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Minutes of the Building and Committee Meeting held June 16, 2025, at 7:01 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Janik, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Nahorn, Mayor Costilow, Auditor Phillips, acting Treasurer Lawrence, Law Director Pecora, and Assistant Law Director Ward. Safety/Service Jeffreys and Mr. Wachholz were absent and had letters on file Also present were Building Inspector Dave Macartney. Later during the meeting Mr. Heberling motioned to excuse Mr. Wachholz, seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse Mr. Wachholz. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Mr. Jeffreys as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to excuse.

A-25-22 Chapter 1105.17 Ordinance Revision

Mr. Macartney spoke to this and said this item is pretty straight forward. They recently had an applicant who submitted a request for a lot consolidation. He explained about the fee of \$200 and then and the appropriate response he received was that \$200 fee was for lot splits, not for lot consolidations. He could not really argue with that. He did not pursue that, but decided to look at the ordinance and provide potential changes. He spoke to the changes he is recommending. Being that this situation could happen again, he is asking for suspension of rules and adopt this on the first reading. Mr. Winiarski motioned to send this modification as requested by the Building Inspector to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 6-0 to send to the floor of council with the emergency.

A-25-23 Modification to various permit fees to remain in-line with other political subdivisions within Lorain County. The last wholesale adjustment to building permit fees was approved in March of 2013.

Mr. Macartney spoke to changes he is suggesting. He provided a chart with the information. He explained how he came up with the proposed increases and changes. He spoke to the proposed changes with a new program. He noted that contractors have told him that our fees are the lowest in the area. Once the fees have been set, contractors will be notified. Mayor Costilow agreed this looks like a big increase, but we have not done any increases in the last 12 years.

Mr. Winiarski motioned to take this to the floor of Council. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Vote 6-0 to send to the floor of Council.

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Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote
6-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Dave Janik, Chairman
Building and Committee