

AGENDA

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL **REGULAR MEETING** February 19, 2025-5:30 P.M.

FRANCIS J. McLAUGHLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Quorum is Present - Meeting is in Session.
4. Proclamations & Presentations.
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Reading of Communications.
7. Reports of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.
8. Public questions from residents (or representative) related to the above referenced reports. Questions may be limited to three (3) minutes.
9. Recognition of Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.

- A. An **Ordinance** Amending Canfield Codified Ordinance Section 1141.15, B-3 Highway Commercial District.

Description: The B-3 District is the main road coming into the city from the CVS to S. Hillside. This change in permitted and conditionally permitted uses greatly enhances the available land use opportunities in that district.

Action Needed: This will be set for a public hearing on March 19, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Attachment(s): Recommendation from P&Z

- B. A **Motion** Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Canfield to Enter Into A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mahoning Soil and Water Conservation District.

Description: The City utilizes their technical assistance for soil testing, etc.

Action Needed:

Attachment(s): MOU with SWCD

Public Comments

12. Council Comments.

13. Adjournment

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CANFIELD CODIFIED ORDINANCE
SECTION 1141.15, B-3
HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Canfield has received and recommended certain changes to the permitted and conditionally permitted uses in B-3 Highway Commercial Districts;

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens of the City to modify the permitted and conditionally permitted uses in B-3, Highway Commercial Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: That Ordinance Section 1141.15 shall be amended to provide that the permitted uses in B-3 Zoning Districts shall be: Retail Sales and Services, Branch or Drive-in Banking, Restaurants (not drive-thru), Business Offices, Professional Offices, Cafes, and Bars. The Conditionally Permitted Uses shall be: Automobile Service Stations, Drive-In Restaurants, Hotels, Theaters and Commercial Recreation Facilities.

Section 2: That this Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D. 2025.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY



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Date: February 13th 2025

To: Members of Council

From: Tyler Thorn, Secretary
Planning and Zoning Commission

Subject: A recommendation to council to change the wording of the permitted and conditional uses of B-3 Highway Commercial District in our Ordinance (1141.15).

At the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 13, 2025, the following motion was made:

Mr. Kristen made a motion to recommend to Council a new wording for the Canfield Codified Ordinance section 1141.15 on the permitted and conditional uses for B-3 Highway Commercial District.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Neff.

This motion was passed 4-0

Introduced by: _____

Motion No. _____

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE
CITY OF CANFIELD TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH
THE MAHONING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to enter into an agreement with the Mahoning Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to provide technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Canfield desires to enter into an agreement in the form and manner of the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1: That the Council of the City of Canfield authorizes the City Manager to enter into the attached MOU between the City of Canfield, and Mahoning Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Section 2: This Motion and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Motion were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to wit: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MAHONING SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CANFIELD, MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO

Upon this ___ day of ___, 20___, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was entered into by and between the Mahoning County Soil and Water Conservation District, hereinafter called the MSWCD, and CANFIELD hereinafter called the *CITY*.

Recognizing the need for a close working relationship in carrying out the responsibilities for charged to each, the *CITY* and the MSWCD enter into this MOU as the foundation for a cooperative working relationship. Such cooperation allows joint effort in ensuring that the *CITY* is in compliance with Phase II requirements as set forth by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In making technical assistance and expertise available to the *CITY*, the District hopes to influence local planning and regulatory capability toward better conservation of soil and water resources. The Ohio Revised Code, Ch 939, describes the District's authority for engaging in this mutual agreement.

SWCD's Role:

1. Provide technical assistance to the *CITY* as requested. The assistance, as set forth below, will be provided by the MSWCD within limitations of budget, availability of personnel and in accordance with established policies. The services provided by the MSWCD will include, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Assist in providing education and outreach to the *CITY* residents and administration as required by the *CITY* Storm Water Management Plan.
 - b. Review and comment on Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) as required by the *CITY* Storm Water Management Plan.
 - c. Provide information to the *CITY* concerning status of Ohio EPA National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Notice of Intent (NOIs) and general permits for construction sites in the *CITY* as required by the *CITY* Storm Water Management Plan.
 - d. Provide technical assistance in monitoring / inspecting Post Construction Best Management Practices as required by the *CITY* Storm Water Management Plan.
 - e. Provide comments to the *CITY* on preliminary plats proposed for development.
 - f. Assist the *CITY* and landowners in the *CITY* with use and interpretation of NRCS technical data.
 - g. Review of VOLUNTARILY submitted Timber Harvest Management Plans and/or requested site visit(s) silviculture sites.

CITY's Role:

1. On an annual basis the *CITY* shall consider appropriating funds to the SWCD to assist the SWCD in maintaining operations and staffing. If an appropriation is to be made, the *CITY* will send written notice of the appropriation amount and will honor an invoice from the SWCD for the same amount. Any appropriation should not be construed as a fee for service by either party.
2. Observe principles of sound soil and water conservation with consideration to the need for erosion and sediment control and storm water management.
3. Consult with the SWCD in the development of future plans concerning long-range land-use and/or development in the *CITY*.
4. When appropriate, forward plans for proposed urban and rural development projects, primarily SWPPP's, to the SWCD for review and comment regarding possible impacts on soil and water resources.
5. Furnish drainage criteria, field surveys, proposed layouts, designs, or other data needed for adequate review of proposed developments.
6. Adopt recommendations made by the SWCD which are reasonable and acceptable to the *CITY* and in compliance with the *CITY* ordinances.
7. The *CITY* will take the lead to enforce any local, state or federal regulations.

IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT:

1. The *current* USDA/NRCS/EPA Field Office Technical Guide, ODNR Division of Forestry, Engineering Field Manual, Rain Water and Land Development manual and other manuals will provide the basis for all recommendations.
2. All programs and services of the MSWCD and NRCS are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, martial status or handicap.
3. This MOU is subject to annual review and/or modification. Annual reports will detail and discuss interactions between the two entities during the preceding year.

Mahoning Soil & Water Conservation District

By: _____ Chairman Date: _____

CITY of CANFIELD

By: _____ City Manager Date: _____



Stormwater Management

Summary¹ of the Six Minimum Control Measures for Small MS4²

U.S. EPA & MASSDEP | STORMWATER OUTREACH IN MASSACHUSETTS

1. Public Education and Outreach- Municipalities are required to provide educational material about stormwater to four audiences (residents, industry, commercial, and construction). The purpose of the educational material is to provide the targeted audience information about stormwater and how their actions may impact it. The permit requires 2 messages for each audience during the five year permit term.
2. Public Participation – Municipalities are required to at least annually provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the development/implementation of their Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). Notices must comply with state public notice requirements.
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination – Municipalities are required to find and eliminate sources of non-stormwater from their storm sewer system. The permit requires a proactive rather than a reactive approach. Municipalities are expected to systematically look in their system for non-stormwater sources and remove them. Part of this requirement includes development of system wide storm sewer system map.
4. Management of Construction Site Runoff – Municipalities are required to have an ordinance from management of stormwater discharges from construction sites that disturb one or more acres of land. Their ordinance should include requirements for projects to implement sediment and erosion control practices as well as requirements for site plan review.
5. Management of Post Construction Site Runoff (New Development and Redevelopment) – Municipalities are required to address stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment that disturb one or more acres of land. The goal of this measure is to try to management stormwater where it falls and retain it on site. This control measure encourages the use of low impact design techniques and requires the retention or treatment of runoff on site using green infrastructure practices.
6. Good Housekeeping in Municipal Operations – Municipalities are required to implement good housekeeping practices in municipal operations such as vehicle maintenance, open space, buildings and infrastructure. The permit requires at least annual street sweeping and optimization of catch basin cleaning. Development of pollution prevention plans are required at waste management facilities and maintenance garages not already regulated by another NPDES³ permit.

Additional Permitting information available at:

http://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/MS4_MA.html

¹Specific requirements are contained in the final permit available at the website above.

²MS4 means Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

³NPDES means National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

MINUTES

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL **REGULAR MEETING** FEBRUARY 5, 2025 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Christine Oliver, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Graham, Mr. Neff, and Mrs. Oliver.

Absent: Mr. Tieche.

Staff present: Christine Stack-Clayton, Finance Director; Charles Colucci, Chief of Police; Tyler Thorn, Zoning Inspector and John Rapp, Public Works Superintendent.

Under **PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:**

MR. DRAGISH: I have Mr. Bellish to speak on the electric aggregate for the city.

MRS. OLIVER: The floor is all yours Mr. Bellish.

MR. TOM BELLISH: Good evening, Mayor and Council. I'm Tom Bellish from Buckeye Energy Brokers. It's nice to be back in town. I graduated from Canfield High School. What we have here is a renewal of the electric aggregation program. We have a long-term price at 4.97, so a 3-year fixed price. It's been a great price. At times it's been about half of Ohio Edison's generation rate. That is renewing. Right now, Ohio Edison is about 8.2. That is what we're looking at renewing. Ohio Edison has recently done some auctions and they were about 10.2 cents this summer.

MR. D'APOLITO: Mr. Bellish is that per kilowatt hour?

MR. BELLISH: Per kilowatt hour. So, this summer 10.2 cents per kilowatt hour and this winter about 9 cents per kilowatt hour. That is kind of price to compare or price to beat. That is a number that is on the bill. You'll see that on the bill. The left-hand side of the Ohio Edison bill. That is what we're comparing it to. We want to propose a price today.

MRS. OLIVER: I have a question. Is this only in the City of Canfield? Say you have a business in Boardman, does that apply as well?

MR. BELLISH: This is just for inside the city limits. Boardman would have a separate program.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you.

MR. GRAHAM: The question I have, maybe I missed it but for the current plan, what are we paying per kilowatt hour?

MR. BELLISH: 4.97 cents, per kilowatt hour. On the hand-out there is a green area, that's what we're talking about tonight. To the left of that green area it has the current price. One for residential and one for commercial. It was the same for both. Below that is the Ohio Edison rate. The pricing as of today is 8.66 cents per kilowatt hour. That is about 16 or 17 percent off of Ohio Edison for this summer. Summer is important because that is peak season and peak usage for electric. June, July, August and September is the peak usage. So, those are the most important months for electric. This would save the most during that time, plus it's the most usage. We would have a 12-month rate and then after that and then it would be set sometime next year.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: This new agreement is 12 months.

MR. BELLISH: 12 months, right.

MR. D'APOLITO: Commencing when?

MR. BELLISH: It's starting in May. The June bill will be the first bill for the new rate.

MR. DRAGISH: How is this number generated?

MR. BELLISH: There are a couple of things that happen. Ohio Edison's rate is set by an auction. This rate is done in two pieces. There is a generation cost and then there is a capacity cost. That was the second hand-out that I had. According to the chart, capacity rates are currently about 29 dollars per megawatt. They're going to 270 dollars per megawatt. It's a 10-fold increase between May and June of this year. That is what's driving electric prices in Ohio. That capacity rate is set for 12 months. We can't get around it, we're subject to that. Capacity rates used to be about ½ a cent per kilowatt hour and we used to never even talk about it. Now, it's about 3 to 3 ½ cents per kilowatt hour. It's a big chunk now. It used to be 10% and now it's like 30%.

MR. NEFF: It's going from 29 to what?

MR. BELLISH: 270. Below the green box I have the PJM Capacity Rate. Utilities in Ohio are members of the PJM inter-connection. My company used to be a member of them and we used to bid into these auctions. I'm familiar with the way they work, the 29 to 270, what's interesting is what they're trying to do next year, they're trying to cap it at 325 but have a floor of 175. Capacity is not going to go down to 29 again. The average capacity for the last 14 years is about 120. I'm not a big fan of floors. I don't see why they need a floor. This is the proposal for next year.

MR. D'APOLITO: So, it's 8.66 cents per kilowatt hour, plus the 3 cents?

MR. BELLISH: No. It's included.

MR. D'APOLITO: With that in mind, are there any additional delivery fees, things like that, that our residents would get on their bill? 8.66 cents per kilowatt hour, are there any additional fees that they would see?

MR. BELLISH: To get to the total bill, there will still be the Ohio Edison charges. So, we're not expecting any changes on that part of the bill.

MR. D'APOLITO: How much is that? Do you know?

MR. BELLISH: It's probably \$50.00 a month, that portion. We're not expecting any changes there.

MR. GRAHAM: \$45.00-\$50.00 a month. From what I understand is reasonable. This would be staying with the same entity.

MR. BELLISH: The same supplier in a way.

MR. GRAHAM: They've changed names.

MR. BELLISH: Well, they got bought out. This past year, Dynegy bought Energy Harbor. The current program is through Energy Harbor and Dynegy bought them. They're also included in plants as well. They own (inaudible) nuclear plants. This is the best available price.

MR. GRAHAM: For a one-year commitment.

MR. BELLISH: Yes, one year. A two year is possible but it's actually higher than Ohio Edison. I don't recommend that. I think we might get better pricing. There is that floor that I was talking about but as long as it drops below the 270, I would think prices would drop. We'll be watching the market and looking for an opportunity to strike something better.

MR. NEFF: How many different states do you deal with?

MR. BELLISH: Just Ohio. We used to be in 3 or 4 different states but it's so hard to keep up with all the details. We concentrate in just Ohio.

MR. NEFF: Where does First Energy fit in with this?

MR. BELLISH: First Energy is the parent company of Ohio Edison. They were the parent company of First Energy Solutions that came out of bankruptcy and formed Energy Harbor that is now Dynegy.

MR. GRAHAM: The reason for my questions, as a consumer, homeowner, you're looking at an electric bill that is going to double, based upon these numbers, from 5 cents to 8.

MR. BELLISH: For the generation portion. The other half stays the same. The generation portion will go up significantly. That's why I wanted to explain the industry and what's going on, since it is such a difference.

MR. D'APOLITO: Our residents would be able to opt-out or find a better one?

MR. BELLISH: It's free to opt-out. I would caution anybody that does, it would go into effect immediately and you would lose out on your 4.97, it's valid through May. There is really not a lot of advantage to doing something right away because of losing that 4.97; which is a great rate. You might as well keep that through May.

MR. D'APOLITO: If you were to opt-out is there a fee?

MR. BELLISH: No fee.

MR. GRAHAM: In your network, how many other suppliers do you have to compare this to for the best pricing?

MR. BELLISH: There are some that offer a variable price. Other bidders are just higher. They're like 9.5 cents. We're trying to work with more. The market is actually getting more and more concentrated, so there are actually less suppliers. We're trying to bring more into the market. I know there is HB15 that is actually making it worse on suppliers, higher credit, more barriers to entry. There is some legislation that is actually going to make it harder. We are always trying to develop suppliers and bring more into the market place.

MRS. OLIVER: So, is the person locked in? Say, they cancel it, is there a cancellation fee?

MR. BELLISH: No. No fee to opt out. You can do that. When you opt out that means you go back to Ohio Edison; which right now it's about 8.2. Going forward, it's going up to 10. There is really no advantage to just opting out. You can switch to another supplier. Residents don't know what Ohio Edison's rates will be this summer. It hasn't been announced yet. We monitor the auctions, so we know.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: You call this Ordinance, entering into an agreement between the city and Dynegy for energy services for an opt-out electric aggregation program. It seems that it should be the opposite. The opt out program. You're automatically in unless you opt out.

MR. BELLISH: Yes, eligible customers. If you're under contract with another supplier, you won't get a letter, you won't be included. Current customers will get a letter and then those just with Ohio Edison, paying the 8.2 or so, they'll be included. They'll be able to have the savings from Ohio Edison.

MRS. OLIVER: Anymore questions?

MR. NEFF: Electrical rates are different all over Ohio, obviously?

MR. BELLISH: They're getting more and more similar. Utilities used to be members of different interconnections and different transmission providers. Now, the 3 major electrical utilities in Ohio are all PJM. So, prices are very similar. You used to see some deviation and differences between Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati and now they're very close.

MR. NEFF: The Intel Plant in Columbus, they're talking about their going to get electricity from an older nuclear plant, I think 3-mile island or something. Do AI, the demand for energy, is just pushing everything up; which reaches the consumer.

MR. BELLISH: Yes. More demand and plants closing. The plant on St. Rt. 7 closed. The Avon Lake plant was demolished. Less plants, more demand, it spikes.

MR. NEFF: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you.

MR. BELLISH: Thank you, very much.

Under **MINUTES**, the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 15, 2025 were approved as presented.

Under **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

MRS. OLIVER: Any communications? I have some. I was visiting some businesses today in the community and I had one of our business holders, let me know how much they would really like to see some things happen on the Green, they have talked about it in the past, wanting to see some other small businesses along the Green. They like the fact that we've been doing events like our city manager has been putting together with the city. They did express that they would really like to see more growth for small businesses and to find out how we can support those. They miss the small business council that we once had. They would really like to see some changes there. I said, I would pass that along to everybody.

MR. NEFF: Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: The only other communication I have is, a few people have mentioned out Town Hall. I believe I explained it properly when they asked, why wasn't there an open microphone? I explained that, we have a presentation, but we made it where, everybody really had an open microphone. That is why all the other agencies were in the other room, at their disposal, for the residents to ask all their questions, no matter how long it took. If they would have done it

during the presentation, there could have been time that was taken for someone that just had one question and had other things they had to do and you don't know how long that would have taken. This way, they were able to go to directly who they wanted to speak to. I wanted to commend our city manager for the format that he put into place and making it where all of the residents had the availability of all of the different organizations and getting them to agree to come out and talk to our citizens and do that for them. I thank you very much for that. There is a reason for everything and unfortunately some of our residents did not understand that format, so I'm hoping by what I just said, there are people watching and they will understand. That's why we did it. That way, it was done where it was efficient and organized and allowed people to ask their questions to who they wanted to speak with. Do I have that correct?

MR. D'APOLITO: You do. I asked everyone in the beginning, when there was some confusion, there were a lot of people around, just be patient. They will stay as long as everyone needs. They were there until about 7:30pm. They did stay and meet with every individual that was patient and wanted to sit down. If they answered the same question 50 times, they were happy to do it. I thought it was the better approach. No matter what approach we use, there is probably going to be some people who are not satisfied. It comes with this type of event. I thought it was a success for our residents.

MR. DRAGISH: Just to add to that, I agree with both of you guys. It's funny because I heard the same thing from people. Some people were disappointed or it took a long time. I wanted to say, that's been our frustration from the beginning of this whole process. You can't take out information that is not information to take out of it. I think that was the frustration part of it too. People were like, they really didn't answer my questions. I'm like, well, if the answer that they gave you is the answer to that question right now, then that's what it is. You're not going to make anything up. So, I think, I kind of saw that throughout the night. Again, I thought it was a great turnout and I'm glad that the people did come and show their support. Hopefully, we can get some answers.

MRS. OLIVER: To add to that, that is the other part that I heard, that we didn't hear anything different. I believe that the presentation was to let people know everything that we know, up until this point. There were people that don't know. They haven't been here to hear about it. So, they were letting all of the residents know what has been going on. They didn't have new information besides what has already been out there. But they're were people that weren't even aware of that. I don't agree that they were trying to hide things, as I was told and things like that. I believe they were giving all the information that we currently have. The more that is release, the more that comes out, then they will update us and we will update the residents. I believe that is all we really know at this point, exactly what they have out there. Any other communications?

MR. NEFF: Along those lines, I think it's going to take a very long time. It's not a short process. I think everybody is going to have to have patience. I did hear that they're finally going to release, very soon some of the sample information. So, we can see what kind of quantities that we're talking about. I would hope that we could come up with some sort of form or method of

communication that would keep the community informed. Those people that want to be in the loop.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. I hope they are watching it live so they can be updated. Any other communications? Hearing none.

Under **REPORTS** of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.

MR. NEFF: We have Planning & Zoning this coming week, right? We don't have a report tonight.

MRS. OLIVER: I know that everybody received the report for Mr. Tieche on the Parks Board. Mr. Dragish.

MR. DRAGISH: I have no report this evening.

MR. GRAHAM: I have no report this evening.

MRS. OLIVER: On the Fire Board for the month of January there were 249 calls. There was a \$1,500 fire loss. There were 95 ambulance transports. We gave 9 mutual aid and received 4. Let's move over to our Public Works Superintendent.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT: Good evening. Public Works was busy, you all know we had some major water breaks all at once. That weather really got us. I thought they did an outstanding job. We hopped from one to another. I can't say enough about these guys. Being allowed to bring in an outside contractor to speed up that process really helped us out and get the water back on sooner. Since the 17th, which was a Friday, we had one that night, they were kind of sporadically happening. But that day, the 23rd, was major. I think we had like 5 or 6 of them pop-up, just that morning after 6:00am. We spent all day and into the evening, I think it was 9:30pm on those 5 or 6. Then we were able to finish out a couple of them on Friday. My hats off to these guys. They worked their butts off, almost 24 hours out there. I think they did a great job and it was handled very well. Just prioritizing, getting to one and then the other, getting it shut down, there is a lot of logistics there. I'm super proud of them. Hopefully, we don't have to go through that again. Also, pot holes, roads in town, right now, we're trying to assess some of those but until the spring comes and we can assess them better, there is a lot of heaving. Hopefully, it will settle down and we can further assess what we can do to alleviate some of these bumps. Currently, we're just trying to attack these pot holes as they come. A couple days a week, we're out filling these. They seem to be popping right out. They're not making the hot patch right now. They won't make it until spring. We use a cold patch. Once the water hits it, the salt, the plows, it just pops right out again. We're doing our best to keep up with them. If you see anything major, please call. They do work orders and we'll get to it as fast as we can. That's all I have.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our Finance Director, Mrs. Clayton.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: The link for the E-File for the income tax has been activated. You could use that to file or pay your current years tax return, pay or check how much you've paid in estimates, and upload digital copies of the tax documents for current and prior years. If you do make payments on the website by credit card, there is a convenience fee to do that but you can also do an ACH payment.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our Zoning Inspector, Mr. Thorn.

ZONING INSPECTOR: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. For the month of January, we had 2 sign permits, 2 electrical license permits and 10 zoning permits that we wrote. No major updates, we got a lot of calls over the month of January, a lot of different questions that I wasn't always ready for but there is a great group of people here to help me get in the groove of things and learn the ropes. I'm learning a lot. Hopefully, it keeps going good. As Mr. Neff said, next week, we have a Planning & Zoning Meeting on Thursday, the 13th.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Mrs. Bernat, our City Clerk.

CLERK: The Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce is giving a presentation on February 11th in our Council Chambers from 9:30 to 10:30am. The topic is: Where our area is headed economically. If any area businesses would like to attend, contact me for a reservation. I think I sent an email out to everybody.

COLLECTIVELY: You did.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our City Manager, Mr. D'Apolito.

MR. D'APOLITO: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. I'm just going to double back on a couple of things. Regarding the Town Hall Meeting, we were unable to Live Stream it. Frankly, I was glad that we weren't because I wanted people to attend it in person. However, it was recorded and an email was sent to me of the presentation portion. Through the I.T. Department, I'm hoping to get that on our website. So, anyone who was unable to attend and wants to see the presentation by the entities, that will be available. Also, I want to go back to Mr. Rapp talking about our Public Works Department. We have hired another gentleman to begin work on February 19th. I just want to compliment what these guys do. When we're hiring people, it's really hard to find people because the employees that we have that work for our Public Works Department have set the bar so high, that I don't want to bring anyone in that is not going to be able to match what these guys do. John said he's proud of them. I say it all the time. They are the backbone of the city. We have a new gentleman starting with us on the 19th, I think he's going to be great. But they really do make it hard to hire someone because of the level that they work at. Finally, there was a Parks and Rec Board Meeting this morning. Canfield Rotary has offered to donate black metal benches and trash cans for the Green. We'll be replacing those silver aluminum benches. We thank Rotary for that.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our Police Chief, Chief Colucci.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Thank you. I just wanted to give you guys an update and try to summarize what you may have seen on the news. Just to summarize it, currently, right now, Mahoning County police and fire agencies work on a shared system; which was created by the COG which is Austintown, Mahoning County. They have agreed and just voted on yesterday and passed it, the counties to help out the transition. We're going to transfer to the State Marcs System. What does that mean to Canfield? The people that we provide service to, dispatch services, really not much as far as an operational standpoint. From the financial side, it's going to save us money. We'll pay less to the system. We're going to have to take care of the consoles in Dispatch but the maintenance fees are going to be less. I think it's going from \$13 to \$5 each for us; which is significant. A lot of departments have to pay for new radios to make sure they're compliant with Marcs systems. Several years ago, we actually took out a loan to purchase the radios. That loan has since been paid off. It was a significant number. These radios are unfortunately \$5,000 to \$6,000 apiece. That loan has been paid off and we bought new radios. They are compliant with Marcs standard, so we're not going to have any expense there; which is good for us. So, ultimately, it's going to be a cost reduction. I'm sure with Austintown, Boardman and the county working together with assistance from other agencies it will be a smooth transition. Marcs Systems have been around awhile. The State Highway Patrol has been working on it for years; so, have many other agencies. It's incredible, it will help in situations like that train derailment. I know they quoted that in the paper. To make sure people are all on the same frequencies. They all have communications with each other when it comes to mass casualties or a critical incident, such as active shooter situations. I'm looking forward to that. I commend the County and the COG for the work they've done and the research that they put into it. They certainly didn't do it for any other reason but what was best for our county and the communities that we serve. Dispatch, there has also been a lot of talk, media coverage, regarding dispatching services. Austintown Township has been advising that they're restructuring how they do business with their external communities that they dispatch for. I think it's like 16-19 different fire departments/police departments. They're looking at ways of restructuring that. As you all know, we currently dispatch for a few other fire departments. A few years ago, it's probably been 2 or 3, we upgraded our dispatch center with new consoles a new room. We did that, one, because we know our community wants that. They want to be able to have the dispatch center here and they're willing to fund it, as long as we provide a professional accountable service. That's what they're going to get. Our agency was built with the thought of expanding, if need be. We built out to be able to help the county, if need be or other agencies that need service. The changes that have been announced by Austintown, I will say that there is a long line of interested communities that would potentially like us to dispatch for them. It's kind of a (inaudible) vision but I will say, our vision, including the city manager and key people we have overseeing dispatch and I.T., we will make sure before we do anything, the number one priority will be Canfield, it has always been Canfield and it will continue to be Canfield. When we took on townships like Green, Berlin, Damascus, everybody that we currently dispatch for, we always made sure that we never short-changed Canfield. That is who started us, that is who provides are building and facilities, our infrastructure. That will always be first and foremost. No one person is going to make that decision, it will be a team.

Obviously, you guys will have to approve any contract but before you even see a contract, our team is committed to doing what's best for Canfield. That's making sure that we provide the best service. That leads me to my next point. Every year the American Legion honors local law enforcement/ fire. Two of our officers, brothers, Sgt Kyle and Aaron Young both received a life saving award. It was rare but they were working together, it was back in September. One of dispatchers Tim Yoder got a call from a husband and his wife, he believed was suffering from a massive heart attack. He didn't feel a pulse, she wasn't breathing. Aaron and Kyle got there at the same time. We've all been trained by the Cardinal Joint Fire District utilizing AED's and CPR. Kyle and Aaron immediately jumped in. They were able to ultimately get back pulse. When the Fire Department got there, they continued CPR. They were able to transfer her to the hospital and she made it through that day and gave her a chance at life. There are countless stories of our officers working together with our fire department and other fire departments to save lives. One of the investments we made years ago is a service called EMD Emergency Medical Dispatching. We utilize a premiere service, it's expensive but it provided the community with the best response. As soon as dispatch types in the nature of the call, it prompts a que on the screen that tells our dispatchers what to ask and based on those answers what to tell them. So, our dispatchers are giving life-saving measures over the phone to the caller to start CPR, chest compressions or if it's a cut, apply pressure or something like that. They'll do that until law enforcement or fire gets there. Again, those are the services. We're going to make sure it never takes a backseat to our community. We're considering bringing on somebody else, maybe, we can't predict the future. This team has been put together to make sure that those services are never changed. We want to give our residents the services they want, the services they pay for and that they've come to expect. unless there are any other questions on the radio switch-over or dispatch switch-over, I want to put it out there that there have been some significant changes to the 4th of July Committee. Some of the long-time members for personal reasons, health reasons, have decided to step down. At some point, I'm sure we're going to recognize those people, they're amazing people. They volunteer a lot of valuable personal time to make sure that 4th of July Parade goes off. The main people that I can think of right off the top of my head are, Enid Maldonado and Clare Neff. They put everything else aside, among others, many others. They put everything aside to make sure that parade goes off without a hitch. The people down on the Green or are participating have no idea what goes into it. There will definitely be a 4th of July Parade. The one thing that, can I talk about it?

MR. D'APOLITO: Unless you know for sure.

CHIEF OF POLICE: There will be a parade. Thank you. (Laughter)

MRS. OLIVER: Since you were talking about the dispatching, I'll have to add this on. Saturday evening, we were returning from celebrating our 14-year-old birthday dinner with her and a friend of hers. On the way home, down 224 in front of Giant Eagle a vehicle in front of us driving very recklessly, in an out of traffic, was going ways that they shouldn't. It was definitely endangering people. We called the dispatch center right away and by the time we turned onto 46, where we let them know they turned, before we got to our street, one of our Canfield finest came right out and intercepted the reckless driver, they were on it immediately. It was very

impressive. The person turned out to be a door dasher who was in a hurry and could have really hurt somebody. Our dispatcher was fantastic, we stayed on the phone with them the whole time. The Canfield officers intercepted that vehicle. So, I wanted to give kudos to both the dispatchers and the police department.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Thank you. We stopped a pizza delivery guy probably 10 years ago. He had a warrant, no driver's license, he got arrested. Our officers delivered the pizza. (Laughter)

MR. DRAGISH: It's funny that you brought it up about the pizza delivery. When we had all that major snow a couple of weeks ago, it was pretty bad out and my kids wanted a pizza. We ordered pizza from Gioninos. Anyway, long story short, obviously the guy had never delivered to my house before. I live on a corner street. He thought the front yard was a driveway. He drove right in the middle of the yard and got out of the car like nothing. My kids were like, dad the guy is in the middle of the yard. I went out and took pictures the next day. We'll see what it looks like in the spring. I never had a guy actually drive into the yard.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: How was the pizza?

MR. DRAGISH: It was good.

MRS. OLIVER: Council any questions on the reports that you just heard? Hearing none. Residents any questions? Hearing none.

CLERK: Mrs. Oliver, there is nobody signed up to speak.

MRS. OLIVER: Okay. I don't have anyone on the list.

Under **OLD BUSINESS**, there is none.

Under **NEW BUSINESS**:

ITEM A: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering Into An Agreement Between the City of Canfield and Dynegy Energy Services East LLC, for an (Opt-Out) Electric Aggregation Program and Declaring an Emergency.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

4 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NEFF: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	4 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. DRAGISH: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Authorizing Entering Into An Agreement Between the City of Canfield and Dynegy Energy Services East LLC, for an (Opt-Out) Electric Aggregation Program and Declaring an Emergency. I move for passage.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: We already discussed this in great detail.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	4 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2025-02

ITEM B: An Ordinance Adopting an Internet Auction Policy for 2025 for the Disposal of Unneeded, Obsolete or Unfit Personal Property.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	4 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

4 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MR. GRAHAM: Madam President, I have An Ordinance Adopting an Internet Auction Policy for 2025 for the Disposal of Unneeded, Obsolete or Unfit Personal Property. I move for passage.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: Any questions? Hearing none. Any questions from residents? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:

4 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Ordinance passes.

Ordinance 2025-03.

ITEM C: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing its Disposal.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

4 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

4 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MR. NEFF: Madam President, I have an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing its Disposal. I move for passage.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: What are we disposing?

MR. D'APOLITO: This would be the meter reader car. One of our former employees, Glenda she drove. It's a Ford Focus a 2008. It's not in great shape but maybe we can make someone a great deal. (Laughter)

MRS. OLIVER: I'm so glad I asked. Questions from Council? Hearing none. Questions from residents? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	4 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2025-04.

ITEM D: A Resolution Requesting Advances on the Collection of Real Estate Taxes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Resolution and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	4 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Resolution and authorize reading by title only.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	4 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MR. DRAGISH: I have a Resolution Requesting Advances on the Collection of Real Estate Taxes. I move for passage.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: Any questions from council? Hearing none. Any questions from residents? Hearing none.

ROLL CALL ON RESOLUTION:

4 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Resolution passes.

Resolution 2025-02

Under **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

MR. DRAGISH: My only closing comment is, I guess some people were offended by some Italian music being played on the Green a little bit later than normal. I thought Frank Sinatra sounded pretty good. In any case, I think the music sounds great. Maybe it was a little loud, I don't know.

MR. D'APOLITO: We're not exactly sure how that happened, it was not by design. What we believe happened, there was a power outage and when it came back on, the system reset itself and began to play music. If that happens again, we have the volume all the way down to zero. I don't have a good explanation. It was not by design.

CHIEF COLUCCI: It's funny. The laugh was on me two years ago when the music was playing.

MR. D'APOLITO: We know why that happened.

MRS. OLIVER: I did not hear about the music but I do know those power outages mess with the clock because believe me, Sam notices. We know power outages can cause things. Any other comments?

MR. DRAGISH: Again, the street department, you guys are doing a wonderful job. It enables me to tell people in other areas, other than the City of Canfield that we just turn the switches on and it heats the streets. It's wonderful.

MRS. OLIVER: All I have to say is, thank you to everyone in the city. I was glad to see such a nice turnout on Monday evening. Please continue to ask us questions, send us emails, let us know what you're interested in, that's what we're here for. We want to know what is good and what is bad. It's nice to hear the good things as well. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

MR. GRAHAM: So, moved.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

MRS. OLIVER: We are adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL