



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the City Clerk

Meeting of the North Adams City Council
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
7:00 PM

MINUTES

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. It was live streamed on Northern Berkshire Community Television station and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@northAdams> under 2025.03.25 City Council Meeting.

COUNCILORS PRESENT: (9) Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Breen, Fitch, Morrow, Oleskiewicz, Sapienza, Shade and Wilkinson; a quorum was present.

COUNCILORS ABSENT: (0) Councilors.

A **moment of silence** was observed in remembrance of the Cantoni Family who tragically lost their 4-year-old daughter in a fire that also injured two other family members followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Approval of Minutes

January 21, 2025 – Special City Council Minutes

On the Motion of Councilor Fitch, seconded by Councilor Shade, it was voted to Approve. (8) Yeas (Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Breen, Fitch, Morrow, Oleskiewicz, Sapienza and Shade); (0) Nays; (1) Abstain (Councilor Wilkinson).

February 25, 2025 City Council Minutes

On the Motion of Councilor Oleskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Blackmer, it was voted to Approve. (8) Yeas (Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Breen, Fitch, Morrow, Oleskiewicz, Sapienza and Shade); (0) Nays; (1) Abstain (Councilor Wilkinson).

Hearing of Visitors

Joshua Vallieres, 18 ½ Hall St.: Speaking in support of the Resolution. After all the rhetoric that has poured out on transgender rights and life, after the recent bomb threat over this past weekend at one of Berkshire Counties own queer and transgender founded businesses, after the disgusting endorsement of that intimidation tactic from a vocal minority in our community who encouraged that local terror threat, he stated his personal thought is enough is enough with this tired narrative encouraging violence. Many people in our community are transgender and gender non-conforming are living in fear, we have many in our community that are sick of living in fear because their standards of living don't conform to the standards of other people. He said – What happened to live and let live? He said he is in support of this resolution for the friends and family I have in North Adams that have to deal with getting stared down with eyes of hate and verbally harassed regularly because of who they outwardly are. He stated that he feels that an endorsement from the City Council reaffirming we will not tolerate bigotry in our city and we will stand up for those most vulnerable in our community. He stated he has his own personal views on resolutions and recognize that voting yes does nothing more than words of endorsement, but he said he feels that endorsement can go a long way; stating we don't punch down in North Adams and we wont aid in the people that do and we need to make that statement.

Leo Scobol, speaking on behalf of himself and other North Adams transgender residents and here to urge Council to pass this resolution as an act of solidarity not only with the transgender community, but with North Adams as a whole. We are your friends, neighbors, teachers, just people you pass every day on the streets. The federal government seeks to divide and conquer with all these budget cuts and as Josh said earlier, we have threats coming from our own communities. This Resolution is a pledge to protect the transgender community, but it will also pave the way to protect those targeted by this administration. The only way we can resist is by reaching out to each other and helping each other, so lets make our community as strong as possible.

Apifany Tolos; Ashland St: Speaking on behalf of transgenders – She stated that she has many friends who are transgender and it disgusts her how so many people just disregard their humanity – they're people just like you and me. The bomb threat over the weekend at the drag store in Pittsfield turned a celebration into a traumatic evening. This is an important step in making trans people and members of the LGBTQ community safe. She ended with holding up a poster stating "Protect Trans People – No Kings".

Skylar Brooks, West Main St: Speaking in support of making North Adams a sanctuary City for transgender people. Stated, I am transgender, I was born in this city and have lived here for most of my life. Said a statement can be powerful and can ripple through a community, stated that we need to strengthen community and protect our most vulnerable people from the targeted attacks from this administration. Everyone is owed a Life Liberty and a Pursuit of Happiness and that includes transgender people.

Tia Dolan, Notch Road: She stated she is here to speak in support of North Adams joining several other Massachusetts cities' in becoming a trans sanctuary city. There are currently several hundred bills across this nation at the state and federal level targeting transgenders and anyone who does not conform to the white supremacists' ideology. In 2020, the Williams Institute found that LGBTQ people are four times more likely to experience violence than Non-LGBTQ people. In 2023, the FBI found that almost a quarter of all hate crimes were against the LGBTQ+ community. Every November, on transgender day she stated she sits in a room and they read off the list of the dead from the prior year and every year that list gets longer. She stated our communities deserve safety and the ability to go out into public without fear, deserve to use the bathrooms without being harassed or assaulted – we deserve the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness just like everyone else does.

Dr Silas Brown, Church St: Stated he has lived in multiple places, he stated he is here because his wife is transgender and in support of the trans sanctuary city resolution. He said as someone who comes from the south and has lived in multiple places, that North Adams is actually the most welcoming community he has ever seen and he knows that everyone here will do the right thing and vote for this resolution.

Rachel Brown, Church St: stated she used to live outside DC and thought she was safe there, however that did not prove correct, so she moved here. She grew up in a military family and they protected everyone – gives us a chance to serve our communities and we would do wonders, but what can we do if we are kept in a state of fear? She stated she just hopes that people will stand up and show her the values that made her want to settle down in this city.

Name unintelligible, 16 Barth St: Wanted to thank those who have brought this resolution forward this evening. He stated he had run into one or two of you at a house party and was told one of the ways we are effective is we stick to our knitting – well to me this is our knitting. You think about people who have come here and care about this community, who are business owners and investing back into this community. He said, a lot of us are queer and trans, I'm not trans, but I am queer. He said when he thinks about a place that he wants to be long term, he never feels as seen as he does when he is with queer and trans people and I don't want to live in a place that won't stand up for us.

Laura Temper, Glen Ave: I am in support of this resolution. I moved here to start a farm, she said she loves the community, everyone is supportive of each other. At the Farmers Market people really appreciate that welcoming space and hope that the city will extend that. For our

city to take this resolution and add that layer of protection with everything happening at the federal level really is so helpful.

Nash McDonald, Liberty St: Stated I am a trans teen, I'm 16 years old. I have lived here all my life, but I have never been more afraid to live in Berkshire County than I have since last week. The amount of Trans teenagers getting killed is getting closer. Something that my dad got this morning from someone meant for my brother, says hey apparently, we are cousins or some s**t. You are in the family group chat and so what I hear from other family members is you're a f*#king Fa##ot. President Sapienza raised a Point of Order and asked that the language be filtered, to keep it respectful. Nash stated this is what my father got. He continued to read, but filtered the language, which you could tell there was a lot he had to filter out. He ended with reading - What kind of father raised a kid who is gay – and said the person stated that my father should have abandoned my brother!

Name unintelligible, North Adams: Stated he is here to speak against this Resolution. As the Doctor who spoke tonight stated, this is a safe community. Why do we have to be a sanctuary, if its already safe? Why do we have to lift up one group of people over other people? He stated he feels all people have equality in this community and asked the Council, where are the stats with this, that the LGBT community is unsafe here in North Adams. They're welcome here, they work here, they do their stuff here, he stated there are a few bad apples here that the Police Department have to weed out, but this is something that should go to a vote in November, there is only a small piece of our community here, a lot of people don't even know this is going on.

Jessica Sweeney, no longer a resident here, but I do own a business here. She just wanted to take an opportunity for those that did not feel comfortable tonight to speak into the mic to raise their hands if they're in support of this resolution tonight. She stated, please take note councilors, that a lot of people in this room may not have felt comfortable sharing their voice, but they are showing their hands.

Fay, North Adams stated she is here to oppose and she knows that might hurt a lot of people tonight, but she wants everyone to know, she is not against you. But she does feel it is fair to say this should be taken to a vote. She stated, that there is a minority here tonight as it is and if the vote does get passed, that a minority. But she said she also agrees that North Adams is a safe place, we are already a sanctuary, we do not need to put "Sanctuary" on it to clarify that it is. She said, she is sorry that you were targeted, that is awful and should never happen to anyone ever, but she stated she feels it is fair for everyone to have a voice in this.

Councilor Oleskiewicz wanted to ensure he pointed out that this is only a Resolution.

Bin Kemble, Church St. stated she is a new non-binary member of the community and this is the safest place she has lived. North Adams does at large feel a lot safer than many other places in the United States right now. Ask the Council to prove it and put in Sanctuary as an Ordinance to clarify that yes, we are safe and we are going to be safe for the members of this community.

She stated not to treat anyone above another, but we are under threat right now and this is a place that we can go to feel equal and at home.

Yvonne Kennon, 28 East Quincy: stated that in the 1820's the Suffer Jets wore red lipstick while fighting for the right for women to vote. During the WWII, women again would wear red lipstick to show their resistance to the Nazi's. She said that she herself has started to wear red lipstick because this country is going the wrong way. This resolution is one small step to show that communities is where it is at, communities can lift each other up, communities come in all sizes. This resolution can show that we agree, that we can be a very welcoming community to everyone.

Old Business

President Sapienza read Council Paper # 12,459 Ordinance into the record and called for a motion from the Council.

12,459 An Ordinance to amend the revised ordinances of the City of North Adams, Chapter 2, Article XVI Board of Appeals, Section 2-87 & 2-92, passed to a second reading at the meeting of March 11, 2025.

On the Motion from Councilor Blackmer, seconded from Councilor Breen, it was voted by Roll Call vote to Adopt. (9) Yeas (Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Breen, Fitch, Morrow, Oleskiewicz, Sapienza, Shade and Wilkinson); (0) Nays; (0) Abstain.

President Sapienza read Council paper 12,470 Ordinance into the record and called on Councilor Oleskiewicz for an Update as the Chair for General Government.

12,470 An Ordinance to Amend the Revised Ordinances of North Adams, Chapter 2, Article XXII, Section 124 regarding submission of Capital Improvement Plan.

Councilor Oleskiewicz stated that this will need to be postponed to the meeting to the 2nd meeting in April, we have three items on this agenda and because General Government has not been able to meet yet, I will need to postpone.

There was no further discussion.

On the motion from Councilor Oleskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Fitch, it was voted by Yea/Nay Vote to postpone to the meeting of April 22, 2025. (9) Yeas (Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Breen, Fitch, Morrow, Oleskiewicz, Sapienza, Shade and Wilkinson); (0) Nays; (0) Abstain.

President Sapienza read Council paper 12,475 for the Ordinance into the record and called on Councilor Shade for an Update as the Chair for Finance Committee.

12,475 An Order Authorizing the execution of the Purchase and Sales Agreement with Mass MoCA for the Sullivan School Property located at 151 Kemp Avenue, further identified on Assessors Map 169, Lot 1.

Councilor Oleskiewicz stated the Finance Committee met to discuss this Order yesterday and have voted unanimously to recommend Council move forward with this Agreement.

Councilor Shade stated that they wanted to make clear for the public that this going through does not include a design phase yet. This allows a process of due diligence to check the landscape, ensure that feasible to build on, to make sure that all environmental protections are met and to ensure that we are within state and federal laws with any project that happens on the land.

Councilor Fitch stated that he wanted to say publicly this project has his approval, he feels this is a really good deal and as Councilor Shade stated, there are many other checks and balances that will be occurring ahead of the project and he hopes that all of his colleagues will join them in moving this forward.

Councilor Blackmer stated that she wanted to clarify because the last time she had mentioned she wasn't happy about this and that the city would have shopped this project more and asked for proposals and not just published it. That being said, the school closed in 2009 – there have been problems with vandalism and illegal activities. We have had various proposals over the years, one came through for a school and tax-free status, one came through for building 70-75 units and wanted to get a tax rebate which was not feasible and it was too large for the neighborhood. She said she understands people don't want things to change (they want to keep the land and the trails); other people complain we need to get things on the tax rolls. She stated that she sees this project as a compromise.

Councilor Shade stated that this proposal does three very important things for this city. One, it saves the city from having to pay out all these additional costs of trying to keep the building

safe. Two, it adds to our housing stock. Three, those residential units then become a part of our City's residential taxes.

Councilor Bona stated that he supports this and the longer that this just sits there, the more he feels that we need to get it off the table. He stated that he is looking forward to other city properties to come forward as well. He stated that we are not seeing concerns from the neighborhood that have been seen in the past.

Councilor Blackmer stated that she wanted to clarify that there were several neighbors who were present, some were the same people who opposed the last project. She stated that they didn't get the amount of response we did the last time, but there are still some who want to keep the trails and land. The reality is – we are not going to put a new school there or a couple of mansions so this is an option that finds that needed balance.

President Sapienza stated that he attended that school back in his primary school days, it is unfriendly to accessibility, there are no elevators with multiple floors. He stated he does not see any future use as a school. Mass MoCA has been a welcome neighbor to this community and ended stating that he is in support of this project.

Mayor Macksey thanked everyone for their comments and support. The school is something that we have been saddled with over the years. She stated that we as an Administration and Community are excited to move this project along. Again, she stressed as most have said, there is a very long road ahead for this project, but we are in a positive light and very excited to be working with MoCA on this. She reminded Council that Attorney Smith from KP Law is also on line if there are any legal questions.

President Sapienza asked if any of the Councilors had any questions for Attorney Smith.

Councilor Shade stated she had no legal questions, but wanted to thank Attorney Smith for joining their meeting once again.

On the motion from Councilor Blackmer, seconded by Councilor Oleskiewicz, it was voted by Roll Call vote to Adopt. (9) Yeas (Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Breen, Fitch, Morrow, Oleskiewicz, Sapienza, Shade and Wilkinson); (0) Nays; (0) Abstain.

New Business

President Sapienza read Council paper 12,483 into the record, he filed the Communication without objection and called on Mayor Macksey to speak on her Proclamation.

12,482 Communication #102, from Mayor Macksey, requesting time to present a Proclamation in support of Transgender Visibility day.

Mayor Macksey read her Transgender Visibility Day Proclamation into the record proclaiming March 31, 2025 as Transgender Day of Visibility. The Proclamation is an attachment to the Minutes.

In honor of this proclamation, Mayor Macksey presented a plaque to Nash McDonald.

President Sapienza read Council paper 12,483 into the record, he filed the Communication without objection and called on Councilor Fitch to speak on his Communication.

12,483 A Communication from Councilor Andrew Fitch requesting time for a presentation by Chris Cozzaglio, Congressional Aide for Congressman Richard E. Neal, on ways to leverage our national delegation.

Councilor Fitch stated that he has been speaking a lot with Chris lately in regards to the Federal government and Congressman Richard Neal, whom he works for. He stated that if people do not already know Chris, he has been a wonderful addition to our community, although he does not live in North Adams both he and the Congressman do a lot for North Adams. He is very excited to introduce Chris tonight to speak on ways that we can engage with our federal delegation.

Chris Cozzaglio stated if you do not know me, I do recognize many faces, I may have gone to school with your children, you may have seen me in Unity or MCLA Alumni. He stated he is not here for that however, he is here for his boss, Congressman Richard Neal. We have heard tonight that we are facing a lot of Finance issues, there are LGBTQ issues, and social right issues. When you think about the Federal Government, you may think it all happens out in DC, and wonder how do we do anything, how do we reach out to our delegation? He waved to all present and said "Hi My name is Chris and I'm that person for you to do that". He stated that his position is the Berkshire County Community Liaison. This means he specifically works with City Councils, the Mayor, the Communities and Businesses. He writes letters of recommendations, if people want to talk to DC, he organizes that. One items he specifically

wanted to discuss was the fears people are facing on the federal financing. He knows that there are many Municipal agreements that we are scared about, he has heard from many farmers who had been promised federal grants and have not seen that money yet. It is not only Farmers, but this is what is just off the top of his head. He told people that if they know of any of the grants, please reach out, they are tracking this. He stated his boss is the Minority ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee which is the wallet of Congress, the wallet of our federal government. While we may not have a lot of sway with say the President, we do have some sway with the wallet and it is important that if you were promised to get money out of that and you do not get it, they want to keep track of this and keep accountability for that and keep it transparent. He stated to please contact him by phone, text or email. If people know of a business that has been promised funds they don't receive, please provide my contact information to them. He said while the federal government resides in DC, it is made up of 50 states and those states are made up of many towns and cities. He said if anyone wants to connect after the meeting, he has plenty of cards, his job is Berkshire County and he wants people to use him as a resource. He ended stating that Mayor Macksey was the best Educator he ever had and she did not force him to say that either as he, the audience and Mayor Macksey chuckled.

Councilor Shade thanked Chris for taking time to come to speak to everyone tonight and reminded people that the government works for us, we do not work for them.

President Sapienza read Council paper 12,484 for the Resolution into the record and Filed without Objection, he then asked if the Councilors would like to read their Resolution.

12,484 A Resolution from Councilors Andrew Fitch, Ashley Shade, Lisa Blackmer and Deanna Morrow, that the City Council and City of North Adams reiterates its commitment to trans rights and equal protections for trans community members and declare North Adams a Sanctuary City and place of safety for Trans, nonbinary and LGBTQIA+ as gender diverse people.

Councilors Fitch, Shade, Blackmer and Morrow took turns reading through the Resolution as attached to these minutes.

Councilor Fitch stated that he submitted this, but other Councilors (Lisa Blackmer, Ashley Shade & Deanna Morrow) worked on this with him and Community Member Josh Vallieres assisted with getting this together in record time and he thanked him for his help with that. He said that the LGBTQI+ Community is under attack and being persecuted at the national level, not necessarily at North Adams. This is an opportunity here as City Leaders to say that we support the community here, we support North Adams and we want North Adams to be welcoming and supportive of all people equally – all we have to do is say Yes to this, it was simple he said in his

mind, but he was nervous to submit it because it could be a no vote tonight, but he feels that we need to do this.

Councilor Shade thanked Councilor Fitch in bringing this forward when she could not and Mr. Vallieres for putting this language together and Councilors Blackmer and Morrow for Co-Sponsoring this. She firmly stated that this is not about special rights, it is about equality, it is about protecting the most marginalized and vulnerable people in our community, at a time when our own people are disparaged and attacked by our own government. It is our duty and responsibility to stand up for them and stand by civil rights and this is an affirmation of the civil rights that trans people deserve to exist, they deserve to be safe, they deserve to have access to medical care and no government should be responsible for deciding what is medically essential for children or for adults when they seek medical care. That is not the role of government on any level, that is the role of you and your medical providers to determine what cure you need. That is under attack in this country right now. A very important thing that I want to bring up right now, is that they are looking to make change requirements in the ACA, so anybody who has health insurance through the exchange – they're taking public comments right now, so go online and comment. They want to remove those insurances from being able to cover any Trans Health care. We are talking about medically necessary Healthcare that they want to arbitrarily ban and remove your insurance from being able to provide. This is dangerous and if they can do it for Trans Healthcare, what other healthcare can they do it for in the future? Its not just about one small group, it is about everyone, because if they can take away the rights of just one small group of people, they can take away the rest. We have to stand tall on civil rights and never ever give up an inch when they are under attack.

Councilor Blackmer stated that she has heard some say that we do not have a roll in passing resolutions, that these things are out of our purview and we have not done it in the past. Well, we have done it in the past, maybe not to this extent we have done recently, but we have done it. There seems to be a real disconnect between the way things used to be and now. She firmly stated that she finds these to be extraordinary times calling for extraordinary actions, this being one of them. I'm not sure how acknowledging someone's humanity, human rights and civil rights takes something away from you. She stated that honestly, she is quite sick of the white male patriarchy thinking they are somehow superior to me and pushing their "values" on the rest of us. Again, she said this goes back to this is about Human Rights and Civil Rights and Humanity and that is what we are all about.

Councilor Shade stated that she is overwhelmed by the amount of people that have come out to support this. She told everyone that it means a lot to her that they are here to support this and that she is here to support this for them. She said not everyone knows this, but a little over a week ago I was almost not here and tonight I am here against medical advice, but there was no way I was going to miss this vote or this opportunity to speak as long as my heart beats and breath was coming in, because there is nothing more important to me in this world than protecting the most marginalized people of our community. That is what we are here for, we need to take care of each other by showing up, by standing out, by speaking up. She was overwhelmed by the support and even those who are opposed, please understand, this is not

about special privileges, it's about human rights and maintaining access to what we have. Keeping what we have, we are not asking for extra, just to keep what we already have. She said you would not hear about Trans issues if it were not for politicians that use it to spew hate and fear. She said most Trans people just want to be left alone to live their lives, be with their families, live and love, that's it. She said it's the Trans agenda, we are not trying to take over the world, there is not enough of us – yet. She and the audience laughed. She said in all seriousness she is very honored to be here with everyone and she moved that they vote on this.

Councilor Morrow stated that she just wanted to thank everyone for speaking tonight, she said it can be hard to come into a space that you have never been in before and to speak to this matter so she wanted to acknowledge that. She said she also wanted to say of course, at a time where there is so much fear in the country right now, something like this resolution is so important because little step accomplish action. Although North Adams may be a safe place already, having people be heard and seen with this resolution is so very important because it make people feel more seen and safer and puts an emphasis on how very important this issue is.

Councilor Bona acknowledged that he is one of those people as Councilor Blackmer explained that are not typically a fan of Resolutions. He stated that he finds they can be weak and do not accomplish a lot. That being said, tonight proves that is wrong, this Resolution is obviously hitting a lot for many of you (as he faced the audience). Previously when these resolutions have been brought forward, there were maybe two people in the audience. You can say this is a minority here, but most of the meetings we have, we don't get more than five people, so there is something to be said when the gallery is full. As for saying this is something that should be moved to an election, we got elected and I will be supporting this and when the next election comes, if the voters do not like it, they can vote me out. We are here to represent what we feel people want, like Councilor Shade said, they're looking for equal rights, this is not extra, there is nothing here that I see that says we are giving someone special treatment. This states that everyone should have equal Healthcare, equal safety... There are people out there that say people are already getting that, well, just listen to the news, people don't feel safe walking down the street. Again, he said that he will be supporting this and he was wrong about, at least this resolution and how strong it is hitting this population.

On the motion from Councilor Fitch, seconded by Councilor Shade, it was voted by Roll Call vote to Adopt. (6) Yeas (Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Breen, Fitch, Morrow, and Shade); (3) Nays (Councilors Oleskiewicz, Sapienza, and Wilkinson); (0) Abstain.

Committee Reports and Minutes

None

Licenses

Taxi – Cab

None

Open Forum

Lillian Zavatsky, 441 East Main St.: She stated she wanted to thank the Council for passing this Resolution and she appreciates Councilor Bona stating that he is not usually a fan of Resolutions but seeing the public come out and how much this matters to people and it swayed him is really important. She stated that she would really have loved to hear from the Councilors that did oppose it, why, she said it matters to her to know what they are thinking about this and if it is a minor or a major disagreement.

Michael Milazzo, Clarksburg MA, stated that last Tuesday nights meeting at the Airport Commission, Doug Herrick, an unapproved Commissioner on the Airport Commission, engaged in discussion and voted to approve a new hanger waiting list rules which directly benefits his own club, Mohawk Soaring. Apparently, Mohawk Soaring occupies space in the East Hanger, free of charge and the club has been on the waiting list for permanent placement. The newly adopted rules remove several individuals ahead of Mohawk Soaring on the list This is against grant assurances. This issue exemplifies the very issue I have been raising for the past couple of months of conflicts of interest and lack of oversight within the Airport Commission. The City Council must take immediate action over this misuse of power by implementing a proper vetting process for all Commission Appointments.

Jessica Sweeney, Pownal Vt.: Wanted to thank the Council tonight for adopting this Resolution, it means a lot to a lot of people in this room and just reaffirms all the reasons why I love living here and I love being a part of this Community. She said, putting her Roots Teen Center hat, she would like to invite all the Councilors and Mayor Macksey (she said she would also send an email); Roots is forming its next Strategic Plan and they are having a Community Visioning Session, April 9th, Murdock Room 218. They really want the community's input in how Roots can best serve the young people here, she added that they also serve many young people that identify in the queer community so that is particularly important to them as well.

Lauren; She wanted to reiterate what someone else has said, she would really like to hear from the minority of Councilors who voted against the Resolution as to why they did not want this to pass.

Mayor's Updates

- As we talk about safety in the community, she wanted to ensure that residents know they are safe here, even if that means her breaking up a fight on Main St during a water main break. She stated that they want all residents to be safe and for this to be there home. She said she wanted to share a short story – her normal routine is to leave here and go home to watch the council meeting again. Last Council meeting, she felt she left the Chamber heavy and frustrated. She stated she couldn't sleep and all of a sudden, the fire call came in on West Shaft Road. She said her whole life and her world changed and that is nothing compared to the loss that the Cantoni and LaCosse family has felt. But we have another loss, so while we talk about community, safety and humanity, she said she wanted to share with the community that on that night they knew they were not making a rescue, they knew it was going to be a recovery effort. She said she could not be prouder of the Police Department, Fire Department, the Clarksburg Fire Department and especially the North Adams Ambulance Service who performed life saving procedures right there on the ground at West Shaft Road. She said, we can squabble over the Airport Commission or who is going to put in the paper first, but at the end of the day, we are a community and as pray for the Cantoni and LaCosse families and our community members, no matter what side of the fence you may sit on, I ask that you remember our Public Safety Departments, they are suffering too, they are trained to save people and keep people safe. On that night, unfortunately, we couldn't and that is very heavy. As we think about the community, if you see a police office, a fireman, an EMT – say thank you and let them know you appreciate them. It was a hard night, it was a big loss to this family and to our Public Safety community and they're feeling it, so please remember them.

Liaison Updates & Councilors' Concerns

None

Clerk Updates

None

Correspondence

On the motion of Councilor Blackmer, seconded by Councilor Oleskiewicz, it was VOTED by Yea/Nay Vote to Adjourn. (7) Yeas, (Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Fitch, Oleskiewicz, Sapienza, Shade and Wilkinson); (0) Nays; (0) Abstain.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Leonesio
City Clerk