

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

April 7, 2025

The Special Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Furry, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. O'Boyle, Mr. Shipp,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Snyder

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS:

Chief Lichman thanked everyone for coming. Today marks an important day in the careers of both Matthew Blazer and Bradley DiMatteo. They are taking big steps in their leadership in the Police Department. Both have had leadership roles in the past as Lt. Blazer and Sgt. Bradley has been a field training officer and a firearms instructor for many years. These steps for each of them are significant in the roles that they play at the agency.

Lt. Blazer will double the personnel that he supervises and also will take control of the jail, which brings in hundreds of prisoners a year and adds to his supervisory responsibilities, which will be all new for him. He also comes into the Senior Leadership of the department which means more meetings, more paperwork and more administrative responsibilities.

Sgt. DiMatteo goes from being a peer and a senior patrolman to a supervisor which is the most important job at the police department and unfortunately the most difficult transition that you will have in your career as you go from being a friend to a friendly supervisor. Chief Lichman wishes both officers the best in their new roles and hopes that he will be helpful to them as they move forward. There are several people in attendance, including retirees, active police officers both on duty and off duty officers, family and friends to support these officers as they make these changes. It shows what everyone thinks of these officers that they are here.

The Mayor added thanks to Chief Lichman, that in his leadership role he fosters leadership in others. This is a very special day to promote two individuals in the police department. This support is extended to them from the community too. The Mayor is honored to administer their Oaths of Office.

Lt. Matthew D. Blazer received the Oath of Office from Mayor Bobst. Lt. Blazer thanked City Council for taking the time this evening, Chief Lichman, Mayor Bobst, my family, my in-laws and everyone that showed up and all the people in the back. He does not have the words, especially the folks that came on their own personal time, it means the world to him. Thank you so much.

Sgt. Bradley J. DiMatteo received the Oath of Office from Mayor Bobst. Sgt. DiMatteo thanked City Council for having them, thanked the Chief for the last 11 ½ years he has been here and everyone in the back, he's here because of you. You have all shaped him to where he is today. Thank you so much to my family for their support.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending this evening. The Mayor wanted to thank this City Council and the Councils that came before. The Police Department enjoys a lot of support from City Council making sure there is the personnel, the equipment and vehicles and the Police Station that serves the police needs to enforce the laws and keep our community safe and prepared.

MOTION:

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mr. Hunt and Mr. O'Boyle that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of March 24th be waived and that the minutes be accepted.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
	7 – ayes		0 - nays	PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF STORM AND SANITARY SEWERS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this has been discussed for several weeks with little to no questions. This an emergency ordinance with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving for emergency repair of storm and sanitary sewers not to exceed \$150,000. Fabrizi Trucking is very familiar and do good work and are very responsive. They have the equipment and the know-how and have reduced their price this year. Mr. Sindelar moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
	7 – ayes		0 - nays	PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 13-25

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER RATES PAID TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE VALLEYVIEW SEWER DISTRICT

3rd READING

Mr. Furry said this is an annual ordinance and dates back to 1956. This service is for approximately 102 homes east of Wooster. These residences are serviced by the City of Lakewood as it is less expensive to send to Lakewood than to build a pump station to send to the City of Rocky River's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Lakewood's sewer rates are higher than Rocky River so the city subsidizes these homeowners' rates, so everyone in Rocky River pays the same mcf. Mr. Furry moved this for passage, seconded by Mr. Sindelar.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
	7 – ayes		0 - nays	PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 14-25

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND TO AMEND AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 88-24

2nd READING

President Furry said that he will defer discussion to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this Special Meeting. Mr. Furry asked the rest of Council to do the same.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RMH CONCRETE AND FOUNDATIONS, INC. FOR THE ROCKY RIVER PARK STORM SEWER AND SIDEWALK PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$82,545.95, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said that he will defer discussion to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this Special Meeting.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-25

BY: MICHAEL J. O'BOYLE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A PROPOSED SHORE STRUCTURE AND APPROVAL OF A LAKE ERIE SUBMERGED LAND LEASE FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) ADJACENT TO PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 301-01-004, 301-01-003 AT 365 WAGAR RD, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

1st READING

Mr. O'Boyle said that he will defer discussion to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this Special Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-25

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 436 REPRESENTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE ROCKY RIVER SERVICE DIVISION, AND CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

President Furry said that he will defer discussion to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this Special Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-25

BY: MICHAEL J. O'BOYLE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A PROPOSED SHORE STRUCTURE AND APPROVAL OF A LAKE ERIE SUBMERGED LAND LEASE FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) ADJACENT TO PERMANENT PARCEL

NO. 301-05-008 AT 19720 FRAZIER DR., ROCKY RIVER, OHIO
1st READING

Mr. O’Boyle said that he will defer discussion to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this Special Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A TWO (2) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CONCESSION SERVICES WITH CORP MG FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

1st READING

Mr. Shipp said that he will defer discussion to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this Special Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-25

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AMENDED ORDINANCE 76-24, FOR POSITIONS AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025, FOR THE APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

1st READING

President Furry said that he will defer discussion to the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this Special Meeting.

President Furry discussed the TREX Application for Scramblers. Chief Lichman circulated that a local records check found nothing to report. Council approved this application.

Mr. Furry moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sindelar.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O’Boyle – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
	7 – ayes		0 - nays	PASSED

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council