

**59:00**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present: Council President Caruso, Council Vice President B. Savage, Councilmembers: D. Bender; AJ Ganim, A. Koepke; M. Jantzen, B. Stucky. Mayor Kingston, Law Director D. Matty, Asst. Law Director L. Sabol, City Engineer Wise, Finance Director L. Starosta, Fire Chief M. Bender, Police Chief Korinek, CBO Scott Packard, Purchasing Director M. Bartkiewicz, IT Technician P. Packard, Clerk T. Tabor.  
Absent: None.

**Public Hearing**

Council President Caruso introduced the public hearing for the placement of farmland in an agricultural district.

Clerk Tabor read the public notice for the public hearing.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Brecksville City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the renewal application of Brant E. Giere for placement of farmland in a agricultural district, to wit: Permanent Parcel Nos. 604-16-00 I, 604-16-002, 6620 Miller Road, consisting of approximately 9 acres: and Stacey Giere for placement of farmland in an agricultural district, to wit: Permanent Parcel No. 604-16-003 consisting of approximately 2.6 acres, 6530 Miller Road; in the City of Brecksville, said hearing to be held on the 18th day of February, 2025 at 7:50 PM in the Brecksville City Hall, Ralph W. Biggs Council Chambers, 9069 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.

**1:02:29**

**Approval of Minutes**

2. **Council Minutes February 4, 2025**

**1:04:26**

**New Business**

3. **RES. 5658** - a Resolution promoting and appointing John A Chrisopulos to the position of Lieutenant in the Police Department of the City of Brecksville.

Mayor Kingston thanked all of the applicants for these positions. The City of Brecksville is blessed to have many talented officers in our department. Mayor Kingston said the decisions are not easy and hopes that those officers will apply for promotions again if available.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5658.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Mayor Kingston said John was hired by the department in May of 1993 as a part-time jailer and a patrol officer in June of 1996. He was hired as a full-time patrol officer and served in numerous positions including evidence technician, and a range instructor for over 20 years. In August of

2010 he was assigned as the Juvenile and DARE Officer. In 2016 he was named DARE Officer of the year for the state of Ohio. Lt. Chrisopulos was also instrumental in assisting then Chief Goodrich with the development and building of the new Safety Town at Blossom Hill. As DARE Officer he supervised the diversion and the drug takeback programs and served as an ALICE instructor for response to active shooter events. Lt. Chrisopulos was promoted to Sergeant in February of 2017 and currently supervises the Community Engagement Team and Recruitment Team. He also supervises and coordinates the Department's involvement in special events such as Home Days and parades.

Mayor Kingston administered the Oath of Office to Lt. Chrisopulos. John's wife Tracy had the honor of instilling the badge of Lieutenant Chrisopulos. Lt. Chrisopulos introduced his daughter Ava and his Mother Janette. Lt. Chrisopulos thanked those people who had an impact on his career through their guidance, teaching and friendships.

1:08:23

4. **RES. 5659** - a Resolution promoting and appointing Kenneth A. Septaric to the position of Sergeant in the Police Department of the City of Brecksville.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5659.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Mayor Kingston said Sgt. Septaric was hired by the City of Brecksville in December of 1995 after serving in the Air Force Security Police for 10 years. He served 10 years with the Police Department Honor Guard performing at Memorial Day parades and services. Sgt. Septaric served 20 years as a field training officer and redesigned the curriculum of the police department field training program using the instructional skills he developed in the military. and as a basic Academy instructor he developed course curriculums and provided training to the department members satisfying the state mandated continued professional training program this has improved the effectiveness and efficiency of the department by conducting this training

Inhouse. Sgt. Septaric served as a Department's Coordinator for OVI Case Investigations for the past 10 years using his expertise in this field and has provided frequent refresher training in the investigation and prosecution of OVI cases. Sgt. Septaric frequently served as officer in charge of his shift in the absence of the Sergeant.

Mayor Kingston administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Septaric. Ken's wife Lori had the honor of instilling the badge of Sgt. Septaric and he introduced his daughters Nicole and Kristen. Sgt. Septaric thanked his family and teammates of the Brecksville Police and Fire Departments

1:14:01

5. **RES. 5660** - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Joint Cooperative Agreement between the Cities of Brecksville and Independence for the resurfacing of Brecksville Road from Sprague Road to State Route 82.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5660.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:16:25**

6. **RES. 5661** - a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for an Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS 2025- 2026 EMS Grant.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5661.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:17:25**

7. **RES. 5662** - a Resolution approving an application for placement of Farmland in an agricultural district made by Stacey Giere for Permanent Parcel Number 604-16-003 located at 6530 Miller Road.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5662.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:18:30**

8. **RES. 5663** - a Resolution approving an application for placement of Farmland in an agricultural district made by Brant E. Giere for Permanent Parcel Numbers 604-16-001 and 604-16-002 located at 6620 Miller Road in the City of Brecksville.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Resolution 5663.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Unfinished Business**

**Councilmember Bender and Council member Ganim excused themselves from Council Chambers.**

**1:19:36**

9. **ORD. 5769 - Second Reading** - an Ordinance to accept and dedicate real property from VA Land, LLC as roadway right-of-way, for the widening of Miller Road in the City of Brecksville, Ohio.

Motion to move to third reading made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

1:20:28

10. **ORD. 5770** - an Ordinance to accept and dedicate real property from the Sherwin Williams Company as roadway right-of-way for the widening of Miller Road located in the City of Brecksville, Ohio.

Motion for suspension made by Ganim, Seconded by Koepke.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

Motion by Stucky, seconded by Bender, to pass Ordinance 5770.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

1:21:35

11. **ORD. 5771 - Second Reading** - an Ordinance to accept and dedicate real property from 6850 Miller Road Holding Company, LLC as roadway right-of-way, for the widening of Miller Road in the City of Brecksville, Ohio.

Motion to move to third reading made by Stucky, Seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Koepke, Jantzen, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Report of Council Representatives: Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Recreation Commission, Human Services Advisory Board.**

1:22:50

Board of Zoning Appeals

**APPEAL 2025-05**

Approval of (1) a variance from Section 1185.03(c) maximum fence height 6 ft. to allow 9 ft. and (2) a variance from Section 1185.02(c) prohibiting barbed wire fencing to allow 1 ft. along with 8 ft. tall chain link for approximately 280 linear ft., located at 8200 Snowville Rd, PPN 605-21-015.

Motion for passage by Stucky, seconded by Bender.

Voting Yea: Caruso, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

1:23:50

Planning Commission

**AMT Signage 8006 Katherine Dr.** - Approve the Building Department issuance of a permit for a

518 sq ft non-illuminated wall identification sign and a 31.5 sq ft non-illuminated ground monument sign for AMT (Applied Medical Technologies), at 8006 Katherine Drive, Brecksville, Ohio as described in the application dated 01/21/2025, and attached drawings, contingent on City Council's approval of the following deviations:

- A deviation from Section 1187.10(b)(l) requirement of a maximum total signage of 500 sq. ft. to allow 549 sq ft.
- A deviation from Section 1187.10© requirement of a maximum wall sign of 250 sq ft to allow 518 sq ft.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:24:59**

**Lot Split & Consolidation 9418 & 9409 Kings Court.** - Approval for a rear yard lot split of .3656 Acres of permanent parcel number 603-14-038, 9409 Kings Court and consolidation of the split parcel with 603-14-039, 9418 Kings Court contingent upon approval of the City Engineer and City Council .

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:29:03**

**Snowville Road Major Subdivision Preliminary Approval Extension, Snowville Rd. 6850 Miller Rd.**

Approve and Building Department issue permits for True North Energy Sign Package at 6850 Miller Rd., as described in the sign permit application and drawings as follows:

- One (1) 43.1 sq.ft. internally & changeable price ground sign
- Two (2) 5.63 sq.ft. illuminated canopy logos
- One (1) 21.55 sq. ft. non-illuminated wall identification sign
- One (1) 3.4 sq. ft. non-illuminated wall identification sign
- One (1) 8 sq. ft. non-illuminated wall identification sign
- One (1) 38 sq. ft. non-illuminated wall identification sign
- One (1) 17 sq. ft. non-illuminated wall identification sign
- One (1) 9.2 sq. ft. non-illuminated wall identification sign

Contingent on City Council's approval of the following deviations: Ground Sign

- A deviation from Section 1187.09(d)(4)B requirement that no more than 2 fuel price signs shall be permitted to allow 3.
- A deviation to Section 1187.09 (c) requirement of a maximum sign area of 30 sq. ft to allow 43.1 sq. ft.
- A deviation from Section 1187.09(c) requirement of a maximum height of 5' to allow 6' 10 3/8"
- A deviation from Section 1187.07(k) prohibition of "changeable copy signs" to allow a ground sign with changeable prices on it.

Canopy Sign

- A deviation from Section 1187.09(c) requirement of a maximum 5 sq.ft. and only the business name to allow two(2) internally illuminated 5.63 sq.ft. logos.

Wall Signs

- A deviation from Section 1187.09(c) requirement that one wall sign be permitted to allow 3 wall signs
- A deviation from Section 1187.09(c) requirement that wall signs be on the front of a building to allow

wall signs on the front of the buildings, 1 wall sign on the east side of the building and 1 sign on the rear of the building.

- A deviation from Section 1187.09(d)(9) requirement of a wall sign on the secondary street shall not exceed 30% or 15.45 sq.ft. to allow 38 sq.ft.
- A deviation from Section 1187.09(d)(4)D requirement of permanent information signs to be located at fuel pumps and service islands to allow a sign on a building.

Total Signage

- A deviation from Section 1187.09(b)(1) requirement of a maximum 103 sq.ft. total signage to allow 151.51 sq. ft.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:29:09**

**True North Gas Station 6850 Miller Rd.** - Final approval for the construction of a 5430 sq. ft., 22' height gas station and 3940 sq.ft. 22' height car wash with a canopy over 8 fuel pumps at 6850 Miller Road PP# 604-17-011, as described in the application dated 12/18/2024, and attached drawings contingent on approval of City Council.

Motion for passage by Caruso, seconded by Savage.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Recreation Commission** - Council Member Ganim reported the next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held February 24, 2025 at 7:30 PM. There will be a performance of the OZ Review Saturday and Sunday at the Theater.

**Human Services Advisory Board** - Council Member Koepke said the Human Services Advisory Board will be held on March 11th at 3:00 PM. The Kiwanis Club and The Lions Club will host the Empty Bowls Fundraiser to benefit the local food pantries.

**Report of Council Committees:**

**Safety Service**

**1:31:27**

**Southwest Council of Governments** - Approval of a purchase requisition to the Southwest Council of Governments in the amount of \$27,500 for annual membership dues for the Southwest Enforcement Bureau (SEB) and Southwest Emergency Response Team (SERT). Police (SEB) - \$15,000.00, Account # 1100210-21030 Fire (SERT) - \$12,500.00, Account # 2900260-21030

Motion by Koepke, seconded by Jantzen.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:32:35**

**Streets & Sidewalks**

**Snow Plowing** Approval of an increase to PO#25000098 in the amount of \$21,000.00 to Mattes Landscaping for supplemental Snowplowing. Account 1100430 in the amount of \$14,000. Account 1100172-21030 in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Motion by Koepke, seconded by Jantzen.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

## Utilities

### Buildings & Grounds

**1:33:20**

**Human Services Building Fire Department Connection Reconstruction** - Approval of a purchase requisition in the amount of \$8,845.00 to Lee Molnar & Associates Fire Protection for the design and reconstruction of the Fire Department Connection at the Human Services Building. Account C4900330-32020.

Motion by Jantzen, seconded by Stucky.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Vehicle Maintenance Office Heating and Cooling System** - Approval of a purchase requisition in the amount of \$8,190.00 to Lisco Heating and Cooling for the Vehicle Maintenance Office Heating and Cooling System. Account C4900170-32020.

Motion by Jantzen, seconded by Stucky.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Pest Control Bid Acceptance** - Acceptance of a bid proposal from Terminix in the amount of \$10,198.00 per year for pest control at municipal buildings and grounds. Account # 1100171-21030

Motion by Jantzen, seconded by Stucky.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Authorize Blanket PO Change Terminix** -Approval of a motion authorizing a change to Blanket Purchase Order #20251004 from Ehrlich to Terminix following the acquisition of Ehrlich by Terminix.

Motion by Jantzen, seconded by Stucky.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**1:35:08**

**Turf Care** - Approval of a motion accepting the proposal of TruGreen in the amount of \$7,964.00 per year for the provision of turf care management. Account # 1100171-22010

Motion by Jantzen, seconded by Stucky.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

**Legislation – Council Member Bender – No Report**

**Finance – Council Member Savage – No Report**

**REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS:**

**Director of Law, Dave Matty – No Report.**

**Engineer, Gerry Wise– No Report.**

**Director of Finance, Laura Starosta– No Report.**

**Chief Building Official, Scott Packard– No Report.**

**Director of Purchasing, Monica Bartkiewicz– No Report.**

**Chief of Police Department, Stan Korinek–** Chief Korinek thanked Council for the appointments and promotions authorized this evening.

**Chief of Fire Department: Mark Bender– No Report.**

**Report of Mayor: Daryl Kingston** – Mayor Kingston said on January 31<sup>st</sup> he received notice of an application from DiGeronimo Companies for a Commercial Entertainment District. Council will receive Mayor Kingston’s recommendation on that application at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of City Council.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Caruso, Seconded by Savage.

Voting Yea: Bender, Caruso, Ganim, Jantzen, Koepke, Savage, Stucky

Abstain: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7- Ayes, 0-Nays, 0-Abstain.**

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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CLERK OF COUNCIL