

PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 16, 2004

The Public Hearing was opened by President Bob Matson with Teri Eiermann, Dave Kirk, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser, Karen Clyde, Solicitor Mark Manlove, Mayor Craig Moser, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Sandy Perdian, Ed Perdian, Dale Gillespie, Hallie Higgins, Barb Walker, Jim Walker, Debbie Darling, Rick Patrick, Bert Wilkinson, Jody Schroath from the Villager and other interested visitors.

Ordinance 2004-02, An ordinance to change the zoning of the lower Police Department parking lot in the Village of Garrettsville from CBD to OC and to amend the zoning map of the Village of Garrettsville to reflect the changes.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Eiermann to close the Public Hearing and begin Regular Council.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

REGULAR COUNCIL

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Craig Moser with Bob Matson, Teri Eiermann, Dave Kirk, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser, Karen Clyde, Solicitor Mark Manlove, Mayor Craig Moser, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Sandy Perdian, Ed Perdian, Dale Gillespie, Hallie Higgins, Barb Walker, Jim Walker, Debbie Darling, Rick Patrick, Bert Wilkinson, Jody Schroath from the Villager and other interested visitors.

Moved by Kirk, seconded by Eiermann to approve the minutes of the February 11,2004 meeting as presented by the Clerk.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

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

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Revenue, Expenditure and Cash balance reports were reviewed.

Moved by Clyde, seconded by Matson to approve Ordinance 2004-02, An ordinance to change the zoning of the lower Police Department parking lot in the Village of Garrettsville from CBD to OC and to amend the zoning map of the Village of Garrettsville to reflect the changes.

VOTE-Nay Teri Eiermann, Bob Matson, Dave Kirk, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser

AYES-Karen Clyde-Ordinance failed.

Barb Walker said she could understand not using the lower lot of the Police Department. She asked Council what their response was to the article in the Villager? Karen Clyde said that she read where skate boarding is the second fastest growing sport in the country. Teri Eiermann feels that Council should use one of the double tennis courts for the skateboard park. Bob Matson and Karen Clyde both feel that rather than taking away something from the Village it would be better to find a new area for the skateboarders. Someone suggested the lower parking lot behind the Village Hall. Mayor Moser said the Village Hall parking was unattractive because of the neighbors. Mayor Moser feels that the tennis court on Maple Avenue would be the best place to use. Teri Eiermann feels that a single tennis court would not be adequate. Hallie Higgins said that the skateboard park should be a community thing for our children. Dave Kirk said that he has had several calls about the skateboard park and residents feel that taxpayer money should not be spent for kids who are skateboarding on sidewalks and in parking lots. Kirk said business and residents have complained about skateboarders in parking lots and on sidewalks. Dave Sheehan said that he had been hearing where do we send the skateboarders. He said that the Village Park on South Street was designated for skateboarders the Council did paving for just that purpose. So there is no reason anyone should be in parking lots or on sidewalks. Ed Perdian said that the skateboard park should be in the recreational area. Debbie Darling suggested that Council try out an area for one year. After a lengthy discussion Council suggested that the parents and skateboarders bring three proposals to the Planning Commission meeting on April 8, 2004.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Eiermann to approve Resolution 2004-13 Preliminary Legislation for the Windham Street Bridge for work in 2009 from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Ordinance 2004-15, an ordinance changing the zoning of 8145 High Street in the Village of Garrettsville from R-2 to R-3 amending the zoning map to reflect the change. Read on second reading.

Dave Kirk discussed Ordinance 2004-15, he voted no in Planning Commission he doesn't want a floodgate of houses going down and two duplexes going up instead of a single-family home.

Moved by Klamer, seconded by Matson to approve Resolution 2004-16, a resolution authoring the Clerk of the Village of Garrettsville to advertise for the bids with respect to the paving of Maple Avenue, High Street and Freedom Street based upon the Village specifications.

VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Ordinance 2004-17, an ordinance adding Section 1169.02(b)(11) to the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Garrettsville to conditionally permit Open Space development in the R-1 District. Read on first reading.

Bob Matson discussed the Liberty Street sewer line proposal and wants the R-1 district to remain at 1 1/2 acres per home.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Clyde to approve Resolution 2004-18, a resolution authorizing the expenditure of public funds to purchase coffee and refreshments.
VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Klamer, seconded by Eiermann to approve Resolution 2004-19, a resolution authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Garrettsville to advertise for sale various equipment that the Village no longer has any use for.
VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Eiermann, seconded by Klamer to pay the Garrettsville Library \$5000.00 for utilities.
VOTE AYES-Unanimous

Moved by Eiermann, seconded by Klamer to accept the donation of a pavilion for the Brosius Road Park from an anonymous person at an estimated cost of \$5000.00.
VOTE AYES-Unanimous

There was discussion on the Family Medical Leave Act the Village does not have a policy. Solicitor Mark Manlove will research this issue and more discussion will take place at the next meeting. Currently the Village follows the Federal Guidelines for the Family Medical Leave Act.

Bert Wilkinson had a complaint about dogs running loose, one killed his cat and would have attacked his grandson if not for the glass in the screen door. He wanted to know why the Village does not have a contract with Portage County Dog Warden? Council decided not to enter into a contract with the Dog Warden. The warden refuses to come and get the dog unless you catch the dog and hold it until they get there. Solicitor Mark Manlove said this is the first year that the Dog Warden has charged for the services. Debbie Darling said the Police Department would not come either. Mayor Moser said it is the dog owner that is responsible you would need to contact the owner of the dog. Dave Kirk said once you find the owner you need to file a report with the Police Department. A phone call to the Police Department is not good enough you need to go the Police Department and file a complaint. Sandy Peridan said that she couldn't believe that you have to find the owner of the dog before anything can be done. Some dogs are vicious and they may bite. Dave Kirk suggested that they attend the Safety Committee meeting on April 12, 2004 at 6:30 PM to discuss this matter.

Teri Eiermann discussed the Insane Clown Posey concert it will be held this year in Nelson. She suggested that the Village welcome the Juggalos. She will ask PARTA for a bus to transport the Juggalos from Nelson to Garrettsville so they can shop. She will act as a liaison between Psychopathic Record Officials and the Village. The next Bicentennial meeting will be at Sean's Pub at 9:30 on April 6, 2004.

Dave Kirk noted that the EMS District would be purchasing a new ambulance.

Karen Clyde reminded everyone about the meeting on April 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM for the discussion of the Liberty Street Sewer Line. Karen asked Chuck Klamer to contact her so that they can come up with a sidewalk proposal. Karen would like the Village Departments to purchase as many supplies in the Village as they can. Support the town.

Moved by Clyde, seconded by Matson to adjourn.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk