

Regular Council

March 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rick Patrick with Steve Hadzinsky, Tom Hardesty, Debbie Wordell, Sheri Johnson, Jeff Kaiser, Becky Harrington, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Collen Khairallah, Julie Whan, Keith Whan, Debbie Blewitt, Anthony Milicia, Mark Russell from Ellerhorst Insurance, Mykola Schkucko, Chris Sanchez, David Friess, Chuck Klamer, Tim Christopher, Joe Leonard, Brad Cromes, Chris Gerez from the Villager and a reporter from the Record Courier.

Moved by Hadzinsky, seconded by Harrington to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

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

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Revenue, Expenditure, Cash Balance and Income Tax Reports were reviewed.
Steve Hadzinsky said finances look really good. Hope it continues.

Mark Russell was present to discuss the Liability and Property Insurance.

Steve Hadzinsky discussed discontinuing dispatch because of the new State of Ohio Regulations. The Village would need to purchase new equipment. Two dispatchers would have to be on duty and be Emergency Medical Dispatchers. Tom Hardesty said the Village now dispatches for the Village of Windham, Garrettsville, Freedom, Nelson Joint Fire District and Community EMS. Jeff Kaiser said EMS District is working on finding another service to take them. Tom Hardesty said this could be months away. The Village would have to give 120 days' notice to these entities. Chief Tony Milicia said the new dispatch consoles are \$24,000.00 and \$500.00 for additional power supplies. The revenue we receive from our dispatch customers is \$82,400.00. Chief Tony Milicia said the equipment that is being used now is not going to be supported and it is extremely hard to find parts. Tom Hardesty said we need new radios this is a four year purchase plan the year down payment cost is \$8365.44 in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 the cost will be \$20680.81. Chief Tony Milicia is going to apply for a grant for the radios in the amount of \$83,000.00. Jeff Kaiser said with all the additional cost we just can't do it. Chief Tony Milicia said at the end of March we will have two full-time and two part-time dispatchers on staff. Fire Chief Dave Friess said there are a lot of rumors out there about the Fire Department going to Ravenna. Rumors like the Fire District is trying to hurt the Village of Garrettsville. These are all rumors, we are trying to go to Ravenna but they cannot take us unless their levy passes on March 15, 2016. Chief Friess spoke with Ryan Shakelford and the Portage County Commissioners are holding a meeting on March 15, 2016 to discuss this issue. We will know more once the election is held and the Commissioners hold their meeting. Chris Sanchez said the EMS District is having a hard time finding anyone who wants to take them due to the number of calls they receive. Chief Tony Milicia said we need to make a recommendation to disband dispatch. Mayor Rick Patrick said he does not want to get rid of dispatch. Jeff Kaiser said this is coming down and it is going to happen. Becky Harrington said she feels it is

coming. Jeff Kaiser said we can give our customers until July 15, 2016. Tom Hardesty asked is there going to be staffing issues. Chief Tony Milicia said there will be overtime due to having two full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers. Tom Hardesty said we need to take of our customers that have been with us for years.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Hadzinsky to suspend the rules that Resolutions be fully and completely read on three different days and that Resolution 2016-02 be placed on second reading and passed.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Johnson, seconded Hadzinsky to approve Resolution 2016-02 A resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of the Village of Garrettsville to enter into an agreement for the provision of dispatching services to the Garrettsville-Freedom-Nelson Fire District and declaring an emergency.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Wordell to amend Ordinance 2016-06 remove twenty hours and 133.05 will move up to Section B.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Wordell to suspend the rules that Ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and Ordinance 2016-06 be placed as amended on second reading and passed.

VOTE AYES—Hadzinsky, Hardesty, Wordell, Johnson, Harrington

NAY-Kaiser

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Johnson to approve Ordinance 2016-06 An ordinance amending various Sections of Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville regarding the Village Clerk-Treasurer's Office as amended.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Wordell to suspend the rules that Ordinances be fully and completely read on three different days and that Ordinance 2016-07 be placed on first reading and passed.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Kaiser to approve Ordinance 2016-07 An ordinance setting forth the compensation rates of the employees of the Village and employees of the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Ordinance 2016-08 An ordinance waiving Board of Zoning Appeals for certain substandard lots in the R-2 Zoning District. First Reading.

The quote from Atnetplus for a new firewall was discussed and Council agreed with the purchase.

The Garrettsville Library sent copies of the utility bills for Council review and approval.

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Harrington to pay the utilities for the Garrettsville Library in the amount of \$5,104.03.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Kaiser, seconded by Harrington to disband dispatch services by July 15, 2016.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Kaiser to give notice to our three customers to disband the dispatch services in the Village of Garrettsville.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Solicitor Michele Stuck will write the termination letters.

Chris Sanchez thanked the Street Department for plowing.

Tom Hardesty will be adding names to the Veteran's Memorial.

Chief Tony Milicia will meet with the Portage County Sherriff's Department and get a formal contract for dispatching.

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Hadzinsky authorizing Chief Tony Milicia to start pursuing the purchase of new radios.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Debbie Wordell asked if anything could be done about some properties in the Village that are not being kept up. Mayor Rick Patrick said they tried to have a Maintenance Ordinance but residents were totally against it. Debbie Wordell asked about boarded up windows and Solicitor Michele Stuck said there is not much you can do. Mayor Patrick said some of the properties are in foreclosure.

Clerk Nancy Baldwin asked Sheri Johnson the status of the benches that the Bailey family are having made for the park. Sheri Johnson said the benches are done and Mike Heyd will have a bill for Dorothy Bailey.

Jeff Kaiser said he would like to see the trees replaced in the Cemetery that have been removed. There still are some dead trees that need to be taken down.

Becky Harrington said the Clock Tower is close to being finished.

Becky Harrington informed Council about concerns she has with complaints she received about Garrettsville police not assisting with traffic at the schools during dismissal. Harrington told Police Chief Tony Milicia she was approached because of safety concerns with students crossing SR 88 and also students trying to exit the high school. Police Chief Tony Milicia told Harrington that when he originally

had spoken to officials at the school they understood that the traffic assistance was offered only if an officer was available. Chief Milicia said that the department had been getting a bunch of call around 2-2:30 but he also said he would do his best to get the officer on duty to the school as much as possible. Harrington said she was told the assistance stopped when the levy did not pass. Chief Milicia said it had nothing to do with the levy not passing. Chief Milicia reminded Council that having an officer at the school was never a guarantee and assured that the absence of an officer for traffic assistance was not related to the levy in any way. Harrington said she would pass the information on to the people who had approached her.

Portage County Treasurer Brad Cromes was present to discuss some new issues coming to the Treasurer's Office. You will be able to pay your property taxes on line and with a credit card. The new loan program for homeowners who want to do home improvements with a low interest rate.

Mr. Klamer was present to discuss hiring three summer helpers for the Street Department. He asked Council the status of sidewalks. Mayor Rick Patrick said they are working on that. Klamer asked if the Street Department could sweep the sidewalks and clean up Main Street before St. Patrick's Day. Mayor Rick Patrick said he would talk to the Street Department Superintendent and make sure these things were done.

Chris Sanchez told Council there will be an EMS open house at the EMS building on May 28, 2016. The EMS parade will begin at 1:00 and the open house will follow.

Moved by Harrington, seconded by Johnson to adjourn.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

