

## PUBLIC HEARING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Matson with Teri Eiermann, Chuck Klamer, Mayor Craig Moser, Jeff Kaiser, Karen Clyde, Solicitor Mark Manlove, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Frank Nedelka, Bill Cline, Aaron King, Tom Russell, Craig Dlugokecki, Rick Patrick, Stephanie Byrne, a reporter from the Record Courier and Jody Schroath from the Villager.

Ordinance 2004-34, An ordinance to rezone 6.62 acres of vacant land on the north side of Windham Street (State Route 82) in the Village of Garrettsville from R-1 to C-2, and amending the zoning map to reflect this change.

No comments.

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

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

## REGULAR COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order Mayor Craig Moser with Teri Eiermann, Bob Matson, Chuck Klamer, Jeff Kaiser, Karen Clyde, Solicitor Mark Manlove, Clerk Nancy Baldwin, Frank Nedelka, Bill Cline, Aaron King, Tom Russell, Craig Dlugokecki, Rick Patrick, Stephanie Byrne, a reporter from the Record Courier and Jody Schroath from the Villager.

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

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

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

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Revenue, Expenditures and Cash Balance reports were reviewed.

Moved by Matson, seconded by Clyde to approve Ordinance 2004-34, An ordinance to rezone 6.62 acres of vacant land on the north side of Windham Street (State Route 82) in

the Village of Garrettsville from R-1 to C-2, amending the zoning map to reflect this change.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Moved by Klamer, seconded by Eiermann to approve Resolution 2004-37, A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Bob Matson requested the addition of a new stone at the Veteran's Memorial on Maple Avenue for the Iraq War. The cost estimate was \$3900.00 plus \$2.00 for each letter. The Street Department would set the base and Scotchman Electric could do the electrical. The total cost estimate would be \$6,000.00.

Moved by Eiermann, seconded by Kaiser to approve the new stone at the Veteran's Memorial at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

Bob Matson asked Jody Schroath to put in the Villager that anyone who is in the service and lives in Garrettsville to send his or her names to the Village Clerk. The Record Courier was asked to do the same.

Bob Matson discussed the political sign ordinance. The Village ordinance states that signs cannot be displayed in yards prior to 60 days before the election. The Portage County Prosecutor said this was not legal. Solicitor Mark Manlove said that the Village Sign Ordinance was fine and the Portage County Prosecutor was talking about townships. Chuck Klamer feels it has not been a problem. Karen Clyde said we can send it to Planning Commission for review but she recommends the Village Sign Ordinance stay the same. Jeff Kaiser said that the Portage County Regional Planning Commission had discussed the political signs at their meeting. The Regional Planning Commission recommends no time limits on political signs. Bob Matson said that the Zoning Inspector has better things to do than worry about when political signs were placed in yards. Bob Matson said maybe we should just leave it alone, and Council agreed.

There was discussion on rate increases for water, sewer and sewer capacity fees. Council was given the Board of Public Affairs Budget projection for the next five years. Karen Clyde said she wanted to review the figures. Teri Eiermann wants to know more information on the Wastewater Plant Expansion costs and if it would be done in phases. Karen Clyde said there are no costs, no plans. Matson said that they do have a study that was done in 1996. The sewer capacity fee was discussed. Rick Patrick said the Village fees are a lot lower than other areas we should let the developer pay for the Wastewater Treatment Expansion they are the ones using the capacity. Bill Cline asked about the residents on Liberty Street do they have to pay a tap in fee? Matson said the Board of Public Affairs is working on that issue. Karen Clyde said the expansion will cost more now and we will have to raise rates again. Bob Matson said the rate increases would not pay for the expansion. Mayor Craig Moser said that the Board of Public Affairs has been

doing some aggressive work to maintain the Water Plant and Wastewater Plant. Jeff Kaiser said the Portage County Regional Planning discussed loans for municipalities for water and sewer projects. Issue II funding was discussed. More discussion will follow when Ed Seigerst arrives.

Aaron King was present to discuss a Music and Arts Festival for next summer. Aaron asked Council if they would give the same support as was given to the Bicentennial Committee? Aaron said the festival would be in June. Council agreed to support the festival with port-a-johns, electric and extra security.

Bill Cline asked if the Village was going to do the Tree Removal Project this year? Mayor Craig Moser said he was going to ask Council to approve the project. The Village only removes the trees if they are in the public right of way. The cost to the homeowners is \$200.00 and the Village pays the remainder. Karen Clyde said it would be nice to remove the stumps. Mayor Moser asked Council if \$10,000.00 could be spent on the tree removal and Council agreed. Mayor Craig Moser asked the Village to put the information about the tree removal in the paper and have residents submit the requests to the Village Clerk. Street Superintendent Keith Hartman and Mayor Moser will evaluate the trees to be removed.

Bob Matson asked Council if anyone was aware of the drilling in municipalities? He noted that this is now controlled by the state.

Chuck Klamer said the sidewalks are moving along and more are in the process.

Council set Trick or Treat for Sunday, October 31, 2004 from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM.

Karen Clyde asked Solicitor Mark Manlove if he had talked with Thermo Link about the recycle bins? Solicitor Mark Manlove said he has left messages but no one has returned his call.

Board President Ed Seigerst entered the meeting.

President Ed Seigerst was present to discuss the rate increases for water, sewer and the sewer capacity fees. The Board has not had a rate increase for the past three years. Costs are going up, salaries, benefits, costs to operate and the carryover balances for the Board are going down. The Village has had good service from the water and sewer. The Wastewater Treatment Plant will need to be expanded the daily capacity is at 344,000.00 gallons and the plant design is for 350,000.00 gallons. The EPA states that the plant has to be expanded when you reach 85% capacity. President Seigerst feels the target date for expansion of the plant would be in 2006. The Board would like to utilize new technology. Teri Eiermann said the estimated cost for the expansion is 4 million dollars. How much more capacity will we have? President Seigerst said the plant capacity would double. The EPA has new rules every year and one concern for the Village is sludge, the EPA says we need a six-month storage for sludge. Teri Eiermann asked if the increase in water was just to maintain what we currently have? President Ed Seigerst said we would need a new

well. Seigerst said we have made a lot of improvements to both systems The Board needs to do more research. Karen Clyde said we need to keep costs down or we are going to make it so no one can live here. Chuck Klamer said a 10% increase is a lot, Seigerst said 10% is what the Board wants. It needs to maintain and improve the systems. Chuck Klamer said we have to walk a magical tightrope, we need to decide what we want and what we need. President Seigerst discussed the Issue II funding for Liberty Street. The funding was approved. The grant is for \$241,000.00 and the Board also will receive a 0% loan for \$50,000.00. The total cost of the project including the driveway to the Wastewater Treatment Plant is estimated to cost \$650,000.00. Karen Clyde said you still need more money, sometimes you are better off not to accept the grant when the cost to the Village is so high. President Ed Seigerst said that is really hard to do. Council would like copies of the Capital Projects for water and sewer. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

Moved by Clyde, seconded by Kaiser to adjourn.

VOTE AYES—Unanimous

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk