

APRIL 14

2025

PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF MEETINGS, MR. PETE STMATIS (WHO IS ON THE AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT FORCE) WAS HONORED FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SELFLESSNESS AS HE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY ON THE OHIO TURNPIKE WHEN HE WITNESSED A VEHICLE CRASH INTO THE MEDIAN WALL OF THE OHIO TURNPIKE LEAVING TWO PASSENGERS AND THEIR DOGS TRAPPED IN THE DISABLED VEHICLE. RECOGNIZING IMMINENT DANGER BY ONCOMING TRAFFIC, HE STOPPED HIS VEHICLE AND TOOK DECISIVE ACTION BY ASSISTING THE DRIVER TO SAFETY, THEN RETURNING TO RESCUE THE INJURED PASSENGER, THEN THE TWO DOGS. MERE MOMENTS AFTER THE RESCUE, A SEMI-TRUCK TRAVELING AT HIGHWAY SPEEDS COLLIDED WITH THE CRASHED VEHICLE WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE. THE GRAVE PERIL HAD EXISTED FOR THE PASSENGERS JUST SECONDS BEFORE AND HIGHLIGHTED THE LIFESAVING IMPACT OF PETE STAMATIS' HEROISM.

MANY FIREMEN, INCLUDING AMHERST FIRE CHIEF BRANDON DIMACCHIA AND MANY POLICE OFFICERS. INCLUDING CHIEF MARK CAWTHON, WERE PRESENT FOR THIS HONOR, ALONG WITH PETE'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

MAYOR COSTILOW READ THE PROCLAMATION WHICH WAS THEN PRESENTED TO MR. STAMATIS. THERE WAS A STANDING ROUND OF APPLAUSE FROM ALL PRESENT.

Amherst City Council met in a Regular Session under full compliance of State Law with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:15 p. m. Roll call: Mr. Nahorn Mr. Janik, Mr. Heberling-absent, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych-absent, Mr. Wachholz, Also present were Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Auditor Phillips, Assistant Law Director Ward, and Treasurer Ramsey. Ms. Harmych, Mr. Heberling and Safety/Service Director Jeffreys were absent and had letters on file. Mr. Dembinski motioned to excuse Ms. Harmych, Mr. Heberling and Mr. Jeffreys as they had letters on file. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Vote 5-0 to excuse.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplain Janik, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Sgt. At Arms Dembinski.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Janik motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Acknowledgement of the Public pertaining to items on the Agenda: There was no one speaking.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:

- (a) An Ordinance authorizing an increase in appropriations in the Income Tax Department for the Full-Time Income Tax Office Clerk position; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-15)

Mr. Wachholz motioned to pass this item on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second.

- (b) An Ordinance amending City of Amherst Ordinance No. O-22-55 establishing the wage rates and benefits, terms and other conditions of employment for certain full-time non-bargaining unit employees of the City of Amherst and repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency. (A-25-16)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this item on to its second reading. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to second.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING:

- (a) An Ordinance to stream City of Amherst meetings on the City's website, and make meeting agendas and minutes available on the City's website. (A-25-13)

Mr. Dembinski motioned to pass this item on to its third reading. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 5-0 to pass to third reading.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: None

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: There was no one speaking.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules:

A-25-17 Finance A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Winter Contract for road Salt for 2025-2026; emergency

Finance Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:05 p.m., A-25-17, A-25-14 Create a tax increment financing incentive district for Dewey Road Improvements.

Police and Fire April 21, 2025 at 7:10 – Noise Ordinance

Mayor Costilow requests a Special Council Meeting be held Monday, April 21, 2025 to consider the two items that we passed to second reading due to shortage of council members to suspend rules. This will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Reports of the Administration :

Auditor Phillips: Reported they took part in an audit with the Police and Fire Pension Fund. They had to provide information for this audit through December 31, 2023. The Ohio State Auditor respond that all was favorable regarding the report that was provided. She thanked everyone for a job well done in getting the information so they could submit these reports.

Treasurer: Reminded all that tomorrow is the deadline for filing tax returns. Their office will be open just regular hours. He reminded all that the drop boxes can be used as well.

Safety/Service Director – absent

Law Director Pecora: No report

Mayor Costilow: The TIFF legislation that we will be considering had a requirement that school districts be notified and they have done that. The transfer station on S Main will be closed while construction is being completed there. They will continue to pick up bulk trash at the curb. Hopefully, it will open sometime at the end of summer, but he is thinking that bridge construction will keep it closed and it might be next year before it's open.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to accept the Reports of the Administration. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Voice vote 5-0 to accept the reports of the Administration.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the City of Amherst Community Improvement Corporation report for 2024

Mr. Nahorn motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the City of Amherst Community Improvement corporation report for 2024. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 5-0 to acknowledge the receipt of the report.

Mr. Wachholz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 5-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council