



## **City of Ashtabula**

Ashtabula City Council

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:00 PM

4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

### **Minutes**

#### **Opening of Committee Meeting**

##### **Call to Order**

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council Community Development/ Economic Development/ Parks & Recreation Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Committee Chair DiGiacomo.

##### **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Chair: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo, Vice Chair: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Member: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman,

**Absent:** none

**Officers Present:** City Manager James Timonere, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

**Visitors:** J.P. Ducro, Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners and Julie Weyman, My Neighborhood Collaborative

##### **Sunshine Law Certification**

A quorum was established as defined by the Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

#### **Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors**

##### **Special Guest Presentation**

J.P. Ducro presented information about the Remote Area Medical Clinic (RAM Clinic). The clinic will take place April 13-14th at Lakeside High School. The clinic services patients on a first come, first served basis beginning at 6am. In 2023, the clinic served over 545 patients and provided over 300 thousand dollars in free medical care. There will be a total of 50 dental stations, which is an increase from last year. The clinic provides medical exams, eyeglasses, dental extractions, and dental cleaning. Women's health is being introduced at this year's clinic. A mammogram machine will be a part of this year's services. This year the RAM Clinic Committee members are working to ensure transportation barriers are eliminated. Sunset Transportation will provide free transportation for those in need. The RAM clinic will not obtain personal information from people that are receiving services. If a patient chooses to provide their personal information, a medical record will be created. Historically, 10% of the patients are minors, and between 7-8% are veterans. Mr. Ducro stated that volunteers are needed and that people may sign up at the RAM Clinic's homepage.

#### **J.P. Ducro Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners**

##### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager James Timonere stated part-time positions would be posted soon. Every summer, the City hires between 5-7 part-time employees that work between sanitation, public works, and the parks. The drainage system at Smith Field worked well, St. John's baseball team was able to utilize

the field. He also stated Chestnut Village Senior Apartments will have their grand opening in April. The Harbor Hotel project is still in the construction phase. Molded Fiber Glass is hiring for all three shifts. The 2024 Bands on the Beach event is booked for the summer. The events start June 13 and will take place every other Thursday.

### **Parks & Recreation Committee Report**

Julie Wayman from My Neighborhood Collaborative stated their organization is recruiting board members. Their goal is to implement targeted outreach to get volunteers to help with the community garden. The organization will also continue the Community Supported Agriculture program (CSA). The CSA program sells shares of garden produce, they anticipate 20 spots being available. Registration for the program starts in April. She also stated she would like to thank the City of Ashtabula for continues support of the program.

### **March 2024 Minutes**

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Old Business**

**Ashtabula City Clean up is April 20, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.**

#### **New Business**

#### **Next Meeting**

**April's Meeting is Canceled**

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. by Committee Chair Jane DiGiacomo.