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Amelia Earhart series continues

*The sixth in a series of articles
continues here about a group of
Garfield Heights men who traveled
to Saipan in the 1960's in search of
what really happened to Earhart and
her navigator, Fred Noonan, and the
answers they brought back!*

By Ellen Psenicka

(In last week's Earhart installment, noted anthropologist Raymond Baby, to whom the Kothera group gave the "Saipan bones" for analysis, tells the men that his findings showed that the cremated bones were those of a white female, probably aged 40, with the single uncremated bone those of a male.

The men enlist retired veterinarian and author Joseph Davidson to write a book on their adventures, and Florence Kothera continues to track down Earhart's dentists to find evidence that the bridgework they found was hers.

She also made the rounds in Washington, D.C., visiting the National Archives for information, talking with the State Department, Office of Naval History, Office of Naval Intelligence among others, coming to dead ends at every turn.)

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More NN 'Freebies' offered to our readers

The Neighborhood News has free tickets to give away for local events published in its weekly edition. Stop in to The Neighborhood News, 8613 Garfield Blvd., Garfield Heights, and enter to win.

The most recent giveaway is two tickets to the St. Therese Parish Picnic at Klima's Garden in Cuyahoga Heights on Sunday, September 8, celebrating the Brown's opener and the 100th anniversary of the NFL. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, September 4.

Also up for grabs are two tickets to Sokol Greater Cleveland's Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 14, at Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; music starts at 7 p.m. Deadline to enter is Friday, September 6.

Winners will be notified by phone and are limited to one winning entry every six months. Stop in today during normal business hours and enter the drawings!

New DNA tests ordered in 1987 slaying of G.H. girl

The Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and The Porchlight Project have announced a new initiative to solve the 1987 murder of 17-year-old Garfield Heights resident Barbara Blatnik.

On December 20, 1987, around 10 a.m., police discovered Blatnik's nude body alongside O'Neil Road, a narrow access road that leads into Blossom Music Center off Steels Corners Road. Blatnik was last seen alive the night before when a friend dropped her off at the corner of Warner Road and Grand Division Avenue around midnight, police said. Her injuries were consistent with strangulation.

Earlier this month, the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department asked the Bureau of Criminal Investigation to conduct additional tests on DNA found under Blatnik's fingernails to generate a more complete genetic profile of the suspect.

S.V.'s Iron Ward Festival to hold summer finale Friday

Cleveland's Summer 2019 was beautiful, but it couldn't last forever. Slavic Village is set to salute the season this Friday, and is inviting everybody to the farewell party.

This Friday, August 30, at 7 p.m., the Iron Ward Festival's Goodbye Summer Party will be held at a festively decorated Dan Kane Park, East 65th St. and Kenyon Ave., just south of Broadway.

Headline performer will be K.C. Harmon's popular Unique Blues Band performing a versatile blend of jazz, blues, R&B and pop. There will also be free, freshly grilled hot dogs, free ice cream, free balloons and games for the kids and tons of door prizes. Grand prize will be a shiny-new Kent 27" 21-speed hybrid bicycle.

A brightly lit stage and fire pit will carry the party well into the evening. Birthday cake will be served to celebrate the Iron Ward's 15th anniversary. Sunny mid-70s weather is expected.

Admission is free and open to all residents and friends of Slavic Village, so bring your lawn chairs and all the friends, family and neighbors you can find!

Partnership brings career planning opportunities to Maple Hts. residents

A program starting this fall is uniting Tri-C, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland and Maple Heights city and schools, as announced last week in a news release from John Horton, Tri-C media relations manager.

Academic and career guidance will be offered to Maple Heights residents over the next year through a pilot program between Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) and community partners.

The program is designed to help residents in the city select a career path and find the training needed for employment in their chosen field. The goal is to connect people to jobs with family-sustaining wages and high growth potential.

Tri-C is collaborating on the project with Maple Heights City Schools, the city of Maple Heights and the Urban League of Greater Cleveland.

"Education and workforce training opens the door to opportunity," said Alex Johnson, president of Tri-C. "The college is committed to meeting the community where they live to change lives and put a better future within reach."

The program's first session begins this fall at Maple Heights High School, with additional sessions later in the year. The plan is to enroll up to 20 adults in the inaugural course. The enrollment focus is on young parents and recent high school graduates.

"Our school district is deeply invested in not just the lifelong success of our students, but in the success of everyone in our community," said Charlie Keenan, superintendent of Maple Heights schools. "This partnership will create opportunities and pathways to success for everyone."

The course is being created by Tri-C and the Urban

League, which will collaborate to develop a curriculum that targets career exploration. Sessions will also cover basic skills needed to turn job training into job offers.

Upon completion of the course, graduates will have the opportunity to continue their education and training at Tri-C or through Urban League programs.

The program reflects Tri-C's commitment to partnerships and the values and mission of each organization.

Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell views the program as a way to grow talent in the city.

"Our residents will be able to expand their career opportunities through this partnership leading to better jobs with better pay," Blackwell said. "The success they find will help improve the quality of life in Maple Heights while strengthening households and the overall community."

AMELIA EARHART

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It has been 50 years since the Kothera group told their story to author Joe Davidson and the publication of his book "Amelia Earhart Returns from Saipan." The major players in the story have all passed away, except for expedition photographer Marty Fiorillo and Carol Matonis, wife of Ken Matonis, who initiated the trips to Saipan with best friend Don Kothera.

Carol Matonis has said that all the men of the group eventually had businesses to run when they returned from Saipan, which meant time was scarce to further investigate their findings and the evidence they had collected. But it wasn't necessary because Don Kothera's wife, Florence, "made it her life's work," as Carol Matonis said, to explore every avenue possible to prove that her husband and the others had found the remains of Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan.

UPDATES

• In a January 16, 1977, newspaper article in the Elyria Chronicle-Telegram by Rosemary Armao of United Press International it stated that the Kothera group was seeking to file a lawsuit in federal court for the release of all government records on Earhart and Noonan under the Freedom of Information Act. By this time, Don and Florence Kothera had moved to Las Vegas, Nevada.

It also mentioned in the story that, "The plane Kothera had seen (on Saipan in 1946) he learned had nothing to do with the Earhart flight. It was a vintage 1926 Navy plane." One mystery solved.

• In correspondence to Carol and Ken Matonis dated March 25, 1998, Florence Kothera writes: "We can forget about getting DNA from the teeth.... Talked to several laboratories and we need the bone. I am still working on getting a grant."



Carol Matonis and Marty Fiorillo had a mini-reunion earlier this year in Carol's Sagamore Hills home to discuss the Kothera group's expeditions and their findings with reporter Ellen Psenicka. Carol's husband was Ken Matonis, who with Don Kothera led both expeditions to Saipan. Marty was photographer on their second trip.

Photo by Michael Psenicka

• In further undated correspondence, presumably from Florence Kothera, she writes: "DNA! That's the thing... Get those bones to a DNA lab. The one in Maryland can find out the blood type. If the bones are type A, like Amelia's, and Noonan's type is someplace on file... wouldn't that be something."

And so, sometime after 1982, the Kotheras called Dr. Baby at his home in the Columbus, Ohio vicinity to ask him to return the bones they had given him for analysis and safe keeping so many years ago. With the advent of DNA testing, they hoped those bones could verify what they already knew - that they were those of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan.

When Kothera called, Dr. Baby's son, Bruce Baby, answered the phone. Dr. Baby had died, he said. Kothera said they wanted to pick up the "Saipan bones" from the museum where it was presumed they would be since Baby had his office there. But in subsequent calls after Bruce Baby had searched his father's office and home, he said he could not find the bones and had no idea where they would be. The bones, the only tangible evidence besides the dental bridgework brought back by the Kothera group from a grave in Saipan in 1968, were gone.

• Florence Kothera, who died in 2002 at the age of 70 in Las Vegas, worked tirelessly until her death to find U.S. Navy and Marine records on the statements of Everett Henson and Billy Burks that they had dug up a grave on Saipan in 1944, under orders from Marine Captain Tracy Griswold, purported to be that of Amelia Earhart, and what had happened to the bones they had retrieved. She also sought records to verify the claims of so many Saipan natives the Kothera group had interviewed that many of them had seen Earhart and Noonan on the island in 1937.

The following letter to Florence from an official with the Marine Corps Historical Center in Washington, D.C. dated June 8, 1992, is representative of the scores of disappointing letters she received from various government officials who could or would not provide her with answers.

Dear Mrs. Kothera:

This is in response to your recent Freedom of Information Act requests to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and to the Office of the Surgeon General concerning Amelia Earhart Putnam and Frederick Noonan. Your letters were recently forwarded to this office from the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army.

As we have indicated to researchers in the past, the Marine Corps conducted an extensive investigation in 1965 into allegations that Marines were involved in the excavation of a grave on Saipan believed to be that of Amelia Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan. Official Marine Corps files were examined with negative results. Officers who were present on Saipan during World War II, and who would have known if such an excavation took place, were also queried and provided written statements that to their knowledge there was no such excavation of remains. We hope this information proves useful.

Sincerely, B.M. Frank, Chief Historian
History and Museum Division

• Don Kothera, over the years, sent many letters to congressmen, generals, to the Navy, Marines and other government offices seeking to have the statements of Henson and Burks entered into official records.

"Henson and Burks were never asked about their involvement," according to a document that Carol Matonis had filed away, presumably again from Florence Kothera, one of hundreds she made available to this reporter. "They were ignored in the Marine Corps' extensive investigation. The answers Don got back were consistent. The officers involved, to their knowledge, said there was no excavation. They discount the privates who do remember, and chose to go with the officer who doesn't remember."

Don Kothera also talked to Amelia Earhart's former secretary, who told him Amelia had given her a manila envelope before her final trip filled with papers and instructed her to return it when Earhart got home, but in the event she did not return, all the papers in the envelope should be burned. Don said the secretary followed her orders and burnt everything, so we'll never know what secrets they might have contained. Don Kothera died in Las Vegas in 2013.

(NEXT WEEK: A 2017 History Channel documentary features the Kothera group on Saipan, complete with footage from movies taken by photographer and Kothera group member Marty Fiorillo.)



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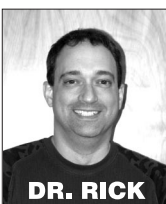
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Community police reports

Newburgh Heights

Weapons offense

On Aug. 21 at about 8:15 a.m., officers received a report from the Washington Park High School of a student who brought a gun to school. The student reportedly placed the gun outside of the building with the intention of retrieving it later. A faculty member observed the student, and the school was placed on lockdown while security personnel

Former officer sentenced to 8 years on sex charges

A former Cleveland police officer who was charged with unlawful sexual conduct with a minor and pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor was sentenced to eight years in prison yesterday.

In July 2018, Garfield Heights police found 55-year-old Mario Lozada, a 26-year-veteran of the force who is now retired, in Jack C. Donovan Park with a then-14-year-old girl. Police alleged he paid the girl for sex and possessed nude photos of a second teen girl.

Lozada will be required to register as a Tier II sex offender. When he is released from prison, he will be placed on five-year post release supervision.



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8/28/1928

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secured the weapon, a .38 caliber Taurus revolver pistol. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center. He later reported he found the weapon in Cleveland and was intending on selling it to another student. The gun was not loaded and police did not find ammunition. The student did not threaten violence toward anyone. Police are continuing to investigate.

Garfield Heights

Disorderly conduct

On Aug. 25 at about 2:15 p.m., officers responded to Bonkers Cafe at 5147 Turney Road for a large disturbance in the street. Police arrived to find about 20 people in the

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St. Therese Church in G.H. to hold Parish Picnic

All past and present parishioners and friends of St. Therese Church in Garfield Hts. are invited to their annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 8, at Klima's Gardens on East 71st Street in Cuyahoga Heights.

Armed robbery in M.H.

Yesterday, at approximately 9:43 a.m., the Maple Heights Police Department received a call from a female who reported that a male had brandished a firearm and then took her purse. The 60-year-old Maple Heights resident was a patron of Ro'Mae Total Beauty, 5109 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, at the time of the robbery.

The male then fled from the business running into a residential area. There was a search of the area which included assistance from the Bedford Heights and Garfield Heights police departments. The suspect was not located as of press time.

Surveillance camera footage was obtained of the male. He is described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, about 6-feet tall with a thin build. He was last seen wearing a dark-colored hooded sweatshirt, light blue or grey-colored pants with visible royal blue underwear and white athletic shoes. The incident is being investigated by the Maple Heights Police Department.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau: 216-587-9624 or Detectives@mhp-d-ohio.com. As always, information can be supplied to Crime Stoppers.

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The celebration begins at 11:45 a.m. with an outdoor Mass under the pavilion. The parish raffle with a grand prize of \$2000 will be drawn after the game.

Advance sale tickets are \$5 for adults; there is no charge for children 12 and under. Tickets are available after Masses this weekend, at the parish office and at All Saints Credit Union during regular business hours. Tickets will also be sold at the gate on the day of the event for \$6.

Contact St. Therese rectory at 216-581-2852 for more information.

Public Notice

In compliance with auditing standards of the Auditor of State's office, State of Ohio, the City of Garfield Heights hereby gives notice that the City's unaudited 2018 General Purpose External Financial Statements have been completed and are available for inspection, during normal business hours, in the Finance Director's Office, located at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125.

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, September 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**, before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** in the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following applications:

2019-PZ-16 An appeal from Robert and Donna Apanasewicz requesting relief under Chapter 1262.03(E) of the MH Codified Ordinances from violation notices issued for 16370 Rockside Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District.

2019-PZ-17 An application from Willette Linder of Pooh Bears Hunny Stop, LLC requesting approval of a Three (3) Year Conditional Use Permit to operate a Type A child day care as a home occupation business in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 5235 Milo Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2019-PZ-18 An application from Octavia Beal of Short Stop Upholstery, LLC requesting approval of the following: a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1282.04(T) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate an auto detailing, interior car audio, custom rims and vinyl wrap business as a Personal Services Business; and a Conditional Use Permit under Section 1282.04(BB) to operate a U-Haul rental and storage business in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District located within the Broadway Corridor Overlay (BCO) Zoning District at 16133 Broadway Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio.

2019-PZ-19 An appeal from Ladd Biro, Jr. requesting relief under Chapter 1262.03(E) of the MH Codified ordinances from inspection orders issued for 5221 Paine Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio, located in a Residential Single Family-Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District.

2019-PZ-20 An application from Rashid Rashid of Champion Auto Care & Towing Inc., requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit under Sect. 1280.04(C) of the MH Codified Ordinances to operate an Automotive Repair and Service business including towing operations without overnight storage in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District at 20680 Southgate Park Boulevard, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All persons and/or their representatives desiring to be heard are invited to attend. The applications and all supporting materials are available for review during normal business hours in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance to the second floor if necessary.

Leonette Cicirella
Clerk of Council
City of Maple Heights

The Neighborhood News
Wednesday, August 28, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with Chapter 129.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights and with Chapters 721 and 737 of the Ohio Revised Code, there will be a Public On-Line Auction for the disposal of City owned vehicles. This merchandise will be sold **AS-IS, NO GUARANTEES**.

The City of Garfield Heights has entered into an agreement with GovDeals Inc to provide for on-line auctions of unusable city equipment and confiscated items. Potential bidders must be registered in the GovDeals Inc on-line auction system in order to bid on items posted to the site. In order to register please go to the GovDeals.com website and use the registration link in the upper right corner of the home page.

The GovDeals on-line auction of vehicles is scheduled to begin during the week of September 2, 2019 and continue until all authorized items are posted to the site. Individual items will be available on the site for a period of one week depending upon the posting date. The closing date of each item to be auctioned will be available on the GovDeals site. All bidding, payment, and pick up requirements are available on the GovDeals Inc web site pertinent to the City of Garfield Heights' on-line auctions. Please review all requirements in detail.

Pursuant to: Ordinances #38-2019
City Council
Garfield Heights, Ohio

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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 9714-19

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR GRASS CUTTING ON VARIOUS LOTS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE YEAR 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City has notified the owners of the real property on file with the Clerk to remove trees, weeds and grass, and

WHEREAS, said owners failed to do so resulting in the City having to abate the nuisance at its expense.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the cost of improving various lots in the City of Bedford for grass cutting, as per addendum attached hereto, which assessments together with the description of said lots are now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council, and which assessments are not in excess of the special benefits to said property, and is not in excess of any statutory limitation, is hereby approved for the tax year **2019** pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 727 and Sections 731.51 thru 731.54 and Chapter 1341 of Bedford's Codified Ordinances.


Section 2. That the total cost of the above assessments shall be payable in cash within thirty (30) days from and after the passage of this ordinance. All cash payments shall be made to the City of Bedford, c/o the Director of Finance. The assessments remaining unpaid at the expiration of said thirty (30) day period shall be certified to the County Auditor by the Clerk of Council, as provided by law, to be placed on the tax duplicate to be assessed and collected on the next tax collection.

Section 3. That actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. The Ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Bedford, and for the further reason that it is necessary to pass this ordinance at the earliest time to place these assessments on the tax duplicate to be assessed and collected on the next tax collection.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.


Mayor – President of Council


Clerk of Council – Pro Tem


Law Director

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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 9715-19

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER BILLS IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the persons and/or entities listed have failed to pay for delinquent bills despite being properly notified at their last known address which adversely effects the daily operations of the department.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the persons and/or entities listed on the attached addendum have not paid or attempted to pay for water and sewer services provided by the City of Bedford and said accounts are delinquent for over 60 days despite proper notification.

Section 2. That Ohio Revised Code Chapters 701, 715, 727 and Section 743.04 provide for municipalities to certify unpaid water and sewer accounts along with penalties to the County Auditor who shall place the amount on the real property tax duplicate as a lien on the property served from the date it is placed to be collected as other taxes.

Section 3. That actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


Section 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is necessary to pass this Ordinance at the earliest time to place these assessments on the tax duplicate to be assessed and collected on the next tax collection to efficiently operate the department.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.


Mayor – President of Council

Clerk of Council – Pro Tem

Prepared and approved as to legal content by:


Law Director

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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 9713-19

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR BEDFORD'S FALSE ALARMS ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Bedford has notified individuals who have failed to pay pursuant to Bedford Codified Ordinance Chapter 747, Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 5321.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

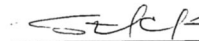
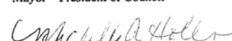
Section 1. That the persons listed on the attached addendum have not paid nor attempted to pay amounts billed for false alarms as provided by the City of Bedford false alarm ordinance after being duly notified pursuant to said Chapters.

Section 2. That Bedford's ordinance and the Ohio Revised Code allows certification of unpaid accounts along with penalties to the County Auditor who shall place the amount on the real property tax duplicate as a lien on the property served from the date it is placed on the duplicate to be collected as other taxes.

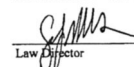
Section 3. That actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that it is necessary to timely place these assessments on the tax duplicate to be collected.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.


Mayor – President of Council

Clerk of Council – Pro Tem

Prepared and approved as to legal content by:


Law Director

PASSED: August 5, 2019

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CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO ORDINANCE NO. 9692-19

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE EXPENSE OF GARBAGE/REFUSE COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL WITHIN THE CITY OF BEDFORD, OHIO DURING THE TAX YEAR 2019 AND COLLECTED IN 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the daily operation of a Municipal Department.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bedford, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:


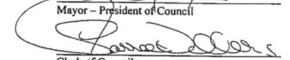
Section 1. That the cost of **garbage/refuse collection, recycling and disposal**, in the City of Bedford, as per addendum attached hereto, which assessments together with the description of said households are now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council, and which assessments are not in excess of the special benefits to said property, and is not in excess of any statutory limitation, is hereby approved for the tax year **2019 collected in 2020**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 701.10.

Section 2. That the total cost of the above assessments shall be payable in cash within thirty (30) days from and after the passage of his ordinance. All cash payments shall be made to the City of Bedford, c/o the Director of Finance. The assessments remaining unpaid at the expiration of said thirty (30) days period shall be certified to the County Auditor by the Clerk of Council, as provided by law, to be placed on the tax duplicate to be assessed and collected on the next tax collection.

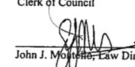
Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Bedford, and for the further reason that it is necessary to pass this ordinance at the earliest time to place these assessments on the tax duplicate to be assessed and collected on the next tax collection.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Mayor – President of Council

Clerk of Council

Prepared and approved as to legal content by:


John J. Morris, Law Director

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Independence mayor swears in firefighters, police lieutenant at council meeting

At the Independence Council meeting Aug. 13, Mayor Anthony Togliatti swore in five new firefighters and one new police lieutenant.

To begin the meeting, the Independence Fire Department Honor Guard, which includes Mike Wodarczyk, JJ Lecznar and Jason Fellows, escorted the flag into council chambers and posted the colors of the flag. Togliatti then swore in Joe Murray, Nick Loparo, Daniel Poulson, Dominic Canitia and Nathan Gardner as full-time firefighters/paramedics and Gregory Tinnirello as police lieutenant.

Togliatti commended the safety personnel, saying the new firefighters constitute the largest class of firefighters in the history of the city, which now has 21 full-time firefighters and three lieutenants. Also, with the promotion of Tinnirello from sergeant to lieutenant, the city will promote a patrolman to sergeant and add two new patrolmen in September, as well as a third in January, bringing staffing up to 34.

"Congratulations to the five new full-time firefighters and Lt. Greg Tinnirello on your new rank," Togliatti said.

"You are all now members of an elite group of safety forces that have helped to make the city of Independence one of the 50th safest cities in Ohio, according to the governor's office."

During the legislative portion of the meeting, council approved an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a job retention grant agreement with Redwood Living, Inc. to retain operations within the city.

Redwood moved from Beachwood to a temporary location in Independence in 2016, Economic Development Director Jeremy Rowan explained during caucus. The company has identified a location on East Pleasant Valley Road to fit its growing needs and is renovating both the interior and exterior.

As part of the job retention agreement, Redwood agrees to maintain a minimum payroll of \$6,500,000 for 10 years after moving into the new building, Rowan said. In return, Independence offers a grant estimated at \$600,000. The city will pay an initial amount of \$150,000 within 90 days of a certificate of occupancy. It will then provide Redwood with funds



Independence Mayor Anthony Togliatti, second from left, swore in Greg Tinnirello, second from right, as a lieutenant in the city's police department at the Aug. 13 council meeting. Also pictured are Police Chief Michael Kilbane, left, and Tinnirello's wife, Teresa, right.

equal to 80% of the amount of yearly payroll tax collected by the city that exceeds \$135,600 in each calendar year for the initial five calendar years on the property.

Council also approved legislation to provide for the issuance of notes in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,650,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay costs related to the

Rockside Woods Boulevard North extension.

Related was passage of another ordinance to provide for the issuance of notes in



Togliatti also swore in five new firefighters at the council meeting. Left to right: Assistant Fire Chief James Wheeler, Mayor Togliatti, Dominic Canitia, Daniel Poulson, Joseph Murray, Nicholas Loparo, Nathan Gardner and Fire Chief Steve Rega.

the principal amount not to exceed \$10,475,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay costs for various purposes. These include \$1,525,000 for the Selig Drive improvement, \$800,000 for Oak Tree South road improvements, \$2,500,000 for Rockside Road/I-77 Southbound ramp, \$3,350,000 for the Rockside Woods North extension bond, \$1,300,000 for the West Creek Road

improvements and \$1,000,000 for the Brecksville Road improvements, according to Vice Mayor Dave Grendel.

A third related ordinance provides for the issuance of notes in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,250,000 in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay for creating the signalized intersection of Route 21 and Rockside Woods Boulevard North.

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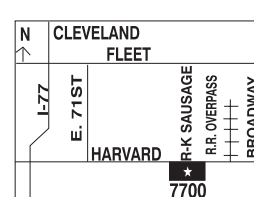
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Horseradish - White or Beet Red - \$2.59 each
Pierogies - \$6.50/bag
(Sauerkraut, Sweet Cheese, Potato, Potato & Cheese Apple, Apricot and Prune)

SMOKIES:

Mild - \$6.50 lb.
Spicy - \$6.75 lb.
Jalapeno - \$7.00 lb.
Sweet Garlic & Onion - \$7.00 lb.
BBQ - \$7.25 lb.
Brown Sugar - \$7.75 lb.
All Beef - \$8.00 lb.
Beef-n-Cheddar - \$8.50 lb.