

REGULAR COUNCIL

OCTOBER 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Moser with Teri Eiermann, Bob Matson, Dave Kirk, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser, Karen Clyde, Solicitor Mark Manlove, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Rick Patrick, Dave Harrington, Bill Cline, Carolyn Sendry, Valorie McCullough, Chris Knop, Tom Watson from Hiram Village, Jackie Rinearson from the Villager and a reporter from the Record Courier.

Moved by Matson, seconded Kaiser to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2007 as amended by the Clerk. (Teri Eiermann wanted the words wages and benefits to say payroll and benefits. Teri Eiermann wanted the speed limit school discussion to include during pick-up, drop-off and recess.)

VOTE AYES—Eiermann, Matson, Kirk, Klamer, Kaiser
ABSTAIN- Karen Clyde

Moved by Klamer, seconded by Clyde to pay the bills.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Revenue, Expenditure and Cash balance reports were reviewed.

Tom Watkins a Councilman from the Village of Hiram was present to introduce himself to Council.

Bill Cline was present to discuss the income tax levy. He said he felt that he was being threatened by the Mayor to vote for the levy or Council would take away the tax credit for residents who pay income taxes to another municipality. Mayor Moser said it was not a threat but the Village had to do something. Amweld has announced it will be closing in the near future. This is a loss of \$86,000.00 in withholding taxes; now more then ever we need this levy to pass in order to provide the services to the residents.

Ordinance 2007-32, An ordinance repealing Section 171.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville which shall eliminate any credit to Village Taxpayers who pay municipal income tax to another municipality to be effective January 1, 2008. Read on second reading.

A motion was made by Dave Kirk and seconded by Bob Matson to withdraw Resolution 2007-33, A resolution by the Council of the Village of Garrettsville to indicate their position to not repeal Section 171.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville if the proposed .25% Income Tax Increase passes on November 6, 2007.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Ordinance 2007-35, An ordinance amending Section 923.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville to increase Sanitary Sewer rates by 8% commencing on January 1, 2008 for the next three (3) consecutive years (2008, 2009, 2010.). Read on second reading.

Ordinance 2007-38, An ordinance adding Section 1163.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville banning the use of exterior furnaces in the Village of Garrettsville. Read on first reading.

Moved by Eiermann, seconded by Matson to approve Resolution 2007-39, A resolution accepting the Portage County pre-disaster mitigation plan for natural disasters by the Village of Garrettsville.
VOTE AYES—pending the police and fire chiefs approval.

Moved by Kirk, seconded by Matson to approve Resolution 2007-40, A resolution commending Donovan Svab for his twelve years of service with Village of Garrettsville Police Department.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Mayor Moser read the bids for the South Sanitary Sewer Interceptor. (See attached.)
The low bid was \$159,671.00 from Northeast Ohio Trenching Company. The Board of Public Affairs has recommended Council approve the bid pending approval from Arcadis.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kirk to approve Resolution 2007-41, A resolution accepting the low bid of Northeast Ohio Trenching Services for the Issue 1 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project and authorizing the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Garrettsville to enter into an agreement with them.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous Eiermann, Matson, Kirk, Klamer, Kaiser
ABSTAIN—Clyde

Mayor Moser set the date for Trick or Treat in the Village of Garrettsville. Trick or Treat will October 31, 2007 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

There was discussion on the BWC issues and rate changes for 2008 and 2009.

Mayor Moser gave Council bids for Crack Sealing the Streets from GT Contractors and sealing parking lots from Thomas Asphalt. GT Contractors bid was \$24846.00, \$14,999.00 will come from the State

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Highway Fund and \$9847.00 will come from the Street Fund. Thomas Asphalt bid was for \$4,450.00. The Clerk asked Solicitor Mark Manlove if this should be put out for bid because of the \$25,000.00 bid level and Solicitor Mark Manlove said no because this is two separate projects.

Moved by Klamer, seconded by Kaiser to approve the Crack Sealing bid from GT Contractors and Thomas Asphalt for sealing of the municipal parking lots.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Mayor Moser updated Council on the Boardwalk Loan Funds. More discussion at a later date.

Mayor Moser discussed the news of Amweld closing in Garrettsville. Now more than ever we need to pass the Income Tax Levy. The Village will lose \$86,000.00 in income tax withholding with the closing. We have not replaced three employees that have left the Village. We are facing serious financial situations and we need the support from the residents. If the levy does not pass we will need to eliminate the tax credit given to residents who pay income tax in another municipality. Mayor Moser told Council if it comes to a tie vote he will vote to eliminate the tax credit. Mayor Moser announced that on November 1, 2007 at 7:30 pm Council would hold an Open Forum to discuss the Income Tax Levy.

Bob Matson asked Council to approve selling Quando to Tim Christopher for \$1.00. The dog stays with the handler and Tim Christopher would like to keep Quando.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kirk to approve the sale of Quando to Tim Christopher for \$1.00.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Jeff Kaiser spoke with Council about HB 9. The Village needs to appoint a designee to attend the training on the new Record Retention Laws. Council appointed the Clerk to attend the training session.

Chuck Klamer told Council the Village entrance signs should be up before the snow flies. High Street will be getting sidewalks weather permitting. The Village Business Showcase is October 18, 2007 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm hope to see you there.

Mayor Moser asked Council to enter into Executive Sessions for reasons of personnel.

Moved by Clyde, seconded by Eiermann to enter into Executive Session for reasons of personnel.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kirk to end Executive Session and return to Regular Council.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Matson, seconded by Eiermann to adjourn.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk