

REGULAR COUNCIL

AUGUST 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Patrick with Steve Hadzinsky, Bob Matson, Chris Anderson, Jeff Kaiser, Becky Harrington, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Donna Chinn, Barb Bejger, Dave Harrington, Robert Johnson, WM Johnson, Brent Artman, Kim Curry, Brian Gorby, Tom Hardesty, Hank Paul, Ted Lysiak, Chris Gerez, and Valorie McCullough. (Chuck Klamer was absent.)

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Matson to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2013 minutes with some minor changes.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hadzinsky to pay the bills.

VOTE AYES Unanimous

Revenue, Expenditure, cash balance and Income Tax reports were reviewed.

Mayor Patrick noted that the income tax reports looked really good. Solicitor Michele Stuck informed Council that one of the seriously delinquent accounts was paid in full. They were able to recover over \$4000.00 in back taxes.

Mayor Patrick introduced Hank Paul, a representative of the Shel Investments Partnership, who owns the Garrett House Apartments. He presented information to Council about the flooding issues at the apartments directly related to overwhelmed storm sewers during heavy downpours. Hank Paul stated that over the past several years, the apartments have flooded during torrential rain because the storm sewer pipe is too small to handle the runoff. He asked Council to consider fixing the problem. Council discussed the situation and promised to further explore the problem and determine what would be feasible.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Harrington to table Ordinance 2013-24 An ordinance amending Ordinance 2013-12 in order to provide the Garrettsville Police Department Dispatchers with a pay increase of twenty-five cents an hour.

Tabled until next meeting.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Harrington to suspend the rule that resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2013-28 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kaiser to approve Resolution 2013-28, A resolution honoring John W. Brindo III for his selfless service to the Village of Garrettsville Police Department and the Village as a whole.

VOTE AYES- Unanimous

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Harrington to suspend the rule that resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2013-29 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Harrington to approve Resolution 2013-29, A resolution recognizing Superintendent Charles C. Klamer for his years of service to the James A Garfield School District and the Garrettsville Community.

VOTE AYES –Unanimous

Rick Patrick told Council that Chuck was on his way home from the hospital and feeling much better.

Becky Harrington leaves Council Chambers. There was a brief discussion on Ordinance 2013-30.

Ordinance 2013-30, An ordinance enacting Section 1171.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville in order to enact a “Walkable Neighborhood” overlay district in the R-2 residential zoning district. Read on first reading.

Becky Harrington returns to Council Chambers.

There was a discussion on the bill that was received from Hammer Data for \$1500.00 for work done on the Village of Garrettsville web site. Due to a lack of communication, work was done on the web site that was not approved by Council. After some discussion, Council agreed to pay Hammer Data \$1500.00 for the work she had done. Erika Frankel did send the Clerk an email that was given to Council explaining what she had done and how many hours she spent doing it.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kaiser to pay Hammer Data for work that performed on the web site for \$1500.00.

VOTE AYES Hadzinsky, Matson, Anderson, Kaiser

NAY-Harrington

The 2014 Tahoe was received by Charles Chevrolet. Council had approved an amount not to exceed \$27,599.00. The difference in the cost was \$1656.85. The original cost of the Tahoe was based on a 2013 model. The Village received a 2014 model. Bruce Abraham owner of Charles Chevrolet said he would donate \$1000.00 to the Village to help cover the additional cost.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Kaiser to approve the additional cost of the 2014 Tahoe for \$1656.85.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Council approved a request from Brian Gorby for the Mantua Soccer Association to use the soccer fields on Brosius Road this season for games.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Harrington to waive the fee under Section 949.02 for use of the fields. The High School and Hiram College will have top priority for the use of the fields.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Ted Lysiak the new Superintendent of the James A. Garfield School District introduced himself to Council and says he has an open door policy any time anyone wants to talk.

Steve Hadzinsky presented findings related to the Village Service Vision work. He stated that current revenue is up compared to last July, however, historically there are usually large expenditures during spring and summer months. The Village Clerk stated that previous large expenses during the time frame in question were usually related to road maintenance and repair work, (chip and seal or repaving). Hadzinsky went on to say the Village looks in good shape financially.

Hadzinsky said the Village Service Vision (Council members Hadzinsky, Harrington and Anderson) developed objectives they felt critical to the understanding the expenditures for the Village and asked for Council's continued support in developing a plan of action to address the objectives. Hadzinsky said the first objective is to fully understand village expenditures. The second is to understand citizen's wants and needs and to find out if they are satisfied. The third is to help the citizens understand what they truly have by living in the Village. Hadzinsky said that many residents do not comprehend the many services that the village offers for their tax dollar. Discussion ensued about how to go about collecting information. The Village Service Vision supports going door to door information gathering , while the rest of Council felt that would be too invasive to the residents. Council and the Mayor suggested a survey could go out with water and sewer bills or be put on the web site. Hadzinsky said that those types of surveys never get good results. No decision was made on which course of action to take.

Barb Begjer said she did not agree with the door to door option. Barb does believe that the Village should have goals.

Council approved a \$50.00 donation from the Bailey family for the park.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kaiser to approve the \$50.00 donation from the Bailey family for the park.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Mayor Rick Patrick told Council the Peach Social was a success.

Mayor Patrick announced the resignation of Dave Kirk to the Board of Zoning Appeals. He suggested the Council approve Carolyn Sendry to replace Dave Kirk.

Moved by Hadzinsky, seconded by Anderson to approve Carolyn Sendry to replace Dave Kirk on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Bob Matson discussed the collapsing sewer under the hike/bike trail from Windham to South Street. He said he thought the Village had donated the land to the county so it may be their responsibility. Solicitor Michele Stuck will look into the matter.

Council gave Mayor Patrick approval for paving Maple and Center Streets not to exceed \$7350.00.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kaiser to authorize the Mayor to approve paving of Maple and Center Streets not to exceed \$7350.00.

VOTE AYES Unanimous

Valorie McCullough enters the meeting.

Becky Harrington gave Council a packet from the Auditor of State Dave Yost on the state doing a study on how the Village could save money.

Mayor Rick Patrick will contact Craig Dunbar to see what can be done with State Street. Repair work needs done before winter.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Harrington to adjourn.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk

