

REGULAR COUNCIL

November 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Patrick with Steve Hadzinsky, Bob Matson, Christine Anderson, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser, Becky Harrington, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Bruce Jones, Jeff Tabor, and Larry Geddes, Valorie McCullough, Tom Hardesty, Tom Matota, Greg Trask from the Portage County Library, Brian Savage from Ohio Insurance Services, Chris Gerez from the Villager and Linda Hartman for Clerk Nancy Baldwin.

Mayor Patrick presented the Garfield JAGS coaches with the plaque displaying Resolution 2013-31 congratulating the JAGS for their accomplishments.

Nelson Trustee Tom Matota was present to discuss the repairs to Brosius Road. Matota explained that Nelson Township had no opposition to fixing Brosius Road; funds were not available to split the cost of repairs when first approached by Mayor Patrick. Since the weather will not permit the Village to repair Brosius Road at all this year (as advised by the contractor), Matota has suggested that Nelson Township would be able to set aside the cost for Brosius Road repairs in their 2014 budget and continue to work with the Village to maintain Brosius Road.

Brian Savage from Ohio Insurance Services presented Council with renewal costs. Savage also suggested an early renewal option that would lock in current insurance policy details beginning in December 2013 through the early renewal of December 1st 2014. Savage also explained that OIS would shop for better rates in January and by signing the early renewal did not lock the Village in to the current policy if another company were to provide the Village with a better Health Insurance option.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Kaiser to accept the early renewal dates.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Greg Trask new manager of the Portage County District Library was present to introduce himself and invite everyone to visit the local Libraries.

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Anderson to approve the October 9th minutes as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Matson, seconded by Klamer to pay the bills.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Revenue, expenditure, cash balances and Income Tax reports were reviewed.

Moved by Matson to suspend the rule that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2013-38 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kaiser to approve Resolution 2013-38 a Resolution supporting the preservation of customer choice through government opt-out electric aggregation.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Ordinance 2013-39 an Ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 1191 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville in order to eliminate requirements that signs be reviewed by the Design Review Board or Planning Commission. Read on first Reading.

Ordinance 2013-40 an Ordinance amending section 1155.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville in order to eliminate requirements that signs be reviewed by the Design Review Board. Read on first reading.

Public Hearing for Ordinances 2013-39 and 2013-40 will be scheduled for the January 2014 meeting.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Kaiser to suspend the rule that Ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2013-41 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Matson, seconded by Anderson to approve Ordinance 2013-41 an Ordinance amending section 1139.03(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville to specify that no fee shall be required for "Change in Occupancy" permits.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Hadzinsky, seconded by Harrington to suspend the rule that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2013-42 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Harrington to approve Resolution 2013-42 2014 Public Defender contract.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

During roundtable discussion Becky Harrington reminded Council that the employees cost sharing percentage of the health Insurance could be increased to offset the increase in cost for the Village.

Jeff Kaiser revisited the Board of Public Affairs desire to have earthquake coverage added to the Village Liability Insurance Plan. Jeff recalled from the October Council meeting that Council did not want to add this rider at all to the policy. Matson agreed. Kaiser reminded Council that Consulting Engineer Said AbouAbdallah would be attending the February Council meeting one half hour before the regular scheduled meeting to discuss the water rate study and the possibility of increasing rates to cover future expenses. Kaiser then asked that the Village restructure the current road salting schedule to have the roads cleared for those that leave the Village very early in the morning. Kaiser suggested two workers coming in at 5AM and the other three employees come in at the regular work hours of 7AM to 3PM and on Saturday and Sunday a shift of 6AM to 10AM be added beginning now through the end of March.

Mayor Patrick informed Council that the contactor who was chosen to chip and seal various roads around the Village advised that the weather was not cooperating allowing roads to be repaired this year. Mayor Patrick asked to add two cell phones to the current plan to be utilized by the on call Street Department workers. The Mayor reported that Mickey Marozzi submitted a proposal of \$29,000 to the Village for the repair of the sidewalk only on the Liberty Street Bridge located near 10816 Liberty Street.

Marozzi is asking for Village participation. Mayor Patrick said that the demolition order of the Grist Mill from the Portage County Building department will expire on December 10, 2013. The Village has agreed to let the County continue to handle this situation without Village intervention. Mayor Patrick obtained a cost estimate from Scotchman electric to replace the wreath and Christmas lights on the clock tower. The cost for the wreath is approximately \$400.00 and the lights \$800.00. Chamber of Commerce has agreed to purchase the both the lights and the wreath. Mayor Patrick asked Council to contribute to the cost of the wreath.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Hadzinsky to purchase the wreath for the clock tower at an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

VOTE AYES-Hadzinsky, Matson, Anderson, Klamer, Kaiser.

ABSTAIN- Harrington

Mayor Patrick sated that leaf pick up will end before Thanksgiving.

Bob Matson wanted to remind everyone that long time resident Robert Armstrong had passed away and was a very highly decorated Vietnam Veteran who will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Councilman elect Tom Hardesty suggested that Council consider buying slag for the chip and seal projects for 2014 in January when the cost is lower and slag is more available. Hardesty also suggested that when the cost for repairing Brosius Road wad figured that the early slag purchase be considered in the cost sharing. Hardesty also asked that the Village portion of Wheeler Road be considered in the repairs.

Mayor Patrick reminded and invited everyone to the Lighting of the Christmas tree by the Clock Tower on November 30th. Everyone will gather at 5:30PM and the Lighting will take place at 6PM. Santa and horse drawn carriage rides and refreshments will all be provided.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Kaiser to adjourn.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

