

REGULAR COUNCIL

June 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Patrick with Steve Hadzinsky, President Tom Hardesty, Chris Anderson, Sheri Johnson, Jeff Kaiser, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Valorie McCullough, Chief of Police Tony Milicia, Dispatch Supervisor Joleen Clelland, Frank Nedelka, Chris Knop, Fran Teresi, Debbie Wordell, Chris Gerez from the Villager, Dan Pompili from the Record Courier and other interested guests. (Becky Harrington was absent.)

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Hadzinsky to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2015 meeting as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

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

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

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

At the May Council meeting Dispatch Supervisor Joleen Clelland discussed placing a police levy on the November 2015 ballot to help increase revenues for the Police Department. Clelland spoke with the Portage County Auditor's Office and reported that there would be no cost to place the levy on the ballot. Wording of the proposed levy would be such that the tax monies would be collected starting February 2016 to affect the 2015 tax year. The levy request would be a 3 year, 4.1 mil levy, which would raise about \$200,000.00 annually based on the 2013 figures for the Fair Market Value. For Village property owners that would mean for every \$100,000.00 of value there would be an annual increase of \$144.00 in property taxes. Clelland stated that the levy would allow the Police department to return to their original budget, maintain current staffing and have monies available for equipment purchases and repairs. Jeff Kaiser questioned Clelland staffing comments. Council had agreed the previous month not to cut staff and add a new full time officer for the existing vacancy in the department. Clelland replied that she probably has a resignation coming in the next couple of weeks. Chief Milicia added that he wants to encourage longevity with his current staff as there are not many qualified candidates submitting applications. Jeff Kaiser asked what kind of funding was needed to get qualified candidates. Chief Milicia replied that if we maintain what we have and if we quit cutting the department's budget then people will stay. Chief Milicia added that his officers are sensing instability and feel Council does not support the Police Department any longer. Chris Anderson voiced her concerns about the tax increase to the residents. Everyone is cutting; that doesn't mean we do not support the Police Department. Chris Anderson said that many people have lost jobs, everyone is cutting back, and everyone has to learn to live within their means. Jeff Kaiser agreed with Chris Anderson and did not feel it was fair to Village residents to be in effect putting our hands out and asking for more money. Mayor Patrick asked for additional comments and for a suspension of the rules to move on and vote.

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Hadzinsky to suspend the rule that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2015-25 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES- Hadzinsky, Hardesty, Johnson

NAYS- Anderson, Kaiser
Motion fails.

Moved by Hadzinsky, seconded by Kaiser to amend Resolution 2015-26 which was read to add "June 25, 2015" and "All employees" to section 1 by striking sections 2,3 and adding "all employees" to the section referencing the 11th holiday.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Kaiser to suspend the rules that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2015-26 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Hadzinsky, Anderson, Johnson, Kaiser, Hardesty

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Kaiser to approve Resolution 2015-26 A Resolution modifying certain employee benefits.

VOTE AYES-Hadzinsky, Anderson, Johnson, Kaiser

NAYS-Hardesty

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Johnson to hire Joshua Erb to full time officer beginning June 12, 2015.

VOTE AYES-Hadzinsky, Anderson, Johnson, Kaiser

NAYS-Hardesty

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Anderson to suspend the rules that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2015-27 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Kaiser to approve Resolution 2015-27 A Resolution granting consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation to commence a project that is expected to begin construction in fiscal year 2017.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Ordinance 2015-28 An Ordinance amending Sections 1193.07 and 1193.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville relating to restoration of non-conforming Single Family Dwellings. Read on first reading.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hardesty to suspend the rules that Ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2015-29 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hardesty to approve Ordinance 2105-29 An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute a water main easement and accepting the grant of a permanent water main easement from Donald and Jodi Neu.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Anderson to suspend the rule that Ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2015-30 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Hadzinsky to approve Ordinance 2015-30 and Ordinance declaring blight in the area of Main Street, Garrettsville, Ohio as a result of the fire March 22, 2104.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Council discussed revisiting the vote for the Police Levy.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Johnson to reconsider suspending the rules on Ordinance 2015-25.

VOTE AYES-Hadzinsky, Hardesty, Anderson, Johnson

NAYS-Kaiser

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Hadzinsky to suspend the rules that Ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2015-25 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Hadzinsky, Hardesty, Anderson, Johnson

NAYS-Kaiser

Motion fails- 2015-25 will be read on second reading in July.

Mayor Patrick asked Council to enter into Executive Session for reasons of personnel compensation and personnel employment.

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Anderson to enter into executive session for reasons of personnel compensation.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Johnson to end executive session and return to regular Council.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Hadzinsky, seconded by Kaiser to suspend the rule that Ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2015-24 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES-Hadzinsky, Anderson, Johnson, Kaiser

NAYS-Hardesty

Motion fails.

Ordinance 2015-22 An Ordinance establishing the compensation of the Village Clerk Treasurer of the Electoral term commencing on April 1, 2016. Read on second reading.

Mayor Rick Patrick reminded Council that Summerfest was coming up on June 26th through the 28th and he hoped to see everyone there.

Jeff Kaiser said that Eagle Scout Christian Spaur wants to build bird boxes as a scout project. Sheri Johnson said he should come to Council to explain the project. Spaur will be at the July meeting.

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Kaiser to adjourn.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk