begin in January of 2019. The start of construction period has been revised to the second quarter of this year and its completion by the third quarter of 2019. The tax abatement remains the same: 10 years at 50 percent. Once Menard's signs off on the revisions the CRA agreement will be filed with the State and the construction timeline will start.
  
- Commending the City Police Force for its Response to Last Wednesday's High School Lockdown: I am proud of the response by the New Philadelphia Police Department to last Wednesday's lockout at the high school building. Our officers showed they are trained to react quickly to such events with a high degree of professionalism. All of them deserve our thanks. I look forward to discussing with school officials the lessons learned from this experience and what additional measures need to be taken to secure the safety of our children.

Mayor Day continued:

Now I'd just like to read the conclusion and introduction to my

State of the City Report:

In several different ways, 2017 was a year of growth for the City of New Philadelphia. Construction of the new central fire station was completed in June. New Philadelphia's economy grew with the addition of several new businesses.

A master plan was completed for development of the Southside Community Park on Oldtown Valley Road. Property was acquired on State Route 416 and at the Waterworks Fields on South Broadway that will help utilize the Tuscarawas River for recreational and economic purposes. The tennis courts at Tuscora Park were renovated. And the New Philadelphia Rotary Club celebrated its 100th anniversary by constructing a boardwalk and gazebo at the park.

Graduate students from the University of Cincinnati began to construct a master plan for downtown revitalization and future city growth. With assistance from American Electric Power, the City developed and initiated a sustainability plan that included the installation of new energy-efficient LED street lighting downtown, on South Broadway and at Tuscora Park.

Kent State University-Tuscarawas announced plans to construct a gateway entry into the campus area from East High Avenue. The City worked with planners from the Ohio Department of Transportation District 11 office to design improvements for traffic flow through the West High Avenue/Bluebell Drive intersection. However, the year 2017 was not without its challenges for the City government. In November, with Council's approval the City joined a coalition of over 100 municipalities in Ohio in filing a lawsuit against the State. The suit claimed that the Ohio Legislature violated the State Constitution when it passed legislation that gave businesses the option of paying net profits income tax to the State Tax Commissioner instead of to local municipalities. Over the past eight years actions by the Legislature and Governor Kasich have substantially cut the return of state tax dollars to municipal governments. For New Philadelphia, that amounted to a loss of about a \$3.5 million in operating funds over the period. With operating expenses rising, the loss of local government funding put a strain on the City's finances, particularly its general fund.

Thanks to the efforts of City Council, Auditor Gundy and City Department heads, the level of city services was not affected. Together we controlled spending and identified ways to be more efficient with taxpayers' dollars.

The statewide opioid addiction epidemic is also in the streets of New Philadelphia in 2017. It was a leading reason why there was a significant increase in police and fire calls last year. A number of actions were taken in response to the epidemic.

On the recovery side, our safety forces were trained to administer the lifesaving antidote NARCAN to overdose victims. Wes Halter, the Fire Department's Emergency Services Co-ordinator, was appointed to the county's Quick Response Team, which visits overdose victims to educate them on the recovery options available in the community.

The New Philadelphia Health Department made weekly visits to the county jail to identify inmates who are heroin addicts and offer them a path to recovery with the department's Vivitrol program. Vivitrol is a drug that

blocks the brain's craving for heroin. The program, headed by Director of Nursing Nichole Bache, required each patient to have a monthly Vivitrol injection for an entire year in order to end their addiction. In 2017, there was an average of 24 persons per month in the program. In addition, last year Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno teamed with Municipal Court Judge Nan VonAllman and Court Administrator Judee Dzigiel to create what they termed a "Recovery Court." This program identified criminals battling addictions and offered them paths to recovery, either through our Health Department or another county agency or support group. On the prevention side, Police Chief Goodwin was very active in educating local school kids and community members to the dangers of drugs and addiction. He also put measures in place to better identify drug dealers and drug houses. And Chief Goodwin located a drop box in the police station lobby where citizens could dispose of their unused prescription drugs.

The effect of this collaboration between city departments was very encouraging.

In summary, I would say that as we began the New Year, the state of New Philadelphia remained strong, despite the financial and societal challenges we faced in 2017. The City government continued to encourage and create business opportunities. Planning for future growth took place. All branches of our local government -Executive, Legislative and Judicial - worked as a team to move New Philadelphia forward as the county seat.

The accomplishments achieved in 2017 would not have been possible without the efforts of our entire City workforce. I commend the department heads, support staff and other non-bargaining employees for the job they did in administering city services. Members of our FOP, IAFF, and AFSCME bargaining units performed the day-to-day duties to deliver those services, at times under conditions of harsh weather and extreme stress. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. I want to thank all of our employees for being dedicated to their jobs and for the pride they take in serving the citizens and businesses of New Philadelphia.

I also thank the members of City Council, Auditor Gundy, Treasurer Gerber and Law Director Fete for sharing their expertise, advice and guidance with me. It was vital in shaping the decisions I made in 2017 as mayor.

SERVICE DIRECTOR .....MR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

I just wanted to give everyone an update on the State Route 416 Paving Project. Bids came in on February 14, 2018. I talked to Paul Herman last week a little bit. They will award that to Shelly & Sands, the same company that just did the new runway, so they're a great company to work with. The bids came in a little higher than expected. We have \$1, 605, 894.44 with the City's share being \$311, 448. 42. The project has started. As we know that will go from General Services at Commercial Ave. SE and travel all the way up South Broadway, North Broadway, all the way up to Seven Mile Drive. So, we look forward to that starting. We believe it will start in June, and then they will get out of town for that week because of First Town Days. That's a preliminary schedule, and as of right now they're still scheduling for evening paving, the way that project will lay out. I'll let you guys know as we move forward. Also, I know we've had a lot of potholes out there. Today we had one crew in the morning, two crews out in the afternoon, there will be two crews out tomorrow, and one crew at least every day until we get a handle on this. I want everybody to know that there are crews out there every day. The Durapatcher machine will be finally up and running tomorrow so we're going to run that on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and see how that goes. Also, Mr. President, I would ask that you put into Committee a request for new water and sewer service in Goshen Township.

Mr. Zucal asked the following question:

What is the anticipated end date for that State Route 416 project?

Mr. McAbier had the following reply:

It should be finished by the end of July.

*\*President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock asked Mr. Ricklic to take the Service Director's request into his Committee.*

AUDITOR .....MS. BETH GUNDY.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

SAFETY DIRECTOR .....MR. GREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

I have no report, however I would like to commend the safety forces for their handling of the incident last Wednesday at New Phila. schools.

TREASURER . . . . MR. TOM GERBER.....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR . . . . . MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

We have a section during City Council Meetings for Council Comments, but we don't have a section for Official's comments, so I presume this would be my time to speak my mind. I wanted to kind of piggyback on what our Safety Director said about our Safety Forces and their involvement in what happened in New Phila. I've been watching the news a lot, and people told me before I was a father that you'll look at things differently as a father. I thought certainly you can have sympathy and empathy for people, but yes you look at things a lot differently when your kid is suddenly in the school system. If you think it can't happen here, it almost happened up at Jackson Township. I really think that that kid was trying to put together his weapon that he snuck in and was going to unload on those students. He accidentally shot himself before that happened. I don't think that was a suicide, and that's real close. When I watch the news the thing that frustrates me, I saw a father at the White House saying 9/11 happened one time and we fixed everything and there's never been another 9/11. These school shootings keep happening. You can have all the discussions you want about gun control, but what I'm not hearing is what are we doing to keep the guns out of the schools? I'm going to fly to New York City this weekend. When I'm getting on that airplane I'm going to have to take my shoes off, go through a metal detector. Everything I have that's going on that airplane will have to go through an xray machine. I can't walk into an airport with a bottle of water but you can walk into a school with a gun. That makes no sense to me what-so-ever. If I go to court, whether it's in Tuscarawas County, Common Pleas Court or even Municipal Court, I have to pass through a metal detector. If you have a purse or a brief case that is checked by an officer on duty right there when you come in. If I go to a Cavs game, If I go to watch the Ice-capades, the circus, anything at the arena in Cleveland I have to pass through a metal detector and I'm subject to have any bags that I'm taking in searched. If you go to a Browns game, same thing. If I go to Disney World, same thing. They said after 9/11 we don't want to become a society where we're checking everything and we're giving up our freedoms, but nobody thinks about those things now if you go to a sporting event or you go to fly on a plane. It's not a major inconvenience. The thing that I don't hear people talking about when they're arguing about gun control, how can we not have metal detectors at our schools with armed personel there manning them. I don't understand that. New Philadelphia and our school system doesn't have the funds to do that. I don't know that the State has the funds to do that, but the federal government has got the funds. It would be a drop in the bucket compared to what we're spending on defense or really for anything else. It's a very simple solution. I truly believe that it should be as hard to get a gun into a school as it is to get a gun on an airplane. In my opinion we're past the debate on what should be allowed in our schools. I don't want to hear our schools should be fortresses. If terrorists had attacked schools instead of airplanes on 9/11 our schools would be fortresses today because that's how we reacted as Americans. We have to come together as Americans and strengthen our schools so that this stops happening. It's time we did something about it. I encourage you to write your congressmen and legislators and make your opinions known on that. I want to thank our safety forces for being available.

*\*President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock stated that he also commends all area officers on the way that the situation that happened locally was handled. He said thankfully it was resolved, and hopefully it will send a message so these situations don't keep repeating themselves.*

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will be meeting here in Council Chambers March 13, 2018 at 1:00pm. The Agenda is being developed.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet March 13, 2018 at 5:00pm with one variance request on the Agenda.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

We do have two pieces of Resolutions that will be up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading tonight. I would recommend passage of Resolutions 2-2018 and 3-2018 for the appointments of Dr. Richard Varrati to the Airport Commission for a term of three years, as well as Mr. Chris Bower for a term of three years.

**PARK BOARD.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND**

The Park Board met at Tuscora Park’s Park Place Teen Center on February 21, 2018 at Noon. Among some of the items that were discussed by the Park Board were demolition of the northern most tennis courts. They removed the black top on those courts and there was discussion about creating pickle ball courts in this same space. Pickle ball is a sport that is rapidly growing throughout the country. With ever increasing senior population the demand for pickle ball courts is quite significant. Basically pickle ball is tennis for seniors. The local pickle ball association will be involved in developing these courts and discussions are ongoing with the Park Board. I reported at the last Council Meeting concerning the security system phase 1. It’s very near completion. The cameras have been installed, and the equipment has been installed by Pioneer 360. They are working to improve camera visual quality. The last item that was discussed was grant opportunity through the Chevy network, following up on the Clean Ohio Grant that had been previously submitted. The next meeting of the Park Board will be on March 21, 2018 at Park Place Teen Center.

**HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC**

The Health Board met on February 14, 2018 in the Health Department. The topic of the month was Narcan. We were shipped a video of how to distribute Narcan, and stated how anyone of us can go to the drug store and purchase Narcan. They’re finding that family members want to have it present in their homes to help their own family members. I think it’s pretty sad that we are in this state, but to save your own family member, I think it was well presented and explained how that is done. You actually just walk up to the drug store, ask for Narcan, they contact a physician in Cleveland who writes a script for you, but you have to go through a presentation that shows you how to distribute that. They said the price was approximately \$165.00 but you can get a discount with your medical insurance down to \$75.00. So you would have that present in your home to help an addiction.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE .....MR. ROB MAURER**

Mr. Maurer had the following report:

The Finance Committee met tonight at 6:30pm to discuss material bids and budgeting funds for the tennis courts. City Council, we’re looking to authorize the Service Director via Ordinance 3-2018 to advertise for bids and enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidder for City supplies and materials. We are requesting tonight that Ordinance 3-2018 be passed as an emergency due to fluctuations in prices and timing can be critical. They’re asking that that be passed as an emergency. The second thing, it was brought by the Park Board that the City look to possibly budget money each year, around \$5,000 a year for rehabilitation of the tennis courts. It sounds like maybe seven or eight years is about all the foundation lasts before it starts cracking. The mayor will look into that next year.

**SALARY COMMITTEE .....MR. JOHN ZUCAL.....NO REPORT**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND.....NO REPORT**

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Safety, Health, and Service Committee met tonight in Council Chambers at 7:00pm. Chief Parrish did a presentation about Line Item 420, which is the equipment and vehicle fund, what we should do to try to get some of that. The Auditor would like for some of that money to go back to pay overtime. After a lengthy discussion I, as Chairman, tabled it for some more information to be provided from a study that was done, to see what the income tax looks like from the general fund later in the year before we act on that. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE .....MRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

I would just like to announce that on March 12, 2018 at 6:45pm we're reserving the whole time until the Committee meeting starts to discuss wind turbine regulations that have been approved by the Planning Commission.

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEE .....MR DAN LANZER

Mr. Lanzer had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met this evening at 6:45pm. We had one item to discuss. It was a liquor license request from Tienda Esmeralda LLC. They just are wanting to do a carryout business. After a short discussion we voted YEA to have a vote of Council at this time to get the proper paperwork signed by our Clerk and sent to Columbus.

ROLL CALL

7 YEAS

THE LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE .....MRS. AIMEE MAY.....NO REPORT

**VISITOR'S COMMENTS:**

Linda Hobart of 1622 Hicks Ave. NE had the following comment:

I know that within the last couple months we're all inundated with water issues, flooding and stuff like that. I have been living on Hicks Ave. since 1995. We're dealing with some flooding issues on that end of town. These last couple of rains that we've had have been really bad. There's the old Rutledge Farm that's across from Hicks Ave. To my understanding about seven or eight years ago Barnett Realtors purchased that property. That property was annexed into the City. It was previously Goshen Township. They did purchase the property and built a development to the east of the field, but they have not been able to develop that field because it's a wetland. When it rains that field looks like a lake. Based on that, that water just comes rushing across that street into Schoenbrunn Development. Who does it hit first? Those people living at Hicks Ave. Who has the lowest homes on that street? Myself and the neighbor east of me. For myself I have been fortunate. My house itself has not been flooded. I have a crawlspace which has been filled up to inches from the floorboard. This last time a month ago when we got three inches of rain in an hour I had to go outside because my crawlspace was filled up with water from the rain. I had to go outside I had two air vents that go underneath my home. When I went out there the water was up to my knees between our homes. I walked over to my neighbor and he had the water coming across the street, flowing down his driveway, and right into his back room. His house has been flooded three times this past year, which has been very costly for him. We've had this problem before this property was annexed. At that time we had a lot of people here complaining about Schoenbrunn and the drainage in that area. It's awful. At that time the City worked with Goshen Township and cleaned out the ditch. They said that they would try to keep it up on a yearly basis. It did help, but it was never maintained on a yearly basis as was promised. Since then grass just keeps building up. That land is not maintained. The farmer that doesn't really know any better still cuts it down. I understand that Barnett was not able to sell that property to build on it because of it being so wet. I understand that there is a new property owner. If you allow them to build across there that will make the water worse. We are lower than that field and our

houses will be drowned out. My house will flood. That property owner now, before you make a decision to grant them the okay to build they better find a way to try to get that water to flow better. I'm not an engineer or anything so I don't have the answers. Possibly putting in a larger culvert under the street just east of where I live and cleaning the ditch would help. That would make the water flow out of that field into the creek that's there. They said when they built that development that they'd put in a retaining pond. Also, the other major thing is there is no lighting on that street. The last couple times it rained I called the police department, so did my neighbors. Cars would be coming down that street and there's water. That water was up to my knees. What's going to happen to that car on that road? They would end up in that ditch flowing down into our houses because that water was so high. So we called the police and asked the police and service department to come out and put up high water signs. It didn't happen. It's so dark that would screech their wheels just to stop because you had water flowing. I'm just asking that you do something.

Sue Kloc of 1606 Hicks Ave. NE had the following comment:

I have lived in the Schoenbrunn area for close to 35 years. When I first moved out there there were only 4 homes in that whole development. The farmer across the street from me used to have his vegetation, used to have animals, there were lots of trees. There was not an ounce of water problems in that area at all. The ditch was there but it very rarely filled up with water. It was never a problem. As the developments started growing, those of us that were there early on complained. We went to Council Meetings. We kept coming and saying "you guys are adding more homes, this is going to damage our property, our property values are going to go down", well that's exactly what happened. The water keeps going, going, going every time we have a very heavy rain. I am the highest in that development on the corner. When they paved the road up until recently it was Goshen Township. When they would pave the road they were never scraping that road down they just kept adding. So what's happening is that road was higher than where my property started. So, as the water comes off the hill then left of me, and when it comes across the road from the farm all that water hits my area. I've put in thousands of dollars of landscaping to keep it from coming into my house. They were not able to put a basement when they built that house because there's a water basin three feet under where my property and where all of our property is. So when that water fills up there's no place for it to go. It stays on top and it just flows wherever anything goes. If they develop right across the street from me I'm sunk just like these folks that have been getting water because they are the lowest part in the development. The other problem I'm having is three years ago I came to Council with a neighbor of mine and they asked to build on my property line, which as a good neighbor I agreed to do. They also agreed to put in a ditch or a line to get the water away from my property as it was coming down because they sloped their driveway toward my property. They never did that. So I get all of that water in my yard as well. So, I don't know what you guys can do but I'd appreciate anything you can do. The other thing is lighting, because I'm in the corner, I don't know how many times people have driven across my corner because they can't see. It's pitch black. So I have put a light on my garage for safety so that nobody kills themselves or hurts anything around my property.

Mr. Maurer had the following question for the Service Director:

I had a neighbor ask me who's responsibility was the creek that runs parallel to Deer Park Drive and goes along Rutledge.

Service Director McAbier had the following comment:

That is actually Goshen Township's responsibility.

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following comment:

Thank everyone for coming in. I can assure you that everyone here in this room, Council and Administration, sympathize with your situation. I encourage you to just continue dialogue with the Mayor and/or the Service Director. If there's anything possible that can be done to help alleviate your situation I'm sure they would be glad to take care of that.

Bart Eames of 418 Union Ave. NW had the following comment:

The Service Director addressed the potholes. Dover has been filling potholes, New Phila. still has potholes all over town. I think it's an excuse saying there's one crew, two crews. I think there should be five crews out every day. Whoever's in charge of it, if I break my truck and I tell other people, you take a picture of it, get an estimate, take it to the Service Director. I think that's ridiculous. I think potholes should be a number one priority other than our schoolkids. My daughter was at the school, and I think it's pathetic you guys are talking about all this money, hundreds of thousands of dollars for the park. The kids are the number one priority. I have a child, my only child, she goes to school. That yellow door alert they had at the school, when they announced it I think I beat most of the cops that were there. I have my issues with the police but I respect them. When they had the yellow door alert if there would have been a shooter inside, they would have left the kids inside with the shooter. I stood outside the school for three hours. I didn't know if they were going to let them out or what was going on, but if my daughter looked out the window I wanted to make sure she knew I was there. I am an NRA member. I carry a gun. The signs at the schools are ridiculous. I don't carry my gun on school property because I know it's illegal. I think it's up to the City to help and the school officials. I met with Mr. Brand for an hour and 15 minutes last week. He was very receptive on things. Our kids are number one and something needs to be done. My daughter is safe when she's with me. I want her safe at school. The three hours I was standing outside that school I talked to a lot of parents and they are all for metal detector, armed security, whatever needs done. I volunteer, I have a concealed carry and I would have taken whatever means necessary to patrol the school.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Mr. Zucal had the following comment:

Given the circumstances we've been talking about tonight, I'm in an interesting position being both an elementary school principal and on City Council. Talking about this for a number of years. I've had the good fortune of being National Incident Management Trained. We've dealt with all kinds of things over my 30 years as the school principal. I told people from the day I took the job that my number one priority is always to see the kids are safe. I think anybody in this room, whether you're an elementary principal, whether you're a fire chief, whether you're a mayor or you work at the bank, we can all agree that we want our young people to be safe. We want them to be protected. We're facing a national epidemic here in our country that we have to realize is not an easy fix. Banning guns alone is not going to do it. My honest opinion is that we have a multi-faceted issue. It's like peeling away the layers of an onion. We have got to think about mental health and think about how that's reported. We've got to think about what happens with our families. How do we engage our families and communities in getting the support they need so troubled youth are provided with the direction they need? I do not see taking someone else's life as a resort to help them to cope with the problems they face. We certainly have a responsibility as a school to do all that we can, but we have a responsibility as a community as well, especially in a place like New Philadelphia. It does require all of us to come together. Unfortunately what you see is reaction. I would hope that we would be forward thinking enough to be more proactive in that response. It doesn't just have to be a school. Life is important. We've seen it in Westerville with the loss there. We've seen judges being shot in Stuebenville. You can go to just about any place you want to go, and anyone who's involved in school safety will tell you someone who wants to do a really bad thing is going to find a way to do it. That's the unfortunate world we live in. As a community if you want an answer to that problem, we've got to look at more than just one piece of the puzzle. It's a jigsaw that requires many different groups to come together. Unfortunately what happens so often is we have conversations like this as time goes on other events begin to stack up and it just becomes pure rhetoric. It's my hope that we as a City, a Country, a State, can move beyond rhetoric and take action so that kids can be provided the safety they want, so when moms and dads drop them off they can feel pretty confident that those young people are going to come home to them.

Mr. Eames made the following comment:

Buckeye Firearms, Mr. Brand is aware of Buckeye Firearms. Homeland Security will actually come in and secure schools. So it is funded. There are grants for it. The NRA has a program called School Shield, they'll come out and they'll assess the school. There are a lot of options out there to look at.

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCES:**

- 3-2018 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE CITY'S REQUIREMENTS OF VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FOR 2018.  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES ON ORDINANCE 3-2018
- MR. ZUCAL SECONDED THE MOTION
- 7 YEAS
- RULES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON ORDINANCE 3-2018
- MR. MAURER MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 3-2018
- MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
- 7 YEAS
- ORDINANCE 3-2018 HAS BEEN APPROVED

**RESOLUTIONS:**

2-2018 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. RICHARD VARRATI BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 2-2018  
MRS. RAMOS SECONDED THE MOTION  
7 YEAS  
RESOLUTION 2-2018 HAS BEEN APPROVED

3-2018 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS BOWER BY THE MAYOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF THREE YEARS.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

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6-2018 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, TO COMMEND DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER FOR HIS 14 YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA AS WARD III COUNCILMAN.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED FOR PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION 6-2018  
MRS. MAY SECONDED THE MOTION  
7 YEAS  
RESOLUTION 6-2018 HAS BEEN APPROVED

7-2018 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A NEW GARBAGE TRUCK.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

Mr. Maurer motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm

CLERK OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Courtright

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_  
Sam R. Hitchcock