

City of Bay Village

Council Minutes, Special Meeting
6:00 p.m. Dwyer Memorial Center
President of Council Dwight A. Clark, presiding

July 27, 2020

Present: Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Mayor Koomar.

Also Present; Law Director Barbour, Finance Director Mahoney, Police Chief Leasure, Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec, Recreation Director Enovitch, Police Lieutenant Palmer, City Engineer Bierut, Clerk of Council Kemper.

AUDIENCE

Clare Banasiak, Peggy Drumm, Leslie Patzwahl, Dave Patzwahl, Kim Corrigan, Terry Coursen and family, Matthew Diemer, Sarah Sweeney, Elizabeth Sweeney Milburn, Martha Raymond, Bob Loftis, Tasha Sherman, Micah and Casey Ault.

President of Council Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance led by David L. Tadych, Vice President of Council and Councilman of Ward 1.

Motion by Tadych to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held June 22, 2020 as prepared and distributed.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by Tadych to dispense with the reading and approve the Minutes of the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees meeting of June 22, 2020 as prepared and distributed.

Motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Clark announced the loss this past weekend of long-time resident, Kay Laughlin, who was the resident historian for the City of Bay Village. Mrs. Laughlin did so much for the City to recreate and remember our past for many, many years. A moment of silence was observed in the memory of Kay Laughlin.

Announcements

Mayor Koomar announced that a ground-breaking for the Liberty Development Townhomes on Wolf Road will be held on Thursday, August 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Earlier today it was learned that the father of former Chief of Police Mark Spaetzel passed away. Announcement of services in early August will be forthcoming.

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Mayor Koomar advised of his selection to the 2021 class of Leadership Cleveland. The class will begin later this year, or possibly in 2021. Each year there is one scholarship that is given out and the Mayor was fortunate to receive that scholarship which underwrites the cost.

Recreation Director Enovitch stated that the Family Aquatic Center is averaging 350 patrons a day, twelve patrons for adult swim, and twelve patrons for water aerobics. These statistics do not include those attending the Stroke Clinic which sold out immediately. The happiness on the faces of the young children says it all about the opening of the pool this summer.

Mayor Koomar stated that the Ohio Athletic Conference has cancelled all fall sports. The fall sports program in Bay Village is undetermined at this point. The Bay Challenge Cup has not been approved by the City as yet, with concern for the number of potential attendees. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Mayor Koomar asked President of Council Clark to move items on the agenda needing the input of City Engineer Bierut forward this evening to allow Mr. Bierut to be excused due to family commitments.

City Engineer Bierut commented that the United States Environmental Protection Agency Administrative Order was signed on July 20, 2020, giving the City 240 days to present a closure plan, or March 17, 2021. Data will be gathered from rainfall and a plan and model created to close sewer overflows, and the cost estimate of project or projects to do that work. There are two sanitary sewer overflows that need to be corrected. Negotiations with the USEPA resulted in the 240-day time frame. Updates will be given as the City moves its way through to the deadline in March. After the March 17, 2021 deadline for the submission of a plan, the City will have five years to achieve closure.

Councilwoman Stainbrook stated that the ordinance she will present is for the engineering services related to this USEPA Administrative Order.

Mrs. Stainbrook introduced and read **Ordinance 20-64** authorizing an agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering for services relating to the Administrative Orders on Consent (AOC) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 20-64.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.

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Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 20-64, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

Councilwoman Maier advised that she will present a resolution related to the Interurban Bridge that is going to be installed. The City was previously awarded funding through the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the pedestrian bridge, and NOACA also awarded the City additional funds to do the eastern trails approach. This is a complement to the Clean Ohio Trails Funded western trail that is going through Cahoon Memorial Park. The following resolution will be for the eastern section.

Ms. Maier introduced and read **Resolution 20-65** authorizing the acceptance of Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) funding for the construction of the East Interurban Connector Trail, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bierut commented that through the Master Plan and Connectivity Plan, it was recommended to provide an additional connection through the Cahoon Park Basin area to connect the eastern and western portions. Recently, NOACA awarded the City funds, totaling \$375,519 for installation of a bridge over Cahoon Creek. In addition, the City also received funding through the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) program totaling \$100,500 for the construction of a trail to connect the east side of the bridge with the parking area adjacent to the Dwyer Center.

Mr. Bierut congratulated Project Manager Kathryn Kerber for her work in obtaining the additional grant of \$100,500 for the construction of the trail. At the recommendation of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), these two projects have been consolidated into one project and will follow their scope and submission schedule, thus needing the additional engineering funding for the trail portion to begin.

Mayor Koomar noted that the trail to the south on the east side is 100% funded with external funding. The bridge is 90% funded by NOACA. There is a balance of \$93,000 that has been submitted for State Capital funds, which may be forthcoming in 2021.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Resolution No. 20-65.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

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Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Resolution No. 20-65, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Maier explained that the next ordinance is related to the prior resolution. The ordinance is for engineering services to design the eastern urban trail. The City had previously awarded funding for Chagrin Valley Engineering to do the design on the bridge, and this will add additional funds of \$21,180 to fulfill the fee proposal which now addresses the engineering for the trail portion.

Ms. Maier introduced and read **Ordinance No. 20-66** authorizing an agreement with Chagrin Valley Engineering for services related to the Interurban Bridge and Eastern Interurban Trail Connector Project, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

City Engineer Bierut stated that this will be a 2022 construction project.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 20-66.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 20-66, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

Motion by **Tadych** to acknowledge receipt of the June 2020 Financial Statements of the City of Bay Village as prepared by Finance Director Renee Mahoney. A Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Bay Village City Hall.

Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Tadych introduced and read **Ordinance 20-67** to make appropriations for the current and other expenditures of the City of Bay Village for the Fiscal Year 2020, as previously appropriated in the Annual Appropriations 19-109, 20-27, 20-55, and 20-59, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Tadych noted that the School Resource Officer (SRO) funding is included in this appropriation ordinance. The amount of \$50,000 is the salary for five months, with the City of Bay Village paying thirty percent of \$50,000 and the Bay Village Board of Education paying seventy percent. The City of Bay Village pays for health insurance and the retirement contribution portion.

Finance Director Mahoney stated that the General Fund money for this expenditure will be moved to the SRO Fund, making it easier to track expenditures and donations.

The next item in the Amended Appropriation Ordinance is for the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The fund has been established by Council and there now needs to be an appropriation for expenditures. The City has received \$390,872.13 to date from the CARES Act, as well as \$8,143.32 in Medicare funding. It is hoped to receive additional funds through FEMA reimbursement. The money will be used to pay for public safety equipment and services needed as a result of the pandemic, but expenditures are all throughout City operations in order to maintain a safe environment for both residents and employees.

An overview by Finance Director Mahoney advises that \$26,000 will be appropriated from the Public Improvement Fund to complete the Bradley Park Playground. In 2018, \$28,000 was appropriated for Phase I, of which \$1,177.00 is unspent. In 2019, \$22,000 was appropriated for Phase II, of which \$3,606 remains unspent. In 2020, \$40,000 was appropriated for Phase III in anticipation of receiving a NatureWorks Grant. The grant funding has not happened, and the intent is to complete the project given the efforts of the community to raise funds to assist in the construction of the playground. To date, the community has raised \$17,000, by way of fund raising projects organized and led by residents Andrew and Peggy Drumm. The total projected cost for all three phases is \$85,000, of which \$45,216 has been spent, leaving the final phase total cost of \$39,753. The total to appropriate to complete the project is \$26,000, however the total cash outlay for the final phase would be \$9,000 after receipt of the donations of \$17,000.

Mayor Koomar commented that the City did apply for a NatureWorks grant for the balance, but given with what has happened with the COVID environment that grant was cancelled this year. Since Mr. and Mrs. Drumm and friends were so successful in raising the money, it was felt it was the right thing to do to finish off the playground project.

Mr. Clark thanked Mrs. Drumm who was present at the meeting for the efforts of the Drumms in making this playground renovation a reality. The third and final phase will be moving forward. He encouraged folks to visit the Bradley Road Park and see the outstanding work that has been done, and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Drumm for what they have done for the City of Bay Village.

Mrs. Mahoney stated that the next appropriation on the ordinance is for infrastructure improvements to allow engineering for the sewer overflow work authorized by Ordinance 20-64

adopted this evening.

The Healthcare Fund for 2020 was budgeted at \$1,493,646 which represents 85% of actual expenditures. Amounts paid for medical and dental expenses are based on a fixed amount with the balance for medical retained in an account with the Jefferson Health Plan. The true amount that should have been budgeted is \$1,757,250. There will still be an estimated year-end balance of \$438,000, which does not include the balance on hand with Jefferson Health Care.

Mr. Tadych asked Director Mahoney to comment on the proposed Reese Park Basketball Court Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Mahoney stated that an appropriation will not be required for the improvement. An additional \$43,000 is needed, but funds remain in other projects that can be used for the Reese Park Basketball Courts.

The next amendment to the appropriation is for Workers' Compensation. The original budget of \$157,129 was budgeted at 1.35% of wages; actual charges amounted to 1.83% which includes legal fees associated with Workers' Compensation cases. The additional amount to appropriate is \$17,000 to cover the change in the actual percentage. Almost \$107,000 was reimbursed from previous years as a response to the Coronavirus. There will be an estimated fund balance of \$474,000 at year end.

Mr. Winzig asked if the City pays the cost for the School Resource Officer and seeks reimbursement from the Board of Education. Mrs. Mahoney stated that this is the procedure established and reimbursement from the School Board will be received quarterly.

Mayor Koomar noted that Officer Kitchen has started the state-mandated training for the position.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 20-67, and moved for adoption.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 20-67, an emergency measure, by a vote of

7-0.

Mr. Tadych introduced and read **Resolution No. 20-68, amending by reading to include an additional donor name of Jim Otto, to the donor names of Pamela Ebert and Monica Thomas noted on the resolution**, accepting donation of a Painting of the Community House and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

Mayor Koomar stated that Mr. Gary Ebert brought in the painting and the Mayor feels it would be fitting to have the painting in the Recreation Department.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 20-68.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Resolution No. 20-68, as amended, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read **Ordinance 20-69** amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 79-46 (Amended) and Amending the Traffic Control Map, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption. (No Parking during certain school hours on West Oakland Road on south side from corner of Cahoon Road to corner of Glendenning Drive).

Ms. DeGeorge stated that signs will be posted stating no parking on the south side of the street from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Going forward, the times can be amended if necessary.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 20-69.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook.

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Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 20-69, as amended, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read **Resolution No. 20-70** authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease Agreement with Village Bike Co-Op for the real estate located at 303 Cahoon Road, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

Ms. DeGeorge noted that this is an annual renewal. Council has received a copy of the lease from the Law Department. There are no major changes in the lease, other than the calculation of the rental rate, which has changed due to the occupation of a portion of the building by the City Recreation Department.

Mr. Clark noted that the Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees will entertain a motion at their meeting following the Special Meeting of Council this evening to approve the lease.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Resolution No. 20-70.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook. Tadych.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Resolution No. 20-70, as amended, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

Mrs. Stainbrook introduced and read **Ordinance No. 20-71** authorizing an agreement with Pavement Technology, Inc. for the application of Reclamite on selected City streets as included

as part of the 2020 Budget, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec stated that they are still doing catch-up on the City streets. In 2019 they were able to accomplish all of 2017 roads and started on the 2018 schedule. The list of roads on the ordinance will complete the 2018 and 2019 roads program. Mrs. Stainbrook noted that the purpose of the Reclamite is an asphalt rejuvenating agent, adding life to the pavement. It is a program that was previously discontinued, but is now restored. The cost for this year's work is \$44,767.50.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 20-71.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.
Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.
Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.
Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig.
Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 20-71, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

Motion by Mrs. Stainbrook to authorize the Director of Public Service and Properties to advertise for bids for the 2020 Pavement Marking and Street Striping Program.

Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Maier introduced and read **Ordinance No. 20-72** amending Ordinance No. 20-60 authorizing an agreement with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling Inc. for the Cahoon Basin Trail funded by the Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

Ms. Maier explained that this is a simple correction of a prior ordinance that listed the trail as “north” instead of “south.”

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 20-72.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark.

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Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- DeGeorge, Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Ordinance No. 20-72, an emergency measure, by a vote of 7-0.

Mr. Kelly called upon Director of Public Service and Properties Liskovec for a review of equipment purchases requested by the Service Department Fleet Manager.

Mr. Liskovec stated that three (3) trucks are asked to be approved for purchase this evening, as well as one piece of heavy equipment. The purchase of two of the trucks has been included in the 2020 Budget. Truck No. 20 is being replaced which was approved for purchase in 2019, but the ordering cut-off date passed prior to the budget being approved. The total for all three vehicles is estimated to be approximately \$220,000. The Excavator is estimated at \$93,000 and will have additional versatility than the equipment being replaced.

Mr. Kelly introduced and read **Resolution No. 20-73** authorizing the purchase of One (1) Complete F550 Chassis and Body Package, Two (2) F550 Chassis, Two (2) Concord Equipment Packages, and One (1) CAT Mini Hydraulic Excavator, and declaring an emergency, and moved for adoption.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Resolution No. 20-73.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Kelly, Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge.

Nays – None.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Resolution No. 20-73, an emergency measure, by a vote of

7-0.

Motion by **Mr. Kelly** to authorize the sale of One (1) Ford 675D Backhoe via internet auction, with a potential to exceed a sale amount in excess of \$5,000.

Mr. Clark explained that equipment with an expected value of \$5,000 or more to be sold by the City must be approved by Council. The equipment being sold is at least 17 years old.

Motion passed 7-0.

Motion by **Mr. Winzig** to authorize the Director of Public Service and Properties to advertise for bids for the Reese Park Basketball Court Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Winzig noted that the City installed the Pickle Ball Courts at Reese Park last year. The project now moves to the basketball courts. The amount of \$120,000 has been approved for the project with the hope of some of the work to be done by the City Service Department. This motion will approve the bidding for the entire project, with an estimated cost of \$163,685. It is a little bit higher than the original budget, but if additional money is needed funds can be moved from unspent funds from the debt originally issued for the parks.

Mr. Clark asked if this is the last Capital component of the renovation of Reese Park. Mr. Liskovec stated that there will still be lighting upgrades and fabric inserts for the fencing required. Mr. Clark noted that renovations over the past three to five years at Reese Park have included the restrooms, basketball courts and Pickleball courts. The new restrooms at Reese Park are open.

Motion passed 7-0.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Clark acknowledged the faithful attendance of Clare Banasiak, and welcomed the large group of attendees this evening.

Leslie Patzwahl, Lake Road, addressed the audience, stating that she sent a letter to the editors of *West Life* in response to the July 15 article entitled, "Community Activists seek Change in the City." She asked to read what she sent, and provide additional comments.

"My first questions to the founders of the Bay Village Anti-Racism Network: Why did you move to Bay Village and why do you stay? Was it for our excellent, state and nationally recognized school system that prepares our students for future success? Was it for the strong sense of community? Or perhaps it was because you valued public safety? Is your (apparently newfound) concern because you or your family have personally experienced inequality within our community? Have you witnessed someone else here suffering from racial injustice and discrimination? Do you think we really 'live in the bubble' when we're 10 minutes from Cleveland? Do you believe our community is oblivious to social injustice because of our demographics and therefore require enlightenment? Do you consider us inherently racist because we live in Bay Village?"

Since your members have stated you “believe racial injustice exists in the city”, then I think you really don’t know Bay Village at all. These are powerful and damning words that evoke an equally powerful response and you should be ready to defend them with specifics. Your petition outlines actions that if adopted, would affect *all* levels of this community. You want the schools, city government and the police to undergo a fundamental change. You expect this to happen even though you have failed to demonstrate that there is a legitimate problem in Bay Village, but only because you say there is? Is this to be change for change’s sake? You don’t have to prove your claim, but we have to prove we’re not?

I’ve lived in Bay Village and worked in Cleveland for 33+ years. My husband and I raised our children here and they’ve returned to raise their own families. My family and I have been active in all sectors of the local and regional community. My observation and interactions with our citizens, as well as those in our city’s institutions, have consistently been inclusive and accepting. These are our values despite your vocal allegations otherwise. So I ask you, exactly where do you see injustice, inequity and exclusion?

Every person I have ever dealt with, both personally and professionally, is judged *only* on their character. Racism is abhorrent and should not be tolerated. So not being racist is no longer enough? Now we must proclaim we’re anti-racist?

A final comment to you. The Black Lives Matter organization is an avowed Marxist-trained movement. How do you separate the slogan from their ideals?

It’s a great slogan, and it is a true statement; it can’t and shouldn’t be argued with. At this time I don’t think the slogan can be separated from the organization. Have you studied the Black Lives Matter organization’s platform? It is anti-nuclear family, anti-community, anti-education, and anti-country program. The network’s position to our City, our Board of Education, and the Police is in lockstep with the organization’s philosophy. Do you support these controversial principles, including changing school curriculum and defunding the police? Do you accept racially tense socialism, under the cover of racial reconciliation as our future? I hope the answer to these questions is no. The network has said that this is the beginning and they are not going away. I don’t see resolution, only perpetual conflict.

I find your words and actions diminish the Bay Village community, which surprisingly, you’ve chosen to live in. You certainly hold us all in low esteem. I am proud to be a Bay Village resident and you should be too.

To each of you. To not be racist is no longer enough? I have heard and embrace Martin Luther King’s words about judging people on their character and not their color. I have lived a just personal and professional life believing those words. I suspect so have each of you. But now, you’ve been judged by your color, and not your character and found guilty of being white and privileged. Intelligence, self-confidence and determination grows through time. Racism is not innate, but learned. We are already teaching our children to be just citizens.

We try to appease this network by implementing their petition demands. Does anti-racism

require separate strategies in all of our institutions? We are being told yes. So, how does this differ from current strategies/policies already in place? How do you see social and political opinions, issues and agendas fitting into our school curriculum? Have you observed any of the racial injustices the network claims are occurring in Bay Village? If the answer is yes, then certainly they have been addressed.

Regarding the Ohio Collaborative Community Policy Advisory Statewide Standards, I have no opinion at this time regarding their merits. After reviewing the reports since the formation of the Advisory Board, I see that Bay Village submitted an application in 2018, but have apparently not moved forward in the process. Have we implemented any of the seven current standards without doing so formally through the state? Is formal adoption of the standards already an expectation from our City and Police Force? I **Back the Blue** and thank you for your service.

Regarding the consideration of the network's petition, maybe you believe the claim that we are racist. I don't. Maybe you are afraid to disagree because of what people might say. I'm not. I stand by this principle, one I taught my children: If you are silent you accept what is being done. Maybe you want to expedite the process so it will all just go away. It won't. To fight injustice towards anyone, including ourselves, because these accusations are far unjust, we have to challenge the divisive narrative intolerance teaches you. We have been accused of despicable behavior without proof, and therefore is not acceptable and should be rejected. Please fulfill your sworn obligation by giving Bay Village your due diligence, by taking the necessary time to educate yourself so you really understand what is behind the BLM organization and what is literally being demanded of you and our community and institution. Regarding the upcoming vote on the emergency Resolution, I didn't see it until I came in tonight, how can you argue with it? Great words. But, I would say to you, Bay Village, our state, and our country have a shared philosophy, a shared culture, and a shared history, and it is under assault. The constitution is our bedrock to a civil society, guaranteeing equal protection under the law, and we are a beacon to the world. Your proposed Resolution pales in comparison to this guarantee. As you watch the conflict taking place across the country, and even around the world, your original message for racial justice has been lost to the anarchy. I don't know where or when it is 'going too far,' but it looks like now. Despite the current published narrative, we should never be ashamed of who we are, where we live, and the freedom we've all been given.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.”

An audience member asked Mrs. Patzwahl if she is for or against the Resolution. Mrs. Patzwahl stated that she had not seen the Resolution until tonight.

Sarah Sweeney, Oakmoor Avenue, stated she is born and raised in Bay Village. She graduated from Bay Village City Schools and her first job was with Recreation Director Enovitch at the Recreation Department. She grew up with Mr. Clark's daughter, and actually lives in Jim Otto's former house. Ms. Sweeney added that she loves Bay Village, loves the community, the people here, and a lot of things about the City. She is here as a member of the Bay Village Anti-Racism Network, but also here as a human being. Ms. Sweeney stated that her words are from her heart, and made the following statement:

“The first point that I want to make is that when we think about Bay Village, that somehow the struggle for racial justice for Black Americans is not our issue. In fact, it is very much our issue because we were created because of the discrimination against Black folks. We were a covenant community, so if you don’t know that, many of the original contracts for our homes in Bay Village, written into it, was that you were not allowed to sell your home to Black people. And, we were redlined as an ‘A’ and ‘B’ community which meant that federal loans were given to people to have homes in our community as opposed to many other places in town. Most of those homes would not go to Black people. In fact, our history really is built on why our county, and many counties in this country are segregated and have enormous disparity. The second point I want to make is a White Bay Villager to another White Bay Villager, I don’t live as a Black person in our country every day. I don’t know what that is like. None of us do. So, I think when we hear from Black people that something needs to be done that this isn’t something that can wait. We really need to listen to them. When I see a Resolution on Racism tonight, first of all I want to thank all of you for your words at the last Council meeting. I did look at those minutes and I appreciate that you all supported the Resolution. I appreciate that it is here tonight. I think that the Resolution is very safe. We look at some other Resolutions. People have specifically talked about the fate of Black Americans, police brutality, the killing of Black Americans, and I want to urge you to think about this as though this was a life or death issue for your family. Because for Black women and children in Cuyahoga County, it is a life or death issue because they are dying at rates much higher than White women and children, in childbirth and in their first year of life. Black men, women and children are being killed at the hands of police. I want you to remember when you say wait, we shouldn’t do that because that will cause controversy, I would like you to think about if that was your family, your children, your brothers, your sisters, your parents. For Black people in our community, in Bay Village, although we are a majority White, we are not just White, this is really a life or death issue. I encourage you to think about those two issues and as a member of the Bay Village Anti-Racism Network, which is really just a group of people from Bay Village, we really look forward to seeing you pass this Resolution, and next what you specifically plan to do, and if you plan to amend it and include specifics we look forward to working with you and helping you find the resources that we need.”

Mr. Clark thanked Ms. Sweeney for her comments.

Mr. Terry Courson, Lake Road, Bay Village, made the following statement:

“What is the difference between me and all of you sitting here? Just, one thing. So that is the issue. The issue is we can’t be blind to color. We have to be able to talk about these things. We have to be able to recognize what that difference is. Clearly, none of you know me, but that difference is obvious. I am Black, you are all Caucasian. That is part of the issue, is understanding that color does matter. There is a difference there that matters. So, before I address that, I want to address why we are here. Why we are here is a Resolution that was brought to the table. That Resolution is safe to me. It is safely worded; it is safely written, and although I do love a lot of it, I do ask that it be added to, that it be specific, and that it not be so safe, that it be direct. Because when you are direct with the issue, then you can solve the issue and you can have safeguards with the issue. My family is in the back. I want to know that the community I live in, the community they grow up in, is a community that accepts us, that accepts us as human beings, regardless of the color of our skin. That accepts us as intelligent, that

accepts us as thoughtful members, productive members, and an additive to this community that no other community has. Ms. Sweeney mentioned redlining and why our community is the way it is. Those are just some of the issues we face. First and foremost, we can't fix ourselves if we don't look back and see what is wrong with ourselves and admit what is wrong with ourselves. As a father, I can't become a better father if I don't first acknowledge the detriment that I may be doing in certain situations and acknowledge that I may be wrong. And, then I can go and fix that. First you have to look back and see that racism does exist here. Racism does exist in Bay Village. There is no doubt about that. I live that. I am not calling everybody a racist, I am not saying because you are white you are a racist. I am not saying that because you are a Republican you are a racist. I am not saying because you are a Democrat you are a racist. I am saying that here in Bay Village racism does exist. We need a safe place for these stories to be told. You are hearing my story. Some of you may have heard my story. Some of you may have read some of my story, my family's story. That is just a piece of this puzzle. Unfortunately, there are a lot of families here that share the same experience I do and because of the way things are here they are afraid to speak out about that. There is a family that lives next to us that they are probably the only family in Bay Village who every member of that household is Black. They are afraid to drive, to walk the streets, and they go from point A to point B and they want to get there as quick as they can and get back home to safety to be secluded. I know people who would love to buy a house somewhere. I tell them to come to Bay Village. They don't feel like this is a place that is accepting. We can deny that all we want. These are true stories. For those of you who do not know, I've been walking these streets for a purpose. Because God gave me that courage to do so I have not been marching for me; I've been marching for the whole system. The whole system of oppression of Black Americans in today's society. Part of that is recognizing here in Bay Village that it exists. I get home and I hear stories; I hear people on social media. I hear the conversations that are being had. The things that are blatant, blatant racist comments, blatant bullying comments and using it under the moniker of the name Bay Village. Using Bay Village as part of their name and their platform to allow bullying and things like this to go on. What safeguards do I have against that? What protection do other families like me have against them? We need those things here. This whole thing we are talking about right now has nothing to do with politics. It has everything to do with being a human being in today's America. We try to make it political, people try to make it that way, but it is not that way. This is a human rights issue. We are born into this world with human rights. They are afforded to us just being born into this world. And for some of us those rights are violated. People say why don't you tell somebody. Well, I have. I brought it to the Mayor. Still waiting. I've talked with the Police, sat down and had a great conversation. I've walked with and talked to Council members. I've talked to schools. I've talked to individuals. How many more people do I have to talk to? Just even accept the fact that it exists. We don't have to like it. We don't have to take it as an attack of one race to another. It is a fact of life. It is a reality that I live in this skin every single day. I wake up and walk into the world with the chips stacked against me, I have to maneuver and manipulate my way through here so that when I come home at night I can look at those kids and tell them I love them and put them to bed and they can understand and feel safe, accepted and wanted. It is quite ironic. The lady said why did you move here, and why did you stay? I refer back to the social media. It is not the first time I've heard that question. It is a common question. If you don't like it here, why are you here? I've heard it from the police, I've heard it from individuals. The question is, have you heard that? I have heard it from multiple forms. Maybe you don't feel my pain and you don't understand how that comment feels. I am not

saying its racist. That's for your interpretation. But, what I am saying I don't like it and nobody who doesn't feel safe and comfortable where they are does not like to hear that. Why can't I just come here, voice my displeasure like anybody else in this room, say I don't like something like anybody else in this room and walk out of this room and be cool with that. Why do I have to justify and say maybe I should move? Why can't I just make this my home? I chose it because I love the area. I chose it because I heard the schools were good. I chose it because I heard people were good here. I chose it because I wanted to make a difference. I am that type of person; I want to make a difference. I want to see everything I like about the community, and say, well, I'm not doing it. I am a jumper. I am a leaper. I am going to leap to the occasion to make a change, to make a difference and make a stand. If I don't do it, how can I tell somebody behind me to move here, it's pretty good? That is why I moved here and that is why I stay here. Because I chose to move here and I want to be here. Don't get me wrong. There are times that I feel like I don't want to be here. But then my personality kicks in and I say I came for a reason and I'm not running. So I don't run. You said something about racism existing only because we say so. Look around. We are not the only people in this world saying so. You just have to internalize that. Empathy comes from understanding how somebody feels, and being able to put yourself in their shoes. Now we need action. We need a Resolution. But, I will admit that Resolution is too safe for me. These kids should feel safe. When I walk down the street and I have signs on and I am saying Black Lives Matter, or Silence Equals Acceptance, or whatever is on my chest or my back I want to know that when this person calls the police because there is some crazy black man walking down the street that I am protected. It is not just about leaving me alone, it's about that person that's pushing that assault on to me. I want to know that when my son goes to school he doesn't have to hear n-----, or in the hallway. If he wants to get down on a knee and pray during the Pledge of Allegiance that he doesn't have a teacher look him in the face and say I hope you are not doing that because the football players do it. I should not have to have a police officer come into my backyard when I call them on my neighbor to tell me, you ever thought about moving? I shouldn't have to deal with a neighbor who is constantly calling the police on a cat or a weed, or whatever is going on in my yard and there is no repercussion for it. I shouldn't be driving down the street and be pulled over because I am Black. And, I fit the description of Black. Not because of my license plate that was ran. Not because I was somewhere I shouldn't have been. These are real stories. When we say these things that I just heard, it is hurtful. Because you said everyone you met thinks this way. You never met me. So, I am giving you a picture of who I am and who I am representing. All these people we haven't met yet. We want people from all over the place to reside here, and stay here, and feel safe here. I want more people like me. But we have to allow that, and accept that, and show that we care about that. Racism anywhere, is racism everywhere. Injustice anywhere, is injustice everywhere. We have to have a just system. You say that Black Lives Matter, the organization. Just think about what you say – Black – Lives – Matter. How can you take those words and put them anywhere else than what is being said. If you don't like the organization, don't like the organization, but you have to assume as a person of this earth, of God given abilities that you love Black lives. You wouldn't want somebody to not like your life. You don't have to like me. You don't have to like my family. It's not about that. It's about bringing diversity, safety, acceptance, right here in Bay Village. And making this place a home for anybody who wants to live here. It doesn't matter what color you are; what language you speak. It doesn't matter.

You say – have you ever studied the Black Lives organization. I say – have you ever studied the

Black life. Because when you look back into history and all the pain and turmoil and the things that happened, I would hope that everything would kick in and even though you can't walk in my shoes, you could at least have a glimpse, just a little piece of why we are so angry. Why we are so hurt. Why we walk around here and have backing from the community. Why we want to start an organization – Bay Village Anti-Racism Network. It is not an attack on a person. It is not an attack on White people. It is an attack on racism, period. And you don't have to be a member, and you don't have to be a certain color, but you do have to believe that racism exists, acknowledge it as real and understand that when you say things that hurt people, it hurts them deeply. COVID-19 affects African Americans higher than any other population out there. Why? Because, I would say, African Americans carry an exorbitant amount of trauma, some of that induced by systemic oppression that we live through. Fact check me. I want you to bring knowledge to yourself, because that is what I am doing. I am not here to call you a racist. I am here to say racism exists, I do not want racism accepted here in Bay Village, and I want a profound Resolution that signifies that. I don't want it to be safe. There is no middle line here. No matter which decision you make there is a group of people that will be upset. You choose to make a good Resolution; you are going to have a group of people who disagree. They are not affected. But, if you go the other way, from experience, we are affected physically and mentally. I am tired of these conversations; I am tired of having to fight this fight, but I will do it and I will do it with pride and dignity and I will do it with love. I just share this experience because I want you to understand who I am, what I stand for, and who I run with. This is a human issue, and a human issue that may not affect you like it affects this human or those other humans like me. So, I ask, if the Resolution that you set forth is a piece in the puzzle, I ask that you consider taking that stance against racism right here in Bay Village. I ask that you educate yourselves if you don't know, and I ask that you make a profound statement in this City against racism.

Amy Courson, Lake Road, Bay Village, stated that there are social services they qualify for, her husband is a teacher, and there are six of them in the family. But, she does not want that to be part of her household economics. She stated she is definitely not a socialist either. Mrs. Courson called upon her son and asked if he ever had been called the 'n' word at school. He responded that he had. Mrs. Courson stated that racism definitely exists. She stated further:

“When I think of several of the things you think about us; you don't know us. I don't know you yet. I hope we can get to know each other, and anybody else that feels attacked. We are not here to attack you. That is not what we are about. None of us are about that. There is no one that is part of this organization that would attack other people. We just want it to be safe. I don't want my son being called the n word when he gets to middle school. He wants to celebrate with his teammates in the locker room after a game and not hear things like I bet those Black kids hate getting beat by a bunch of rich, White kids. They say that stuff in Bay Village. Believe it or not. You don't hear it because nobody in the family is Black. I can't speak for anybody here. I know there are some people here that have Black kids, and the kids hear more than they want to bring home and tell you. But it absolutely happens. If you never felt like you had to move because your racist neighbor harassed your family so badly that your children hit the ground when that neighbor opens her door. If you never heard your husband be screamed at over a fence for no reason other than the color of his skin. I didn't want to believe it. If we just act like everybody else we'll be fine. We have been here for fourteen years. I didn't want to believe it. I asked another neighbor what I can do to make this neighbor happy. Should I invite her over to dinner?

She said ‘Amy, she is hateful to your family, and she is full of hate.’ And I said, well, it is not my problem. There is nothing I can argue about. I can pretend it is because we were bothering her in some other way, like the cat getting out or whatever silly thing that’s going on. Posters in the windows, every single time I had a child she would harass me. It doesn’t exist here? We’re mad because we are so sad about it. It is sad. We knew there wasn’t diversity coming out here. We knew that. We can look at all the numbers the real estate organizations can provide. We knew that but we thought if we are not brave enough to move out there how anybody else could move out there. And how, if we don’t stay here, can a family like the Garibaldi’s who live here can feel safe here. Or, other families that moved out of Bay Village because of the way they were treated. Or families that pulled out of a deal because they didn’t want to sell to a Black family and be the first family in the neighborhood that turned their house over to a Black family. I know it hurts to look inside you and say you may have picked up some prejudice ideas along the way. But, I have to do it. There are so many things that I thought, oh, Terry just talked this way, whatever, that we would be more accepted. It is heartbreaking to look into my heart and realize there is some pretty racist garbage in there, where did that come from. So, I am not pointing a finger at other people. I have to do it myself. I am sorry that you feel attacked. I am more sorry that my kids have had their hair pulled, or called the n word or their Black friends asked if their skin can be painted white. A mom heard that from her child. We have to do something about it.

Mr. Clark thanked Amy Courson for her comments.

Micah Ault, Lake Road, Bay Village, stated that he has lived in Bay Village for sixteen years and has had the pleasure of raising five children in Bay Village. Mr. Ault made the following statement:

“Two of my children that I have raised here are Black. We adopted two kids from Africa. One in the first grade, one in the fourth grade, one is in high school now, and the other is in eighth grade. I heard what you had to say and I am sorry. We love you guys. Bay Village isn’t perfect. There is no place in the entire world that’s perfect, no matter where you live. Wherever you live there are going to be issues. There are going to be problems. It is not going to be perfect. But I have lived in many places and Bay Village is the best place I have ever lived by far. There is nothing else that is even close. And, my two sons who are Black haven’t been treated differently than any of my other children. They have been loved by this community; they have been embraced by this community. They both came from very difficult situations, so they needed a little extra love. And they have had that here in Bay Village. They are probably two of the more popular kids in both of their classes. They are well loved, well accepted. Their teachers have gone out of their way just like they have for all of my other kids. They haven’t been treated different than any of our other children. They are thriving here in Bay. I know they are going to go on and they both are going to do great things. Because they are great young men and they are being molded into great things. My youngest son is very social, very outgoing, he probably knows about everybody here in Bay. He is always on his bike, he’s always travelling around and he knows most of the police officers here in Bay. He has conversations with them all the time. They go out of their way to be kind to him – to have a relationship with him. Just the other day when he was talking about them, he said ‘I love the police.’ Those were his words; I didn’t prompt them or provoke it. My kids are well loved and it is not because of the color their skin it

is because Bay Village is a wonderful place to live. And it's full of loving people. That's all I could ever experience and my children of color have ever experienced in Bay. That has been my experience as a father of two Black children in Bay Village.

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Ault for his comments.

Mr. Rob Loftis, Humiston Rd., Bay Village, made the following statement:

"I have lived in this community for about thirteen years. I moved here for the schools because I wanted my family to have a good education and they have gotten a very good education. I cannot top everything Terry said, so I want to mention one single thing. Everyone who quotes Martin Luther King quotes the I have a dream speech about content of your character. But, he said other things. The letter from the Birmingham Jail which he wrote in a jail and was smuggled out on the margins of newspapers, he said that the biggest threat he thought to the cause of civil rights was not the overt racist, but the White liberal who says, can't you just be more patient. Can't you just wait a little bit longer? I think what he meant was that it is not enough to be non-racist. You do have to be anti-racist; that is how things change. It doesn't mean you have to be anti any one person or another, it means you have to be anti to correct the problem. That's how change happens, when it happens.

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Loftis for his comments.

Tasha Sherman, Cahoon Road, Bay Village, stated that she sent a long email to Council today, and made the following statement:

"I have lived in Bay Village for nineteen years and raised four kids with my husband who was born and raised in Bay. I have a little bit of a unique perspective. I obviously follow Secret Bay Village and Bay Village Behind the Scenes. I also follow the new Bay Village Anti-Racist Network. I grew up in California, so I wasn't born in Bay. I grew up in twelve foster homes, three group homes, I have been a military spouse twice, so I have lived in seven states and I've lived abroad. And, absolutely, racism is right here in Bay Village. Of course it is. It lives within people that unfortunately you have encountered with, sir, that is absolutely unfortunate and it is wrong. My concern with this Resolution is that it is phrased as though you guys are now taking a stand for the City of Bay Village that was suddenly against racism. So while the gentleman would like a more profound Resolution, I really hope it is phrased in a way that somehow incorporates based on long time beliefs, or long time something, we feel compelled to say and remind our community that we stand and denounce racism. Anything else is accepting it and portraying to the world in these articles written that we have been racist all along. Bay Village has a lot of issues. But as the other gentleman said, the best community you could find, to attempt to at least live among those issues that are at least lessened. Part of my letter did ask, which Mr. Courson did touch base on, that the Bay Village Anti-Racist Network is not political. I follow that site and maybe the intention of the leaders is not political. That site has a lot of haters in it. It is very political. And guess what, I support President Trump. So, I would like to know who is going to define what racism is because what is not in the Resolution, they wrote on their website, they outlined – what is an anti-racism Resolution. It is a commitment from the City denouncing racism in any shape or form. What is not in the Resolution, but they shared

with all their members, and will commit to forcing any and all racism out of Bay Village. I would like to know what that means. The City will commit to forcing all racism out of Bay Village. I would like the definition of what we are clarifying and constituting as racism. We are all well aware, from growing up, that there was once a very large definition of racism. I very much, along with others, feel there is more to cover. There was a debate on Secret Bay a couple of months ago. People saying why isn't our pool open to the public. Well, because it is for residents. Well that is racist. My last child is in school; all three others graduated. My last child is a sophomore at the high school. A couple of weeks ago he is showing me that a student at the high school took a picture with a Trump hat on and was bombarded with hatred. That situation turned very sour and that student started punching back, which by no means was okay. The initial attack was you are racist. There are a lot of forms of racism. I was the minority in all 52 different schools I went to over the course of several different homes. I got the hell beat out of me by every color of every person that could ever walk this world simply because I was that Hunky sitting in the corner. We also have to appreciate that we can work to single out those that are causing you havoc and pain because that is wrong, that is absolutely wrong, while we don't adopt a Resolution that announces to the world that suddenly in Bay Village no one is going to not be racist. The wording should be changed that we have stood for it and we are not publicly making it known, whatever the wording should say, for the leaders of the City of Bay Village to accept the flaws of the few of many people that have dealt with this in Bay Village and denounce it as so. There is a whole lot of sexism in Bay. There is classism in Bay for sure. Right there on Secret Bay and all the different forums people making fun of who lives in the \$150,000 house versus the \$600,000 house, making fun of east versus west. There is a lot of wrong. It's humans. There is a lot of wrong with humans. There are stupid people that live everywhere. Fortunately saying nobody is trying to attack everybody, whose sponsoring this? The Bay Village Anti-Network Group is absolutely a political organization already. There is a lot of hate speech to be found on their website or that group page, and it is all about trashing one political side and I find that grotesque. I find the new definition of what racism is to be grotesque. If you don't support the organization, Black Lives Matter, you are racist. If you want your residents to be able to use the pool, and you don't want it open to the public, you are a racist. These things need to be clarified and I would like to understand if the Council has discussed what it is they are going to commit to, to force racism out. I would like to know who is making that judgement call. Who is making the judgement call of forcing someone out? Because they put up a Trump flag? Because, that is what they are advertising to the masses and I would be curious to know from somebody what it is they are thinking because they have in there three sets, denounce racism, actively force out racism, and Bay becomes a diverse, welcoming community. Even just a slight change, they will continue to work in all ways to be a welcoming, diverse community. Because that is what's been going on for the twenty years I have been here.

Mr. Clark thanked Ms. Sherman for her comments.

Dave Patzwahl, Lake Road, Bay Village

Mr. Patzwahl made the following statement:

“City Council isn't going to be voting on whether racism exists. You are not voting whether racism is good, whether racism is bad, whether this person is a racist, or you are a racist. What

you are being asked to vote on is to affirm the constitutional rights. If I came here next month and I asked to vote on a Resolution to confirm my constitutional rights to keep and bear arms, would we talk about that? If I came the following month and said we should make a Resolution to affirm the constitutional right of free speech, are we going to debate that, and vote on that as a City too? I just don't think, not that racism isn't bad or doesn't exist, do we have to as a City Council affirm the constitutional right by a Resolution. This, like every other constitutional right, isn't any more or less important than other constitutional rights and doesn't merit what is being asked for you to vote on, any more than any other.

Matthew Diemer, Oakmoor Road, made the following statement:

“We are all trying to make the world a little better place. I think there is a misunderstanding of what BLM is trying to do. The only thing I can do right now, through my personal experience as part of the group, what should happen in Bay. I am biracial. My dad is Black; my mom is White. When I was around ten years old my mom said to me a very profound statement and I remember it to this day. She said, I hoped and prayed that you turned out more White than Black. I am a little lighter. That told me something about society; why she wanted me to be more White than black. I grew up in towns like Bay. I have lived in Bay for six months. When I moved to Bay I knew what Bay was. Bay was just like Chardon where I lived. It was just like Solon. It was just like Bainbridge. All of those cities I lived in, they were 92% White, and I understand people who have had these problems, like Amy and her kids. I was one of those kids. I was the kid that was getting picked on in class. I taught my teachers about Black kids. When I am here thinking about the Resolution that is going to be passed, what I am hoping for Bay Village is to start the conversation. To have people like you, stand up, and talk about what that means. To hear others points of view. What I do want to have is that conversation in Bay Village. And this is a starting point to have everybody agree racism exists and figure out how these kids can have an avenue to not have these things happen, places to discuss, places to address, places to support, a community discussion of historic issues and what this is. You can call it by another name, you can call it racism or by other names others have been wanting to call it. It doesn't matter. You still haven't discussed it. Micah said this is the best town to live in. I believe he is right. But, you also have this experience, and that experience, and sexism, and east versus west, and all these other things that were mentioned in the conversations we had here, and this is one acknowledgement from the City that still need to have that conversation about racism and how we can move forward as a better Bay Village. I hope you please, approve and pass this Resolution so we can start that conversation in working toward a better Bay Village.

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Diemer for his comments.

Amber Littleton, 372 Columbia Road, made the following statement:

“As far as a Resolution goes, I second the idea that the language should be carefully looked at. It is not something that needs to be rushed into. Martin Luther King was brought up as being someone who spoke with urgency, but it was another issue that he was addressing at that time. I don't know if we can use this same comparison. I would also agree that it is not something that should be spoken about that this is a new thing that Bay Village suddenly is going to be non-racist, but more it should reiterate that Bay Village already stands against racism. I did not have

a chance to look at the Resolution, so I can't say that the language is not, but, I think it should be careful in how it is worded that we don't open up doors to allow vaguely, undefined, forcing out or mandates or whatever come through loopholes in language. It is very important and should be carefully looked at. I did not grow up in the Bay Village bubble; I grew up in Bedford, Garrettsville and Elyria. I have had about 14 years total in the Bay Village community, the past seven years being a Bay Village resident and the other seven years working in Bay Village as a home health care aide. The past six years I have been raising two dark-skinned boys along with our other children in Bay Village and it has been an amazing experience. We also, like the Aults, have two boys who came from very traumatic backgrounds and need extra support, love and acceptance to work through issues. They have received that from our community since the time they came home. We have been very active in our community. We have had experience with the Bay Schools through the sports. We volunteer in a number of community organizations. My boys and my daughter all have mentors who treat them exactly the same...with love and care. Grown-ups and positions of leadership in these organizations, Bay Village organizations, all love them and care for them and it has been absolutely amazing. Our children who are old enough, the oldest three, have taken the course through the Police Department, the Stay-at-home Course, and it was a positive experience for them. Sarah, you talked a little bit about the history of Bay Village. Having not grown up here I can't say what it was like. When we were buying our home in Bay Village we were in the adoption process, and we had to move things as quickly as we could. Everyone we talked to in the process of buying our home from the mortgage company to the relators, knew that we were going to be bringing dark-skinned boys home soon. Everyone was excited for us. It has always been full of support and we are also in the process of adopting, currently, three children who are Hispanic. We held a public event for the adoption of our first two boys, we rented out the Community House and the place was jam packed with people from our community who were all eager to support bringing these two boys home. I don't think anyone had any concern that there were going to be two dark-skinned males in our community. The same goes for our current adoption. This is not to discount any of the experiences that have happened to other individuals in the room. My heart really does break that things like that is happening to families. I guess we can agree that this is a human issue that we all deal with, that we have to continually look at our hearts and have the Lord help us examine these things. We also need to take our time because we need to differentiate between what are the systems in place that are contributing to these things, and what is just human nature coming out in isolated incidences. When I look at things in place in Bay Village and the systems that are in place, I see things that are in place that promote and usher in us loving each other, us loving our neighbors. Now, we need to have more dialogue and discuss what is happening that there aren't maybe less instances that certain people are experiencing. We need to differentiate between the feelings and the isolated incidences from actual policies and things that are in place. I say that because we had to condition ourselves to deal with trauma, having adopted two children from harder places. The lens through which we are seeing things can sometimes affect how we feel, so, we need to look at these Resolutions, we need to look at some of the things that are in place already and differentiate is this an emotional decision or is there really something going on here that needs to be addressed. I would encourage everyone to look at the language and make sure it is dealing with the issue at hand and not opening doors to something that needs more time to be looked at. I just want to thank Bay Village because it has been the best place to work through trauma and issues with the family, and have community support. There is a lot of good in our community."

Mr. Clark thanked Amber Littleton for her comments.

There being no further requests for comments from audience members, Mr. Clark stated that the agenda this evening will now move to the next item, the Resolution being discussed tonight. He stated that Council's last meeting was Monday, June 22, 2020, and as we circle back to the approval of those minutes, the motion that was made by Councilman Tadych. The minutes were 29 pages long that we jointly have to carefully proofread, with wonderful work from our Clerk of Council, Joan Kemper, who has done so for many, many years. One half of those minutes were dedicated to the events that have happened in May and June, to which we are all very sensitive to, which have brought a lot of emotions out on many, many sides. If you read the minutes, you will see in there that each and every Council member had supported putting together a Resolution, whether you agree or not, on this particular issue, denouncing racism and discrimination. As Councilwoman Nancy Stainbrook said, when we take the oath of office we will "faithfully, honestly and impartially perform and discharge the duties entrusted to us." In short, we want to do the best for Bay. We have these meetings right here. I thought it was just an excellent example of how people could spend their time, talk their opinion, not be partially judged on what they had to say.

Mr. Clark thanked everyone for coming out this evening. He noted that many times legislation will be approved on one reading. Many times it will be placed on second reading for edits. This evening we will open up the Resolution for discussion with the Council members. We may vote on it, whether people like it or not. We also understand that there is a problem in the country and we recognize that. We are trying to support what we think is in the best interests of the residents of Bay Village. Mr. Clark called upon Councilwoman DeGeorge to introduce the Resolution.

Copies of the Resolution were distributed to the audience.

Mr. Clark stated that this Resolution was drawn up with the collective input of the Law Director, the Mayor, the Human Resources Department head, and himself, and represents the best stance in terms of putting together a Resolution on the issue.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that since a lot of people here this evening are new it needs to be said that there may be some confusion about what a Resolution is. A Resolution is the will of the municipal body. It is not policy, it is not law, and it offers no enforceable assurances. When I hear we want it to be more substantive, we want more specifics in it, we have those specifics in our policies and procedures, employee handbooks, etc. To list them right here like some other cities have done, and I have received a lot of Resolutions from other cities and forwarded them on, but to list all of that here like other cities have done, to me is not the intent of the Resolution. That is a separate issue, we have our differences in the policies we lay out that we can pick apart, and we do as we go along. I don't think that this is something that has suddenly risen that we will try to reaffirm every constitutional right. What we do is take a look at what rises to the top, and that is what we work with. It is just like when COVID came in March and we created a Resolution acknowledging that COVID was a global health crisis and we had some other options in there. It is like years ago when the School District had a levy on the ballot and they came to Council asking that Council pass a Resolution in support of the levy. It is not about every single

thing, and it is about what we already know, but, once in a while an issue rises to the top where it is important to reaffirm where we stand. It is nothing new, it says right in the title that it is affirming the constitutional rights and human rights of all. I hope there is an understanding of why this isn't as specific as some would like it to be, and that is because we already have those policies in place. This is more, for me, something that came from the heart. We align with the message and we don't align with any particular group or organization, and I feel it is important to do at this particular time in our history. As Mr. Clark said, whether we agree with it or not, it is happening.

Mr. Clark thanked Ms. DeGeorge for her comments.

Sara Byrnes Maier thanked Ms. DeGeorge for her explanation, noting it was very helpful. She stated that she thinks from Council's own personal statement back in June, at least her take from hearing that from all the Council members, we all feel that there is continuing racism in this country and it is a problem. It lives in every community and one of the things that is making it bubble up so much more now besides the murders of innocent people, is the recognition that there have been a lot of policy and funding decisions over the history of this country that have created these systems, and has landed us in the position that we are in. Many of the extremely overt racist things are no longer as public, but there are a lot things that are under the surface, or that are entrenched into some of these laws, policies and funding decisions. What we have the ability to do as a City, is to look at our policies and procedures. Are there any things that we have on the books, any of the ways that we do business that are entrenching that even further, or maintaining their status quo? While we can't change peoples' minds or hearts on these issues, what we can do is take a strong look at all of our practices with that equity lens in mind and see if there is something we have been missing. Are there things that we can change that people will not experience any difference in this community based on the color of their skin? A lot goes into human nature with that, but that is the position of our City is to really look at what can we change, what might be unfair that is on the books right now, how do we change that. The Resolution as it stands, as Councilwoman DeGeorge said, doesn't get into the specifics, but that is the actions of the administration and the Council members to do that work and report back on it if there are things that we find that need to be addressed, which I am sure that there are, we address them. The police and Chief Leasure have been looking through their policies and procedures and have, well in advance of the last few months, and figuring out what are the best ways to train the police force regarding implicit bias, things like that really do affect how people relate to one another. It is continuing work that we have been doing, but also really drilling down and seeing if there is more that we need to be doing and then being honest with what are the results of that. While I would prefer to have more action in the Resolution, if we commit to do the work, have a Resolution that is affirming, that at least sets the stage that this is something that is important to our community, it is important to Council, and we are committing to do the work as well.

Mr. Clark thanked Ms. Maier for her comments.

Councilman Kelly stated that he would echo Ms. Maier's comments, stating that she summed it up pretty neatly. Mr. Kelly stated further that he does not see anything in this document, based on the fact that it is a Resolution that is particularly new or objectionable. While it is lacking in

actionable items, that is not atypical of a Resolution and its intent. The question of how we move forward, based on conversation this evening, may be contentious, and that's o.k. I appreciate the spirit of the day. In terms of what it is, it is important that we say something, and it is in keeping with each of our own independent evaluations of the circumstances that led to the creation of the document. Admittedly, it is part and parcel of this being subject to a variety of peoples' views and sensibilities. You don't always get a document that any one member is going to say this is how I would vote. I am supportive of the Resolution as is, but with the same types of remarks Ms. Maier had.

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Kelly for his comments.

Councilwoman Stainbrook stated that many of her Council colleagues are very good at speaking extemporaneously. She asked Council to bear with her on the length of her statement, which she made as follows:

“The anti-racism movement starts with the assumption of “Guilty until Proven Innocent”. This is evidenced by the movement's claims of systemic racism, White privilege, and silence is violence. The idea of being guilty until proven innocent, goes against everything our country was founded on. Specifically, the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution, that no one shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, and the Fourteenth Amendment which applies the principle of Equal Protection under the Law. Anti-racism groups across the country are demanding local governments pass Resolutions in order to “prove” they're not racist. This is unacceptable.

Additionally, anti-racism groups support the organization Black Lives Matter. I don't support BLM's platform and I don't believe Bay Village residents who I represent do either. As described on their website, BLM's mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in the violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. One component of their agenda is to: ‘Disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another.’

Here locally we have the Bay Village Anti-Racism Network. According to their website, BVAN is: A multiracial organizing network in Bay Village to work to address racism and oppression in all forms in Bay Village. Two of BVAN's organizing members are Dr. Sara Sweeney and Mr. Terry Coursen. At the organization's June 5th protest here in Bay Village, Dr. Sweeney addressed the protesters and said:

Protest video statement: We need to recognize massive systemic racism across the country including here in Bay Village and follow the lead of black leaders and tear down those systems, so that all feel welcome, safe, and celebrated in this community.

Terry Coursen in a West Life Article from June 10th said:

“I have four kids here and I grew up in a town like this and I know how difficult it was and I know that struggle and I don't want that struggle for them. There are communities like this all over America.” “I want people to see that even in a community like this, it's not what you think

it is. It's not what you see in the books, it's not what you feel. They call living here a bubble, that Bay Bubble, and I wanted to bust it."

The goal of anti-racism groups is not to pass a Resolution affirming constitutional and human rights as presented tonight. The goal is to dismantle institutions including local governments, schools, and safety forces in order to rebuild them with a focus on racial equity, meaning equal outcomes, not equal opportunity as guaranteed by the Constitution. I take these groups at their word. Initiatives include working to dismantle single-family zoning code in communities like Bay Village. It includes working to defund safety forces and create equity committees, and it includes further advocating for critical race theory in our schools. As one example, BVAN has requested to meet monthly with Police Chief Leasure and for the city to create an equity committee charged with evaluating city policies, police policies, and strategies to ensure they are anti-racist. Additionally, they're requesting that the city commit to attending BVAN training on equity, inclusion and anti-racism. They've made similar requests to the Bay Village School Board and Administration. Residents have a responsibility to be informed and decide what you want for our community.

Regarding the Resolution before Council, everything listed is already in our Constitution which represents long held principles that those of us elected, work to serve every day. As to my views on the Resolution presented, I'd like to share my statement from our June 22nd Council meeting regarding the original request made by Ms. DeGeorge. That statement reads, in part:

Racism and police brutality are unacceptable, we're united in that. On the local level, as a duly elected official, I took an oath, which I'll share tonight as it may not be familiar to you:

'I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Bay Village, and that as Councilwoman of the City of Bay Village, I will faithfully, honestly and impartially perform and discharge the duties entrusted to me as Councilwoman, according to the best of my ability and understanding during my continuance in said office, so help me God.'

This oath is no small thing, it's daunting and humbling. We all work each day to be faithful, honest, and impartial in our duties. As citizens we have rights guaranteed by the Constitution. The right to peaceably assemble, is guaranteed by the 1st Amendment and the right to equal protection under the law, is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment. Residents exercised their right to assemble during protests in June. The city supported the protests by providing manpower, equipment, and coordination with other jurisdictions. Our Safety Forces, Service Department, and Administration expertly and professionally ensured the safety of all people and property. From a public safety standpoint, it's important for residents to understand that while we always hope for the best, we have a duty to prepare for the worst. As to the 14th Amendment, equal protection under the law must be provided to all citizens. As the administration has communicated, we do that here locally by having policies, procedures, and training in place to ensure fair and equal protection for all. While residents have rights, they also have responsibilities. With that in mind, if residents have questions or concerns about any of our safety forces policies, procedures, community engagement or specific individual interactions, it's important that they bring those to the attention of city leaders. In order that Council and residents

can continue to be fully informed, I request our safety forces continue to provide updates to Council regarding policies, procedures, and on-going training.

In closing, it would be easy for me to just support tonight's general, generic Resolution. I can't in good conscience do that. Because, those rights are guaranteed under the Constitution. We all know that Bay Village is a welcoming, engaging, giving community with hard working people. I don't want our city to be the victim of misplaced anger and frustration, and therefore I don't support the Resolution as it stands currently."

Mrs. Stainbrook thanked everyone for their patience in listening to her statement.

Mr. Winzig made the following statement:

"Thank you everyone for coming tonight and taking the time to be here. It is important that we hear from you. Sometimes we hear it online, sometimes we hear it at the grocery store, but to hear from the people who have been involved in this effort first hand, I thank you for that and I think everyone from Council appreciates that. For me, professionally, words matter. I write all the time, and I construct things and I build things and I put together ideas that I hope have meaning for the people that I work with. I bring those skills to Council, so when we have documents in front of us, whether we are trying to build a playground or fix a sewer system or approve purchasing automobiles, each of us go through those documents with a fine-tooth comb. We want to make sure they are fair and precise and action oriented.

Tonight's Resolution for me is a beginning. It said in my notes that it would hopefully go on first reading, which means that starts our Council an opportunity to take a look at it and make sure that those words that we agreed to and eventually vote on are correct. Thank you for sharing your ideas and your input. Those of you who have young families, it is absolutely marvelous, we love that you are here in Bay Village and we hope your children and your family enjoy this wonderful community. We all believe that up here, and as a father who is in love with the City I hope you can enjoy it as much as I do. I am hoping we can move forward on this Resolution and get it started, and hopefully put something on our books that we as Council can work from and build off of, and in the event that we find something in our ordinances and our Charter and in our actions that could have been done in the past that we weren't aware of or something that we agree on in the future, that we would have the ability to own up, discuss it and make it better. Just like we try to make everything else better here. We appropriate tax money, we invest in the community, and when we are done we proudly can point to things and say we as a group voted on that and we supported our workers here in the City and we think we made it better. I hope tonight is a beginning and I would support this Resolution as drafted. I hope it goes on first reading to give us an opportunity to take a look at it and then vote on it when it is complete."

Mr. Tadych made the following statement:

"The words on this piece of paper are very important. Discrimination in all forms, and affirm the constitutional and human rights of all persons. And they are listed here. The different various groups. Two new groups on this that I have never seen before in the City of Bay Village address

gender and sexual orientation. That's a big deal. We are putting stuff in here that is important. And the simple words that are here, that you flow over carefully, but you just pass by, you don't understand the amount of time it takes to add a word to something like this piece of paper. This is a good piece of paper. It says nothing bad. It just reaffirms things and that is what this Council should do.

Another thing, there are people that have reached me from out of state, claiming that they belong to this group of yours, and I am elected by the people of Bay Village, not people from out of state, no matter whether they use to live here for not. And I expect to be loyal and truthful to those people, not people from out of town. When you list the membership I want members that are Bay Village if I am going to listen to them. And if I have to go through that and pick out residents of Bay Village, I will be *****if I am going to do it. I didn't mean to cuss, but it is important to me that people recognize that I am here to represent the people in Bay Village, not people in Michigan, not people in California, I don't care where they're from, if they are here I represent them. Enough said."

Mr. Clark stated that as President of Council he is tasked with several different responsibilities, one of which is to try to move our legislation as efficiently and as objectively as possible, in the best interest of the City, and there was no better representation of that than what we went through tonight while each of you patiently waited to get to this discussion. As you know, there are a lot of things going on and a lot of positive things happening in Bay Village right now. I am one vote out of seven. One of the things I hold near and dear is the opinions of my colleagues here as well. I am hearing some differences in terms of whether we look to bring this up for first reading and adoption, or whether we plan to just place it on first reading with the understanding that we can review and continue to refine it, and we can vote on it at the next meeting, which probably will be toward the end of August.

We have also received many, many communications online through our Clerk of Council Kemper, which are a matter of public record, asking for things to be passed tonight, all the way to don't even consider it. So with that, I would like to open it up to Council, from your individual standpoints, how you would like to move this tonight. I would like to move with the will of the majority tonight.

Mr. Tadych stated that he would like to personally put it on first reading and up for adoption.

Ms. DeGeorge stated that she is on the fence about it. If you put it on first reading, and you have other readings, I personally don't feel my opinion of the wording will change. I like the way it is. I did have three residents call me and say that this is so important that it should go through the process of the readings because there are a lot of people here tonight, but it might not be everybody. A lot of people didn't come because they are not meeting in social places yet. I am on the fence; I will go with the will of Council. I do believe the people that did call me also in their way did say that their opinions were passed along. This has been out there since June 22. Many, many residents know about it. To Nancy's (Mrs. Stainbrook's) point, there is a personal responsibility when you are a citizen of a town to know what is going on and be a participant of that if you so choose. I honestly, at this point, do not know how I feel about it.

Mr. Clark thanked Mrs. DeGeorge, stating that we asked for honest feedback and that is what she gave.

Mr. Clark called upon Council for further thoughts and comments.

Ms. Maier stated that she would be in favor of putting it on first reading for adoption because it is important to reaffirm. It is reaffirming these things. I don't think it is brand new for Bay Village, but also I don't want it to be that we just pass it and nothing else ever gets done with it. There has to be action behind it and communicating that back out.

Mr. Kelly stated that he supports moving forward this evening. I said my remarks about the contents, but I don't see anything radically shifting by virtue of multiple readings.

Mr. Winzig stated that he would like to see it put up for first reading and vote for adoption.

Mr. Clark stated that we try to draft our legislation as objective and unemotional as possible, which we think is the best for the residents of Bay Village. I have no problem placing it for adoption this evening. I do believe this is only the first step in a multi-step process. We also understand we are a legislative branch of government. We don't write policy. We are not the judicial side of the house here. We try to provide guidance for our residents and for those who live in our community. I will place this Resolution up for consideration tonight.

Ms. DeGeorge introduced and read Resolution 20-74 Denouncing racism, intolerance and discrimination in all forms, and affirming the Constitutional and Human Rights of all persons, regardless of race, religion, age, national origin, gender or sexual orientation, and declaring an emergency.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Clark called for a vote on the motion for adoption of Resolution No. 20-74, and moved for adoption.

Roll call on Suspension of Charter Rules:

Yeas- Maier, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly.

Nays – Stainbrook.

Roll call on Suspension of Council Rules:

Yeas- Maier, Stainbrook, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly.

Nays – None.

Roll call on Inclusion of the Emergency Clause:

Yeas- Maier, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly.

Nays – Stainbrook.

Roll call on Adoption:

Yeas- Maier, Tadych, Winzig, Clark, DeGeorge, Kelly.

Nays –Stainbrook.

Mr. Barbour announced adoption of Resolution No. 20-74, an emergency measure, by a vote of 6-1.

Ms. Maier advised that she will hold a Planning, Zoning, Public Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 19 at 6 p.m., via Zoom technology. The focus will be on the Tree Ordinance.

Mr. Tadych advised that he will hold a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the Bay Village City Hall Council Chambers.

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Mr. Tadych stated that he was talking with people from the City of Westlake, and he was somewhat amazed that the senior van is still operational in Westlake and they have been through the whole epidemic. Mr. Tadych stated that he thinks the City of Bay Village should be looking at something of that nature here.

Mayor Koomar stated that they are actually retrofitting vehicles with plastic. Part of the problem was all of our drivers were in the risk factors category, so we took an abundance of caution and positioned not to run the van. The Director and Assistant Director worked with residents who needed that transportation for medical appointments and confirmed that family members can continue that service and no one is left out. About two weeks ago the discussion was started with Community Services Director Selig to move back in that direction.

Mr. Tadych stated he has one more report that he has complained about for years, and that is the trucks on Wolf Road. He doubts that any trucks have been stopped and ticketed for driving on Wolf Road, they belong on Lake Road, and he would like to see that enforced. Mr. Tadych stated further that every morning he can look out his windows and he sees large semi-trucks tearing up the roads, the roads that the citizens have to pay for, and it is time we do something about it, and that is stop traffic on Wolf Road. Trucks are not allowed and they shouldn't be on it. They should be warned and then ticketed.

Ms. DeGeorge thanked everyone for their attendance this evening. She stated she does not want anyone to go away mad or feeling like they have questions that weren't answered. Speaking for everyone, whoever you are comfortable talking to on Council if you have continued questions or concerns, please do so. There was a lot of confusion with the petition and the Resolution, so if there are continuing questions please feel free to reach out and Council members will be happy to talk to you one-on-one. You are also welcome here at a meeting.

Mr. Winzig stated that there were many communications from the residents. Do they need to be read into the record?

Mr. Barbour stated that at a Special Meeting of Council there are not communications; in a Regular Meeting there are communications. The communications this evening will become part of the minutes. *Clerks Note – A list of communications received prior to 3 p.m. July 27, 2020 is attached. Please contact jkemper@cityofbayvillage.com to read individual communications in their entirety.*

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Mr. Clark stated that many people wrote in via email as well. There are people who could not make the meeting tonight but do have a stance on the position.

Mr. Clark stated that he will be in contact with everyone concerning a Special Meeting date in August. A Cahoon Memorial Park Trustees meeting will be held following tonight's meeting.

There being nothing further to come before Council this evening, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

/s/ Dwight A. Clark
Dwight A. Clark, President of Council

/s/ Joan Kemper
Joan Kemper, Clerk of Council

Communications

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The following communications have been received:

An email on Tuesday, June 23 from Joie Matousek and Carrie Koran expressing concern about the opening of the Bay Village pool during this summer season.

An email on Friday, July 3 from Alexis Colan urging Council to make sure that mask-wearing is voluntary, not mandatory, in communities.

An email on Sunday, July 5 from Anthony Petrello, Jr. asking that Council reconsider the ban on above-ground pools.

An email of support from Jared and Shannon Woodford in appreciation of the opening of the swimming pool and the work of the Recreation Department staff.

An email from Virginia Ward thanking Recreation Director Enovitch for the opening of the pool and the restrictions in place.

An email from Michelle Babson noting how impressed she was with the operation of the pool this summer and the safe environment as it operates.

E-mails from Pat Andler, Lindsay Eichenberger, and Aimee Maiure urging that mask-wearing be voluntary, not mandatory.

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An email from Molly Sweeney, representing the Bay Village Anti-Racism Network outlining requested anti-racism commitments by the Mayor, City Council, Superintendent Hausmann and the Bay Village School Board, and Police Chief Kathy Leasure.

An email from Brenda Warner stating that she stands by the Bay Village Police Department and the adequate training they have received, and that our elected city officials are competent and intelligent, representing the city well, and should represent a cross section of citizens.

A communication from Marilyn and Greg Baeppler expressing appreciation to the police and fire chiefs for the first rate police and fire personnel, and their equipment.

An email from Leslie Patzwahl addressing the claims of the Bay Village Anti-Racism Network.

An email communication from Molly Sweeney requesting that the July 27 meeting of Bay Village City Council permit discussion of and present a formal Council anti-racism resolution.

An email from Dr. Daniel Sweeney to President Clark and Councilman Winzig in regard to the Bay Village Anti-Racism Network, and urging passage of the resolution of Council.

An email from Andrew and Kristin Hunt, endorsing the passage of the Anti-Racist Resolution.

An email from Maria Lierena and her husband, Frank Scialdone asking consideration to adding a proposal to the anti-racist resolution and urging discussion on how intolerance and racism impacts our community.

An email from Jenny Whitehead requesting consideration that the city website include a place to bring people together through their interests.

An email from Jan Kinson denouncing racism in all forms.

An email from Emma Spirollari urging passage of the anti-racism resolution of City Council.

Email from Thomas Hemsath favoring the passage of the anti-racism resolution.

Email from John Hemsath favoring the passage of the anti-racism resolution.

An email received today from Tasha Sherman outlining concerns about the Anti-Racism Resolution proposed by the Bay Village Anti-Racism Network, and hoping to hear dialogue about these concerns at this evening's meeting of Council.

An email from Christine and Rich Donahue urging Councilman Winzig to vote for the anti-racism resolution, and Mr. Winzig's response to Mr. and Mrs. Donahue.

An email communication from Elaine Kosco, urging Councilman Tadych to do his part in helping to pass the resolution against racism this evening.

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An email communication from Dan Sweeney urging immediate adoption of the Anti-Racism Resolution to stand on the right side of history against racism.

An email from Mary Sullivan requesting passage of the Anti-Racism Resolution, noting that it will send an important message that racism has no home in Bay Village.

**Members of Council have been provided with copies of all of the communications.