

**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 7, 2021

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL was held virtually via Zoom and viewed on the City of Ashtabula website and Facebook page as well as Spectrum channel 1024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Council President. The Ward 1 Councilor offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members Present**

Ward 3 Councilor – Ms. Laydean Young, Ward 4 Councilor – Ms. Octavia Harris, Ward 5 Councilor – Ms. Jane E. Haines, Ward 1 Councilor – Mrs. Kym A. Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor – Mr. Calvin Crawford, Council Vice President – Mr. Michael D. Speelman, Council President – Mr. John S. Roskovics

**Officers Present**

City Manager – Mr. James M. Timonere, City Solicitor – Mr. Michael Franklin, Clerk of Council – Mrs. Stacy H. Senskey

**Officers Absent**

Finance Director – Ms. Traci R. Welch

**COVID-19 Update Presentation by:**

**Christine Hill, Health Commissioner, Ashtabula City Health Department (ACHD)**

Good news for Ohio, as of June 2<sup>nd</sup> most of the pandemic public health orders were lifted. Ohio cases are trending down and average 54.9 per 100,000 people. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends masking if not fully vaccinated. Have a mask handy, as they are still required in some settings. Ashtabula County cases average 83.3 per 100,000, the seventh highest of Ohio's 88 counties. Ashtabula County totals: 7,317 positive cases, 558 hospitalized, 184 deaths, 5,364 patients released from quarantine with symptoms resolved. City of Ashtabula totals: 1,450 positive cases, 98 hospitalized, 30 deaths. The ACHD is managing 10 to 15 active cases daily. The focus is now on vaccination. Ashtabula County's vaccination rate is 40.67%. The vaccination rate for the area with the 44004 zip code is 44.38%. ACHD is scheduling many smaller-sized clinics at community locations, businesses, drive-thru and walk-ins, and long-term care facilities. ACHD has been and will continue providing vaccination information translated into Spanish.

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June Vaccination Clinics:

Thursday 6-10-21, 2:30pm-5:30pm Drive-thru clinic for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> doses Ashtabula Municipal Building parking lot-inclement weather clinic will be in council chambers.

\*Janssen (J&J) and Moderna\*

Friday 6-11-21, 2:00pm-5:00pm Edgewood Nazarene Church 3025 N Ridge Rd East I front of the Ashtabula Towne Square Mall. \*Pfizer and Janssen (J&J) and Moderna\*

Saturday 6-12-21, 9:00am-1pm Community clinic in the Ashtabula Towne Square Mall parking lot in front of the old Dillard's working with Ashtabula County Medical Center (ACMC), UH Hospital, Ashtabula City & County Health Department and Conneaut City Health Department. \*Pfizer and Janssen (J&J) and Moderna\*

Saturday 6-19-21, 11:00am-4:00pm Clinic on Bridge Street in the Ashtabula Harbor located in the lot next to Farmhouse Vintage (1463 Bridge St). \* Janssen (J&J) and Moderna\*

- All those vaccinated at this clinic will be eligible to win “Bridge Street Bucks” prize
- “Smash Adams” food truck will be open and operating in the Farmhouse Vintage parking lot

Please note those vaccinated at these aforementioned clinics are eligible to enter Ohio's Vax-A-Million drawing by registering at [ohiovaxamillion.com](http://ohiovaxamillion.com).

**Sunshine Law**

The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Ohio Sunshine Law as modified by House Bill 404 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Harris seconded to suspend the Council Rules of Order for the duration of the meeting. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; Mr. Speelman voted nay; motion CARRIED.

**Executive Session**

The Council President announced a request for an Executive Session prior to meeting adjournment for the purpose of discussion of personnel matters of employment. Mrs. Foglio moved, Ms. Young seconded to approve the request. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Clerk of Council presented minutes from the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Regular meeting. Mr. Roskovics moved; Mrs. Foglio seconded to waive the reading of the minutes. On the roll

call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

### **City Manager Report and Communications**

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into a partnership with the County of Ashtabula to file an application with the Ohio Development Services Agency to apply for Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Grant funds. Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to approve the request. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with BissNuss Inc. with a mailing address of 7 Court Street, Suite 210, Canfield, Ohio 44406 for the purpose of providing materials and two (2) combination Vent and Flame Arresters for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Young seconded to approve the request. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Incentive Agreement with the Ashtabula County Medical Center (ACMC) and Cleveland dental Institute for a tax abatement at 75% for 10 years for the expansion of a dental practice within a commercial structure at 2203 Lake Avenue. Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Harris seconded to approve the request. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to authorize the new Codified Ordinance Chapter 1339 entitled Residential New Construction and Additions. Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to approve the request. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to execute Change Order #2 with A.P. O'Horo with a mailing address of 3130 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44505 for the purpose of implementing quantity additions and deletions for work performed to the contract in the amount of zero and to increase the contract period by 724 days from May 12, 2019, to May 5, 2021. Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Roskovics seconded to approve the request. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

The City Manager formally requested an ordinance to enter into an agreement with IEN Risk Management Consultants with a mailing address of 1084 Walnut Blvd., Ashtabula, OH 44004 as consultant for the City of Ashtabula Health Insurance program in the amount of \$10,000.00 annually for a period of two years. Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Roskovics seconded to approve the request. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms.

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Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

### **Clerk of Council Report**

In November of 2020, Ohio House Bill 404 extended a temporary law authorizing public bodies to hold meetings virtually until July 1, 2021. Governor DeWine said we could loosen restrictions as of June 2. Among the many confusing covid circumstances, this was no less. I appreciate City Council, City Administration and City residents who demonstrated their understanding by complying with our decisions and building restrictions moving forward.

I questioned municipal clerks around the State of Ohio about their meeting set-up during this transitional time. Here's what I found out: Several municipalities never stopped meeting in person, allowing the public to attend with restrictions such as social distancing and masking. For some, only Council and Administration met in person, but starting in June the public may enter the building with restrictions of social distancing and masking. Some going so far as taking temperatures. Many municipalities decided to keep June remote and return to in-person meetings in July with restrictions as set for the building.

Several municipal clerks asked me to share my survey results with them, because their Council & Administration is unsure of the best course of action for their community. Whatever way this Council chooses to follow for future meetings, I feel assured by the knowledge their decision is based on public health while continuing to ensure meetings are accessible.

### **Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Report and Communications**

The Committee Chair reported from the June Parks & Recreation Board. A paint day is scheduled for this weekend, June 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon, to paint the railings at Walnut Beach. Volunteers are needed. Ashtabula Rotary wants to donate three benches for Highland Beach. Bands on the Beach is being scheduled this year and sponsored by ACMC. Clay Street is the concessionaire for Walnut Beach and will be open starting Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The restrooms will be open when the concession stand is operating. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

### **Finance and Personnel Committee Report and Communications**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers.

### **Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/School Committee Report and Communications**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

### **Safety Forces Committee Report and Communications**

The Committee Chair gave a report from the May meeting (minutes attached). The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. in Council Chambers.

### **Legislation Agenda**

- Formal Legislation Request(s): no additional requests came before Council.
- Form and Correctness – met per City Solicitor.
- Public Discussion (on legislation only)
- The Council President provided a brief overview of the Legislation Agenda.

### **Legislation Reading**

Mr. Crawford requested to vote on 2021-52, Mr. Speelman requested to vote on 2021-56 separately and not in Consent Agenda format.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-52 Second Reading AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST 16TH STREET BETWEEN HARBOR AVENUE AND COLUMBUS AVENUE (Safety Forces Committee & City Council) Mrs. Foglio moved, Ms. Young seconded to waive the reading of legislation. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED. Mrs. Foglio moved, Ms. Harris seconded to adopt 2021-52. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; Mr. Crawford voted nay; motion CARRIED.

Request Legislation Presentation by Consent Agenda: Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Roskovics seconded to dispose of Ordinance Nos. 2021-55 and 2021-57 through 2021-59 by consent agenda. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-55 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A PORTION OF LAKE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA TO BE KNOWN AS “DR. SHELBY WAY” IN MEMORY AND RECOGNITION OF THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE DR. REGINALD W. SHELBY, M.D. TO THE PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO (City Council)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-57 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF ASHTABULA TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT FUNDS (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-58 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY MEDICAL

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CENTER (ACMC) AND CLEVELAND DENTAL INSTITUTE FOR TAX ABATEMENT AT 75% FOR 10 YEARS FOR THE EXPANSION OF A DENTAL PRACTICE WITHIN A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE AT 2203 LAKE AVENUE (City Manager)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-59 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BISSNUSS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATERIALS FOR TWO (2) COMBINATION VENT AND FLAME ARRESTERS AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (City Manager)

Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to waive the reading of the legislation. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Foglio moved; Ms. Young seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-56 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1339 ENTITLED RESIDENTIAL NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONS (City Manager)

Mr. Roskovics moved; Mr. Crawford seconded to waive the reading of the legislation. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; motion CARRIED.

Mrs. Foglio moved; Mr. Roskovics seconded to waive the Charter requirement of two readings. On the roll call: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Speelman, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; Mrs. Foglio, voted nay; motion CARRIED.

On the roll call to adopt the legislation: Ms. Young, Ms. Harris, Ms. Haines, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Roskovics voted yea; Mrs. Foglio, Mr. Speelman voted nay; motion CARRIED.

**Unfinished Business**

The proposed Chapter 1123 Lakefront Residential Zone was withdrawn for further review by the City Manager, City Solicitor and Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development based on comments from residents.

**New Business/Tell Us Something We Don't Know**

Ward 1 Councilor expressed her concern about the house construction intended for the Harbor High School property. The plan is to build seven single family houses using 41 to 51 foot sections. She believes the minimum frontage for a City lot is 60 foot. The City Manager stressed neither he nor the Assistant Director of Planning & Community Development approve the plans, though the Administrative Board and Ashtabula Historic

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Preservation Commission have approved the “zero lot line” plan. Adjacent property owners wrote letters of support for the project. The concept is similar to townhouse or condominium living and includes benefits such as a homeowner’s association. The houses will likely appeal to a variety of people and carry a price point around \$200,000.

Ward 2 Councilor – Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Historic Ashtabula Harbor is celebrating Slice of Summer. Street vendors and children’s activities and the covid vaccination clinic are planned for the event.

Ward 5 Councilor – City Council received a plaque from the Ashtabula County Metroparks for supporting the construction of the North Shore Trail during a celebration on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA) is hosting an open house for commercial and retail business opportunities in downtown Ashtabula on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Ward 4 Councilor – Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., a Juneteenth celebration is scheduled at Lakeshore Park. Guest speakers, artists, food, prizes, and awards are planned for the event. The NAACP will present awards to the art and poem contest winners. Volunteers are needed and should contact Ms. Harris, or celebration coordinators Sal Jackson and Ausia Robinson. She will share the information on Facebook.

Council President – Blessing of the Fleet is Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk of Council – Also on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon, Community Cat Coalition of Ashtabula County (CCCAC) along with Country Neighbor and Willowick Pet Food Pantry is handing out food for people in need and for those struggling to feed their pets. Contact the Clerk for more information. CCCAC has fixed over 200 cats county-wide, nearly half of those in the City of Ashtabula.

### **Public Discussion/Comments on General Matters**

None

### **Executive Session**

The Council President announced the executive session would convene off camera. After the executive session was over, the Council President reconvened the public portion of the meeting, with no action taken.

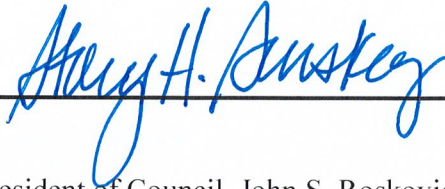
### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by the President of Council.

City Council will meet virtually on Monday, June 21, 2021. The Pre-Council Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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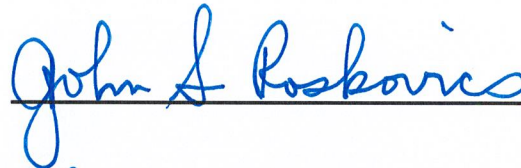
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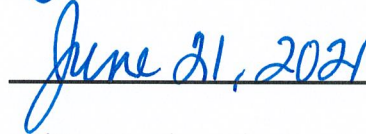
Attested by:

President of Council, John S. Roskovics



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Date Approved:



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Attachments:

- May Safety Forces Committee Meeting Minutes



**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT**

NAME OF COMMITTEE:  
**Safety Forces (SF)**

DATE: Monday, May 24, 2021

MEETING TIME & PLACE: 8:30 a.m. – Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair/ Vice President Michael Speelman  
Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio

COUNCIL/ADMINISTRATION/STAFF:  
City Manager James Timonere, Chief of Police Robert Stell,  
Fire Chief Shawn Gruber, Clerk of Council Stacy Senskey

SPECIAL GUEST: Elder, Emory Moore

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**REPORT OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED**

**Elder, Emory Moore**

Chief Stell invited Mr. Moore to explain his role during APD candidate interviews to the Safety Forces Committee. Mr. Moore is working with the NAACP as a liaison to the APD and AFD to bring diversity and develop relationships between community members and Ashtabula’s Safety Forces. He sat in on the interviews of all eight candidates, two of which are minority candidates from the community. Another candidate is a female and Mr. Moore would like to be able to help her also. He recommends candidates attend the Police Academy first, to increase their experience for the interview process. He is developing a list of standard questions to use for the next round of interviews. He aims to begin a process through Atech’s firefighter training program to establish minority candidates for future AFD hires. He enjoyed learning about the hiring process and appreciated being included in the interviews. The experience proved to him that the APD is serious about bringing diversity to the City’s safety forces. He appreciates the time to speak to Council about what he’s learned. Chief Stell said he appreciates Mr. Moore’s participation, and he showed his seriousness to the project. Other officers involved in the process grew to know Mr. Moore better and appreciated his input. Chief Stell thought it was successful and plans it to continue to be in the future. Committee Chair Speelman expressed his appreciation, noting diversity in Safety Forces is important for the City of Ashtabula. None of the candidates have been offered the job yet, polygraph tests are scheduled for next week and further discussions will take place afterward. Mr. Moore added, if they (the minority candidates) are hired, the scholarship money is available to pay for their Police Academy. Chief Stell said it costs a candidate around \$5000 to attend a Police Academy. Chair Speelman questioned outreach efforts in local schools to educate students of the City’s Safety Forces. Chief Gruber needs to speak 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students around Ashtabula County to encourage them to attend Atech’s firefighter training program. The City Manager noted nobody under the age of 21 can be commissioned for the police per State of Ohio law. But young adults interested would do

well by enrolling in criminal justice courses. Mr. Moore is also working on getting information into the schools. Career Days will hopefully start again and would be a good way to introduce these ideas. Mr. Moore appreciates the cooperating with the City on this project and looking forward to a bright future.

#### **Ashtabula Police Department (APD)**

Chief Stell submitted statistics for the month of April 2021. Calls for service were typical for April. Captain Cornelius will be assigned traffic details on the motorcycle once the weather gets better.

#### **Ashtabula Fire Department (AFD)**

Chief Gruber submitted a monthly report, including a two year look back for comparison purposes. It will be interesting as time progresses what the report shows, considering the statistics during the pandemic.

#### **Civil Service Commission**

The Commission is planning an entrance exam in September for the Fire Department. People interested in signing up for the exam, the City Website <https://www.cityofashtabula.com/city-manager> , look for Employment Opportunities or <http://ashtabulafire.com/> look for Entrance Exam 2021. For the APD, a Lieutenant test is coming up for an internal promotion. The Committee Chair announced members of the armed forces obtain extra points on their civil service exam. The AFD usually keeps a standing list when openings become available.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Washington Avenue**

A resident of Washington Avenue feels the street is too narrow for parking on both sides of the road. He also suspects a house on the east side of drug activity. The City Manager received clarification this complaint is about Washington Avenue between Bunker Hill to 58<sup>th</sup> Street. He advised Chief Stell to examine. Chief Stell has been alerted of drug activity on Washington Avenue.

##### **West 58<sup>th</sup> Street**

A resident reported motorists speeding on West 58<sup>th</sup> Street and requests more speed limit signs. The City Manager said there is a speed sign entering West 58<sup>th</sup> from Main Avenue, heading towards West Avenue there are a few more. He can add signs. Chief Stell stated speeding is the most common complaint on every street in the City.

##### **Ashtabula Police Department Narcotics Investigative Unit (APDNIU)**

The City Manager and Chief Stell announced the APDNIU has been extremely successful, so much so that they were approached by the FBI to enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for collaborating services. Called the Safe Streets Task Force, FBI brings resources and funds to expand activities, supplies and equipment. They will maintain a presence in the APD facility, increasing efficiencies, and allowing officers to investigate outside City limits. The officers assigned to the task force will have federal commissions giving them jurisdiction to track a problem initiated within the City limits, to other states and possibly other countries. Chief Stell and APD have worked well with the FBI and the DEA in the past and is encouraged by this new relationship. Vice-Chair Foglio appreciates all Chief Stell's and the APD efforts of taking on this project at the City level.

### **The Bike Lane**

Mr. Moore stated many people do not understand the bike lane especially on West Avenue. This project was initiated by Ashtabula County Metroparks (ACM) with heavy involvement from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The funding ACM obtained for the project required strict guidelines and transportation rules in its design. The City also participated in the project. The Bike Lane from Route 20 to Lake Avenue is less than two miles. From Route 20, the bike lane is narrow along the east side of West Avenue, because it is strictly a bike lane there. The buffer zone required for that area is much smaller and the sidewalk is meant for use by pedestrians. Heading toward West 38<sup>th</sup> Street, West Avenue widens, and the sidewalk disappears. This is where the bike lane is combined with a pedestrian walkway, requiring a twelve foot buffer zone shown as the striped area. Instead of two six (6) foot bike lanes on both sides of the road, the bike lanes were combined for two-way bike traffic and pedestrians on the east side. The many businesses on the west side. As it widens is where the problems seem to happen, so cones were set out over the weekend. Soon the ACM will install removable delineators, to outline the area. When the bike lane was first proposed, the City Manager wanted West Avenue to have three lanes, two lanes going north and south, and a center turning lane, but since there was no sidewalk, space was required for pedestrians. The future objective is to reexamine the three lane plan; the City Manager has a few possible solutions. Keeping four lanes on West Avenue encourages speeding. The bike lane should not be used for making right hand turns. Committee Chair Speelman enjoys using the bike lane and is glad it's available here. 127 Ashtabula "A"'s with a person walking display the areas pedestrians can utilize. The bike lane brings tourists to the City who in turn, will spend money in the City. Many cyclists are visiting Bridge Street.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting is Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 time to be determined.

**Adjourn** – The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Scribe: Stacy H. Senskey, Clerk of Council