

## Regular Council

October 08, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Patrick with Steve Hadzinsky, Chris Anderson, Tom Hardesty, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser, Becky Harrington, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Nancy and Bill Cline, Dorothy Kohut, Chris Sanchez, Eugene L. Muldowney candidate for Common Pleas Judge and Valorie McCullough.

Moved by Hadzinsky, seconded by Kaiser to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE AYES—Hadzinsky, Hardesty, Anderson, Kaiser, Harrington

ABSTAIN—Chuck Klamer

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

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Revenue, Expenditure, Cash Balance and Income Tax reports were reviewed.

Nancy and Bill Cline were present to discuss their dog being attacked on Maple Ave. Nancy was walking her dog on Maple Ave. and noticed a dog hanging out of the window. She walked to the other side of the street. The pit-bull dog jumped out of the window and attacked her dog. A man from across the street took a chair and threw it at the dog. One of the Village Water Department employee's wife went to the Police Department and got the police for help. A report was filed and the dog warden was notified.

Chris Sanchez EMS Chief was present to ask for support on Issue 13. Issue 13 is renewal levy for the EMS District.

Eugene L. Muldowney was present to introduce himself to Council as a candidate for Common Pleas Judge in Portage County.

Ordinance 2014-31 An ordinance amending Section 1165.02(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville in order to eliminate a discrepancy in the permitted height of flagpoles. Read on third reading a Public Hearing will be held on November 12, 2014.

Moved by Klamer, seconded by Kaiser to suspend the rule that Ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2014-34 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Klamer to approve Ordinance 2014-34 An ordinance amending Ordinance 2014-09 " entitled "Annual Appropriation Ordinance" to make appropriations for the current expenses and expenditures for the Village of Garrettsville, State of Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Mayor Rick Patrick discussed a letter from the Silver Creek Garden Club regarding the care of the hanging baskets. For 14 years the Silver Creek Garden Club has helped with the hanging baskets in the Village. Ordering flowers, unloading flowers, unloading baskets from the delivery truck each May, planting planters, providing fertilizer, removing all plant material from baskets at the end of the season and many years of storing baskets and liners. Silver Creek Garden Club holds a plant sale each spring to pay for the contribution to the program. This is an important of Silver Creek Garden Club's service. The Village Street Department has taken on the responsibility of watering and fertilizing the baskets and planters. It has been the Gardens Club's observation and that of others that the baskets are not properly maintained. Specifically, although they are supposed to be thoroughly watered three times a week by the Street Department this has not happened on a regular basis. Often on day that they were to be watered the soil was dry, which stresses the plants. The Chamber of Commerce, Village and the Silver Creek Garden Club invest more than \$2500.00 annually in the baskets and planters. The planting should last until September. Because of improper watering the plants began to wither and die long before the end of the season. The Mayor and Street Department Superintendent many times have been informed about the concerns. The Garden Club will give the program one more year, if the plants are not maintained properly they will withdraw their support. The Mayor spoke to a member of the Garden Club and next year the Street Department will be taught by the Garden Club how to maintain the baskets and planters properly.

Mayor Rick Patrick commended Karen Harris on her years of service to the Village of Garrettsville. She will be retiring due to illness.

Moved by Klamer, seconded by Anderson to suspend the rule that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2014-36 be placed on first reading and passed.  
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Klamer, seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution 2014-36 a resolution honoring Karen Harris for her many years of outstanding service to the Village of Garrettsville and the community as a whole.  
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Klamer to suspend the rule that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2014-35 be placed on first reading and passed.  
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution 2014-35 A resolution authorizing the creation of a Police K-9 Fund in order to properly track donations and other funds raised relating to the Garrettsville Police Department K-9 Unit.  
VOTE AYES-- Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Kaiser to suspend the rule that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2014-37 be placed on first reading and passed.  
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Harrington to approve Resolution 2014-37 a resolution to enter into a contract for the County Public Defender Service to a Municipal Corporation.  
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

The Clerk gave Council a letter from Ellerhorst Insurance about properties that were not insured under the Village Insurance. Mayor Rick Patrick told Council he will speak to Mark Russell.

The Board recommended that Council proceed with the bids for the North Street Issue 1 Project.

Moved Hadzinsky, seconded Harrington to authorize the bids for the North Street Issue 1 Project.  
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

The Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Baldwin asked Council to approve the Village Clerk's Office hours from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm to 8Am to 4PM Monday through Friday.

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Hadzinsky to approve the Clerk's new office hours 8:00 am until 4:00 beginning November 1, 2014.  
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Becky Harrington reviewed the new surveys received during the month.

Steve Hadzinsky discussed the Village's deficit spending.

Mayor Rick Patrick announced the leaf program beginning October 23, 2014. Grist Mill will open in November.

Tom Hardesty discussed overtime and comp-time for employees.

There was discussion on things said at the previous meeting about Summerfest and the related cost to the Village. Mayor Rick Patrick was not present at the previous meeting and wanted to discuss issues that were brought up at the meeting. Mayor Rick Patrick said Chamber of Commerce spends thousands of dollars on Summerfest, many hours go into the preparation of the Summerfest. The Village pays for the electric, Sunburst Environmental donations the dumpsters and trash pick-up. Chamber purchases banners for the Village. Summerfest gave \$2000.00 and the electric pole and service was covered by the Village Insurance.

Mayor Rick Patrick announced the retirement of Taz, the Village of Garrettsville's K-9 dog. Taz has been in service for the Village of Garrettsville and with his owner Lieutenant Tim Christopher for many years. The Police Department would like to purchase another dog and begin to interview and appoint another officer to the K-9 program. Lieutenant Tim Christopher will no longer be the K-9 officer. Lieutenant Christopher would like to purchase the dog from the Village and remain his care taker. Taz has been a member of his family and wants the dog to remain with him. The new dog and training is estimated to cost \$14,350.00. Some Council members were concerned about the short notice that was given on the announcement of the dog retiring and the training for the new dog. Mayor Rick Patrick told Council members that the Safety Committee meeting was held earlier that day and Safety Committee had just received the information at the meeting. Some Council members were upset due to the fact that a decision needed to be made that night. Mayor Rick Patrick explained that the Village would be without a K-9 officer for six months. The Police Department had to have a decision that had to be made in order to attend the next training session in March which had limited spaces left. Lieutenant Tim Christopher was hoping to keep Taz in service longer but after the last trip to the veterinary office, Christopher was told Taz would not be able to continue service after October 15, 2014. After a lengthy discussion Council agreed to proceed with the program.

The Police Department requested Lieutenant Christopher purchase Taz for \$1.00 and a K-9 Fund request be sent to the Auditor of State for donations and fund raisers to help with the purchase and up keep of the dog. The State Auditor has to agree to setting up a new fund.

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Hardesty to commit to the funding in the amount of \$14350.00 to proceed with the new K-9 and training program.

AYES—Hardesty, Hadzinsky, Anderson, Kaiser, Klamer

ABSTAIN--Harrington

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Harrington to suspend the rule that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2014-38 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Harrington to approve Resolution 2014-38, a Resolution recognizing K-9 Officer "Taz" for seven years of faithful service to the Village of Garrettsville and authorizing his retirement from municipal service and the transfer of ownership.

VOTE AYES--Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Kaiser to adjourn.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk

