

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012**

6:00 P.M. PROMPT

Dinner will be served

- **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA**
- **DISCUSSION OF 10 YEAR CITY PLAN**
- **DISCUSSION OF ELMER FLICK SIGN LOCATION**
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION – personnel**

Bedford, Ohio

May 21, 2012

Bedford City Council met in a Work Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Council Members: Mayor Daniel Pocek, Warner Batten, Stan Koci, Marilyn Zolata, Paula Mizesak, Greg Pozar, Donald Saunders. Also Present: Clerk of Council Lorree Villers. Administration: City Manager Henry J. Angelo, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, Law Director Ken Schuman. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Larry Morrow, Nature Stone and Chuck St. John, St. John Funeral Home. Residents: Joyce Daunch, Jeanne King, Silvia Heller, Jim O'Neil.

Mayor Pocek turned the floor over to guests Larry Morrow and Chuck St. John to listen to their suggestions that involved the Christmas in Bedford Falls and the Tree Lighting Ceremony event. Mr. Morrow and Mr. St. John had concerns as to the future and/or success of the Christmas in Bedford Falls. They thought it was time for some type of changes to occur to attract more people. The thought was to combine the Christmas in Bedford Falls and the Tree Lighting Ceremony events on a Saturday instead of the traditional Wednesday along with the unveiling of the Elmer Flick statue. A couple attractions were to possibly invite big well-known area names like Tim Taylor and some of the Cleveland Indian players. The Indians would pass out baseballs and special speeches would be made in honor of Elmer Flick one of the Bedford legends. Mr. Morrow suggested the statue be displayed on the square along with the plaque. There was discussion as to the remaining costs of the Elmer Flick statue and if it could be finished on time. Mayor Pocek suggested the statue be displayed outside City Hall with the large 4 x 8 foot plaque inside the City Hall, outside the Council Caucus room. Council hadn't had an opportunity to engage in discussions of the location of the Flick plaque or statue. After a lot of discussion and concerns, Council decided maybe it was time to make some changes regarding some of the traditions in Bedford. It was discussed that not everyone likes change but sometimes change is good and they were willing to take the chance because if it didn't work out it could be changed back. Advertising the changes was going to be a task that needed addressed and one way was to repeat them in the City's utility bill. Mr. Pozar thought it was best to focus on the "grander vision". This could be a very exciting event that would definitely be unique to Bedford. Everyone agreed it was important to work as a team and there were several details that still needed addressed. Mr. Morrow and Mr. St. John thanked Council for giving them the opportunity to bring their thoughts and concerns to the meeting for consideration.

Mayor Pocek began discussion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda.

Council Members did not have any corrections to either set of the May 7, 2012 minutes.

Ordinance No. 8960-12 was an ordinance amending Section 1303.04, Registration of Contractors, entitled "Time and Fee" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford, Ohio. This was on the agenda this evening as second reading and Council felt this ordinance should be passed. Mr. Batten asked what the difference was between a "contractor" and a "handyman". Mr. Schuman said a contractor required a permit and the handyman did not. Mr. Angelo stated the contractor had to be bonded, insured and listed with the City. Mr. Saunders noted a contractor installed windows, roofs, hot water tanks and those types of jobs that required permits. It was determined a handyman wasn't performing large type jobs but rather small jobs that the homeowner could do themselves if they were able without a permit. There was some discussion on a "cold weather permit". It was determined that sometimes if the issue was an emergency, the job couldn't wait.

Ordinance No. 8962-12 was an ordinance establishing fees for ambulance services for the City of Bedford. This was on the agenda this evening as second reading and Council felt this ordinance should be passed.

Council recessed the Work Session at 6:59 p.m. to attend the 7:00 p.m. Tax Budget Public Hearing in Council Chambers regarding Resolution No. 2456-12 approving and accepting the proposed 2012 tax budget for the year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Council reconvened the Work Session at 7:18 p.m. to finish the agenda topics.

Ordinance No. 8964-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Program with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt). Mr. Angelo explained last winter was pretty mild and the City did not use all its rock salt. The remaining rock salt was being stock piled and stored off site as it usually was for an additional cost. This was an annual housekeeping safety measure Mr. Bellar did every year to ensure the City would be covered if the rock salt was needed for winter storms.

Ordinance No. 8965-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Impact Group Public Relations/Marketing Communications Inc. ("Impact"). Mr. Angelo explained the final decision with Tom Speaks was for the City to work off the Tier 1 bullet points with the Tier 3 costs plus an additional \$250 with a six month evaluation in the success of the program. Council was very pleased.

Ordinance No. 8966-12 was an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8905-11 making additional appropriations for current expenditures of the City of Bedford, Ohio during the year 2012. Mr. Gambosi made quick note that these changes were to the following: Social Worker Contract, Special Projects, Personal Services, Fire Department loading system, Capital Improvement Fund and the Municipal Court as explained in his memo.

Ordinance No. 8967-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Biometric Information Management for LiveScan Scanner. Mr. Angelo explained the current scanner was broke and not worth repairing. The scanner was an immediate print and wasn't like the old days. Mr. Gambosi noted this equipment was permanent in the Police Department and would not be used by the Recreation Center. It was determined it was time to upgrade the equipment.

Ordinance No. 8968-12 was an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Benjamin Efford, Jr. selling the residence at 564 Heather Lane, Bedford, Ohio. Mr. Angelo informed Council that the City had made an attempt to sell this piece of property in 2011 but the deal fell through. The new owner purchased the home for \$10,000 and had 6-8 months to do all the necessary repairs otherwise; the City would take the home back with no penalties.

Resolution No. 2456-12 was a resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2012 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Mr. Gambosi noted for the record, the Public Hearing for this topic had been this evening at 7:00 p.m. He suggested Council read this resolution this evening as a first reading and pass it on June 4, 2012. Council agreed.

Mayor Pocek passed around a picture of a sign he thought Bedford should post. Everyone agreed the 18 points that Council discussed at the May 7, 2012 Work Session were an excellent base to work. It was decided that all the Boards and Commission members would be invited to a future meeting. This would allow Council and the Administration an opportunity to explain the City's plans to market the City, allow the members to pick up their plans to get everyone on the same page. This was going to require a large amount of team work. (see attached)

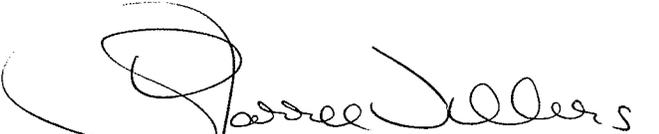
Another item of concern was the disposal of the road kill all Cities faced because of the Ohio EPA regulations. There was discussion as to the best way to dispose of these dead animals, keeping in mind the costs involved. One was to buy a large freezer and a company would pick them up and dispose of them. This particular company charged by the pound. The second thought was to join in with surrounding communities in an incinerator and burn them. All options have to be able to handle large road kill the size of a deer carcass.

There was discussion regarding the procedure that was currently being followed for the grass cutting violators. Some felt the process that was currently in place hindered getting the grass cut in a timely manner. Mr. Angelo explained one of the problems the Building Department had was trying to locate the property owner so the City could issue them their legal letter. The letter had to be issued before the City could cut the grass and to ensure the property owner would be responsible for the charge(s). Everyone agreed it was a major headache this time of year.

Discussion of the regular Work Session agenda was concluded.

At 7:51 p.m., Bedford City Council, City Manager Henry Angelo, Law Director Ken Schuman, Finance Director Frank Gambosi, went into an executive session to discuss personnel. The Executive Session recessed at 7:57 p.m.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor – President of Council

REGULAR MEETING

BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL
STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

DATE: May 21, 2012

AGENDA

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Work Session of May 7, 2012
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2012

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance No. 8960-12 amending Codified Ordinance Section 1303.04, Registration of Contractors - Time and Fee (1st Rdg 5/7/12)
- b. Ordinance No. 8962-12 establishing fees for ambulance services – Great Lakes Billing Associates (1st Rdg 5/7/12)

6. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

- *Patrolman - Sean Allred*

7. **REPORTS**

- a. City Manager
- b. Law Director
- c. Finance Director
- d. Council Reports

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Ordinance No. 8964-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a cooperative purchasing program w/ODOT for sodium chloride
- b. Ordinance No. 8965-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with "Impact" (\$57,000)
- c. Ordinance No. 8966-12 amending Ordinance No. 8905-11 making additional appropriations
- d. Ordinance No. 8967-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract w/Biometric Information Management (\$14,098)
- e. Ordinance No. 8968-12 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Benjamin Efford, Jr. for the purchase of 564 Heather Lane (\$10,000.00)
- f. Resolution No. 2456-12 approving and accepting the proposed 2012 tax budget for the year 2013 (PH 5/21/12)

9. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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(Council minutes and agenda posted at www.bedfordoh.gov)

Bedford, Ohio

May 21, 2012

Bedford City Council met in Regular Session at Bedford City Hall on Monday, May 21, 2012. Mayor Pocek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. The meeting was opened by pledging allegiance to the flag. The roll was called. Present: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Absent: None.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Pozar to approve the minutes of the Work Session of May 7, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2012. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8960-12, an ordinance amending Section 1303.04, Registration of Contractors, entitled “Time and Fee” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bedford, Ohio and declaring an emergency placed on first reading May 7, 2012 was read by title only.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Koci to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizesak to place Ordinance No. 8960-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained the last time these fees were increased was in January 2001. The one increase was going to address the contractors that were not applying for the appropriate permits. He stressed it was not to just fine the contractors because the City really wants the contractor to work in the City.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: Pozar. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 8962-12, an ordinance establishing fees for ambulance services for the City of Bedford and declaring an emergency placed on first reading May 7, 2012 was read by title only.

Motion made by Koci seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizesak and seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. 8962-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi explained the last increase was in June 2008 and these fees have been in place since 1971. These fee increases are bringing Bedford in line with the surrounding communities.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizesak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek announced Patrolman Sean Allred could not be present this evening for his Swearing In Ceremony.

Henry J. Angelo, City Manager reported that Grand Boulevard resurfacing was moved out to May 25, 2012 because in preparation of the resurfacing, there has not been enough asphalt ground down/off. If the road preparation isn't the correct height, the road would be too high which means there would not be enough curb height available. Plus there were curb repairs and drive approaches that need addressed.

He explained the several issues the City encountered in addressing the grass cutting problems. The Building Department sometimes had problems getting the name and contact information for the actual owner. He explained the City was obligated to contact the owner of the property with a legal letter before the grass could be cut and the owner charged for the services. This problem was a multi-step process. The City was working very hard in getting letters out for all types of violations: 108 had already been mailed for grass violations and an additional 75 letters this week plus 68 letters for exterior maintenance issues. He stressed the City still enforced the property maintenance codes.

No report from Ken Schuman, Law Director.

Frank Gambosi, Finance Director added the Tax Department was also mailing letters for the remainder of the year requesting information for general purposes and for the non-filers who currently had missing information.

Mayor Pocek announced the Memorial Day Parade route and schedule. He asked everyone to remember the importance of this event. He noted there had been 1,200,000+ Americans that have given their lives and there were soldiers in harm's way on duty as we speak.

No report from Councilman Batten.

Councilman Koci told everyone about his experience at the NLC Manhattan Beach, CA trip. He said NLC combined them with a group that deals with Formulating Effective Economic Policy Class. Everyone shared ideas amongst themselves to aid in helping their own communities. He showed a glove from the Body Glove. The company was having a contest for the 30 visiting cities. The contest was for each city to display the glove at the spot the City was the most proud of and write a short summary by June 10, 2012 to enter the contest. The winner would receive \$1,000 for their Recreation Department and a lot of body glove items. He urged everyone to give him some ideas so Bedford could win the money.

Councilwoman Zolata reiterated the grass and maintenance issues Mr. Angelo previously mentioned. These issues are not being ignored but the process takes time so everyone needs to be patient. She announced Janet Caldwell would be signing her new book at the Bedford Southeast Library on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. She reminded everyone the Chamber's Pig Roast was this coming Wednesday, May 23, 2012.

Councilwoman Mizsak told a story about one of her neighbors that had some health issues. She thanked the other neighbor for taking care of him until the safety services could arrive. She thanked the Service Department for the extra asphalt on her street. The Shred Day was very successful and there would be another Shred Day on October 13, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councilman Pozar stated he had a problem with the procedures the Building Department followed regarding grass violations. He thought it was as simple as sending a Service Department employee or the company that the City had contracted to cut the grass. He couldn't imagine a property owner suing the City for cutting their grass. The only downside was the costs involved in cutting the

grass. The risk was worth it to maintain a community standard. He thought using the process as an excuse was very frustrating and the process needed revisited.

Mr. Angelo stated the City was encumbered by laws and for the City to just go cut the grass would mean the City cut it free because there was no notification to the property owner. He listed the process and the laws the Building Department followed to ensure proper notice and proper steps were taken.

Mr. Pozar thought the process was not using common sense but he was in favor of cutting the grass in a timely manner to maintain the community standard. Mr. Angelo agreed on the common sense but he was not in favor of breaking the law.

Mr. Gambosi said it was amazing the excuses he heard over the years of the reasons the property owner did not cut their grass, however, sometimes property owners think the City will just take care of it. Unfortunately, he has encountered some issues with some of the violators.

Mr. Pozar asked Clerk Villers if some of the Board/Commission members had been notified that their terms had expired. Clerk Villers explained she had already alerted all the Department heads or responsible contact person of the expired members terms months ago. The procedure on her end was to make sure a chair was elected annually at the first meeting of every year and to keep the list current. She believed it was the department heads responsibility or possibly the department secretary to contact the expired members to see if they wanted to stay as a member. Mr. Pozar pointed out Mr. Bender's term had expired in 2011 on the Historical Preservation Board. Clerk Villers explained it wasn't her responsibility to canvass for members but rather the responsibility of that board and commissions contact person, which she had already notified. Mr. Pozar welcomed everyone, residents and board/commission members that were listed to attend even if their terms had expired.

Councilman Saunders hated to beat a dead horse but Bedford is a Charter community. State laws mandated the City had to give the property owner two notices for violations. He explained how other areas dealt with this same issue. He wasn't sure how to expedite this problem. Council changed the process a couple years ago but the issue still needed expedited in some fashion. All of Council was in agreement that this process needed revisited.

Mr. Saunders stated there were seven intersections in Ward 6 that were blocked by illegal parking because prom dates were picking up their dates. He thought the parking regulations should be posted in the monthly utility bill to educate the residents for safety reasons. Mr. Angelo explained the Police Department was aware of the illegal parking situation and even though it was important, it was priority. The Police Department was concerned about the Prom line-up. Prom line-up is when the students gather in a particular area and sometimes fights break out. There were a few incidents but nothing serious. Maple Heights and Bedford had their proms the same night which added to the problem. Back in the day, the students would gather with their "jazzed up" cars and just mingle. Now it has turned into fist fighting. It was never all the students that were acting up, just a few that ruined it for everyone else; now it's just "chaos".

ORDINANCE NO. 8964-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Program with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt) and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Batten to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Mizsak to place Ordinance No. 8964-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained this was an annual contract with ODOT. Being proactive assured Bedford that the City would be covered for the winter months. There was rock salt leftover from last year so the City was required by contract to pay storage for the remaining salt at 80% totaling \$5,000.00. The City usually used 5,000 to 6,000 tons but in 2011 the Service Department only used 4,000 tons. Mr. Pozar asked what the total cost was for rock salt. Mr. Gambosi replied it was \$45 per ton and there was a cost of \$5,000 for storing the stockpiled material.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8965-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Impact Group Public Relations/Marketing Communications Inc. (“Impact”) and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Saunders and seconded by Pozar to place Ordinance No. 8965-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained this was a professional group for marketing the City. The group will be working with Council, the Administration, the employees, residents, businesses and the Boards and Commissions. This group will cover many ways in marketing Bedford. Mayor Pocek said Bedford was a unique community and it was time to attract people to this great City.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Zolata to place Ordinance No. 8966-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Gambosi listed the changes in the ordinance: Social Worker contract at the Light of Hearts, special projects such as Impact Group, personal services, and Fire Department Grants for the ambulance loading system, Capital Improvement Fund and the new funds in the Municipal Court.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8967-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Biometric Information Management for LiveScan Scanner and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Zolata seconded by Koci to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mizensak and seconded by Saunders to place Ordinance No. 8967-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo explained this scanner was a live digital immediate fingerprint scan just like the one you saw on CSI on TV. The old scanner was broke again and it wasn't worth spending the money on.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 8968-12, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Benjamin Efford, Jr. selling the residence at 564 Heather Lane, Bedford, Ohio and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to suspend the rule requiring the reading of said ordinance on three different days.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Koci and seconded by Mizensak to place Ordinance No. 8968-12 on third and final reading and passed.

Mr. Angelo said the City had attempted to sell this house last year for \$25,000 but the deal did not go through. This home sold for \$10,000 under HUD restrictions with a non-refundable deposit and the new owner had 6-8 months to address the violations.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizensak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2456-12, being a resolution approving and accepting the proposed 2012 Tax Budget for the year January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and declaring an emergency was read by title only.

Mayor Pocek noted there was a Public Hearing this evening at 7:00 p.m. on this issue.

Motion made by Batten seconded by Zolata to place Resolution No. 2456-12 on first reading.

The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pocek said that would conclude the business portion of the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience had any concerns.

Sandra Ball, 80 Ellenwood Avenue wanted to publically thank the Fire Department employees for taking the time on their days off to teach CPR classes.

Jim O'Neil, 155 Gould Avenue asked if the police department scanner was a forever guarantee. He was informed that nothing was guaranteed for forever. Mr. Gambosi noted the warrantee was \$1,440 for one year. Mr. O'Neil asked what the deposit was for the house the City sold for \$10,000. Mr. Angelo replied there was a \$1,000 deposit.

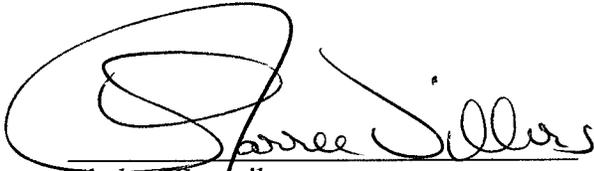
Mr. O'Neil couldn't understand in the age of computers how the City Manager could make a statement that it was hard to track down some of the property owner's name and contact information. Mr. Angelo assured Mr. O'Neil that there was no way for the Administration to know who owns every house in the City. Mayor Pocek explained to Mr. O'Neil that every City has this same problem and that's why this Country was having foreclosure process problems. Mr. O'Neil couldn't believe that the City couldn't gather the information when the property owner paid their taxes. Mr. Angelo stated that there were people that didn't pay their taxes and they just walked away from their homes. Mr. O'Neil still couldn't understand how the Administration couldn't track down the information and how people didn't pay their taxes. Mr. Angelo told the story about the house he tried to purchase for 18 months on Wandle Avenue that was going through the foreclosure process. The house actually had furniture and a car in the garage because the owner walked away. During the foreclosure process, the loan was transferred to a bank in California then sold to another bank in a group package of mortgages. The account number was typed incorrectly during the transactions so the property owner received the house back and the mortgage company had to waive the \$90,000 loan. She was back living in the house today for free. He stressed how crazy the system was and how difficult it could be tracking on a home.

Mr. Gambosi explained the County Fiscal Officer was in charge of "real estate". The problem was you could track in the county system that "used" to own the home but not necessarily who currently owned the home. The transfer process for money collections can also go in several different directions and it makes it very difficult. Mayor Pocek noted 30% of all the mortgages were owned by Deutsche Bank. Mr. Pozar explained if a taxpayer stopped paying their taxes there was no forwarding address left with the county. The law required the foreclosure process to take over one year to allow the owner an opportunity to save their property. Deutsche Bank buys several mortgages from several different States in a bundle package at one time. In Bedford, the City can locate 90% of the owners but the other 5% or 10% was very frustrating.

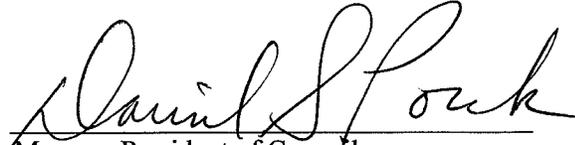
Nancy Lachowski, 197 Wandle reported a couple of abandon cars located at Northfield Avenue and Henry Street. She has noticed the one license plate was out of state with flat tires parked in this empty parking lot. Mrs. Zolata understood the lot was privately owned lot and the van owner said he had permission to park there. She also had previously called the police on a truck that was parked there and the officer said the owner had permission to park in the lot.

Mayor Pocek asked if there were any further comments. There being no reply, motion made by Koci and seconded by Mizsak to adjourn. The roll was called. Vote – Yeas: Pozar, Saunders, Zolata, Batten, Koci, Mizsak, Pocek. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.



Sherree Sellers
Clerk of Council



Daniel S. Pouch
Mayor – President of Council