

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2013 – 5:15 PM**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Phillips presided over the October 17, 2013 special meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Mark Phillips, Maurice Cashman, Dr. Howard Ferguson, Samuel Harvey, John Lewis, Joseph Sprentz, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Mrs. Freenock, Mr. Holtz, Mrs. Leary, and Ms. Stapleford of City staff were also in attendance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mayor Phillips welcomed Josh Cotton, Times Observer reporter.

INTERIM FINANCING: WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND CONVEYANCE FACILITIES PROJECT

Mr. Holtz noted that at a special meeting held on February 11, 2013, Council approved the City's acceptance of a PENNVEST funding package for the Wastewater Treatment and Conveyance Facilities Project. At a meeting held on August 19, 2013, Council approved acceptance of the ErieBank short-term interim financing proposal. At the time that Council approved this proposal it was stated that the interest rate would not exceed 3% without further Council consideration. This rate was to reflect a tax-exempt loan status. Upon further discussion ErieBank submitted a revised proposal indicating that, in the event this loan would be taxable, the rate may increase to a maximum of 4.5%.

Mr. Holtz indicated that City staff reviewed ErieBank's revised proposal for short-term interim financing and recommended that it be accepted. He further noted that the PENNVEST Program permits costs incurred due to interest on the short-term interim financing loan as well as interest associated with the PENNVEST loan to be included as reimbursable project costs.

Mr. Sprentz questioned whether the modified proposal from ErieBank would result in the ErieBank proposal remaining as the lowest offer. Mrs. Freenock read the proposed rates from both First Niagara Bank and Northwest Savings Bank and it was confirmed that ErieBank would remain as the lowest offer.

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis and second by Mr. Cashman, Council members voted unanimously to accept the ErieBank revised proposal for short-term interim financing for the Wastewater Treatment and Conveyance Facilities Project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Phillips declared the meeting adjourned.