

**MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024  
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

**PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL	MR. REYNALD J. PAOLONE	PRESENT
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. KEITH SCHUBERT	PRESENT
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. MARK STANDOHAR	PRESENT
THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. JEFF KAY	PRESENT
FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. THOMAS GRUMLEY	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MS. LILY MARTUCCIO	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. JOHN MOLITERNO	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	MR. SAM ZIRAFI	PRESENT

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND GRUMLEY NOT TO CONTEST THE LIQUOR LICENCE FOR FAMILY DOLLAR.**

SCHUBERT 1  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY 2  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND KAY TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF MARCH 11, 2024 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY 2  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO 1  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND GRUMLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT  
STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY 2  
MARTUCCIO 1  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**Greg Greathouse:** 378 Bonnie Brae NE, Warren, Ohio. The public utilities committee of Warren City Council is hosting a meeting this Thursday at 4 pm. We have the Ohio Consumer's Council coming in from Columbus to talk about their opposition to Dominion Energy's 30% increase in gas rates before the PUCO.

They are in opposition to it and they are coming in to instruct us on how we can make our voices heard and we would like to extend an invitation to any and all elected officials and the citizens to come and join us. There might be 5 people there. There might be 55 people there, but I have the Commissioners coming. They have pledged to come. My mayor has extended, hopefully, Mr. Zuppo you have gotten an invitation from the mayor's office to attend. If not I can go back and pinch him. I'd like to give this information to somebody. Sam? **President of Council Paolone:** Sam is the utilities' chair. **Greathouse:** There is a flier there that provides more information about it, but they are proposing to increase, it'll be about \$100 more a year for your gas service if you are a Dominion East Ohio Gas customer. In addition, there are riders that will begin this year at like \$2.50 a month and by 2035 those will be up to \$28 a month. So, the Consumer's Council is in opposition to that and we would like you to join us in opposition to that as well. That will affect all residential customers of Dominion Ohio Gas in Ohio. 4.5 million of us. Any questions? Yes ma'am. **Councilwoman Martuccio:** 4 pm this Thursday? **Greathouse:** Yes ma'am. **Martuccio:** Where? **Greathouse:** At city council chambers. It's where the police department is. So come and join us. People, they'll be lively. **Paolone:** Thanks for coming. **Martuccio:** Yes. Thank you.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

**MAYOR**

**MARK ZUPPO**

**PRESENT**

**Mayor Zuppo:** Just to recap some of activities the last few weeks. I will tell you that there are discussions going on with myself and a grocery store chain. I don't want to say anything more about that at this point and time. I don't want to put the maloik on that one. We'll see what happens. There's some interest. In the past couple of weeks I have attended MVSD meeting filling in for Julie Green. That was certainly interesting. Watching them operate. Engineer Randy Smith had his annual dinner here last week. I attended that and they were very gracious to me at that. It was packed with officials from Trumbull County. I went to my first Mayor's Association meeting last week in Niles. Mayor Franklin, Mayor Mientkiewicz from Niles, Mayor Brown from Youngstown, Mayor Miller from Struthers and myself. There were people there from the Regional Chamber, Eastgate and the Port Authority there and it was very, very good. The more I am seen at those things the better the network is growing better and bigger than ever. It is all good stuff. I know the next move is going to be, I know I am going to be asked to serve in some capacity on some advisory council of some sort, and I have offered to do so. I also met with, we set up something two weeks ago with Congressman Joyce's people at the Multi-Gen Center to do an informational thing. I think Councilman Grumley and Councilwoman Martuccio were there for a short period of time. Just informational stuff for our citizens if they have questions about anything involving the federal government and then after that we also had a meeting the following week with the Congressman's aid and our grant writers, Pat Lowry and Gina Magazine. We had a meeting with Joe Asente from the Millennial Theater group, Councilwoman Martuccio and I, to discuss partnering with the city and Millennial Theater group to help, that might be beneficial, our grant writers think that might be beneficial to getting some grants if we have a partner. So Joe is certainly fired up about it and he's a Girard guy. Teaches at Girard. I've been to plenty of his productions and they do a great job. So, it would be a great partnership. Along those lines I toured the inside of theater with the fire department, Mr. Ponzio, myself and Chief Petruzzi and two or three of his firefighters went in there the other day. It's pretty interesting to say the least. It also feels very dangerous walking around some of the spots in that place. There is certainly, you can see asbestos and stuff like that. If the chief wants to expound on that in his report he can, but enough said there. We'll see what happens. Let's see. We had a second session of negotiations with the City of Niles and the water situation. I just made a proposal, they countered it and I put a counter together today and to send to our team, Sal, Julie, Dennis and Brian and as soon as they give me their signoff on it then I will send it off to Niles and we'll have another session probably around the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month I think is what I recommended or I suggested. I attended via zoom Trumbull County Board of Health meeting regarding blighted homes that I referred to earlier, and we got those on the list that will be taken down. I want to point out that we are still waiting on the final word on the dam at the lake. We feel, Dennis feels fairly good about things. They have hinted at some things. We know we are going to have to spend a bunch of money. We are hoping it's this much rather than this much and this much is probably a million dollars. There's people lining up to do stuff up there. Before we do that we will probably have some public hearings, listen to see what the public wants and we will be coordinating all of that through some of the aforementioned public entities that we will be working with. The recreation department is just blowing up right now. I mean the phones are, I mean the calls coming in, I keep hearing Monica and Gaye give out Mike's phone number every day. Right Monica? **Clerk:** Yes. Many times. **Mayor:** We posted some stuff in the paper. The gym is open. If you saw the calendar right now, it's just full. The calendar is filled up that quick. We have men's and women's volleyball started up

this last week. We've got gym rentals going. We've got, I think it starts today, aerobics and we got all kinds of, right Monica did it start today? **Clerk:** Yes. **Councilman Kay:** Yoga tomorrow 8 o'clock. I'm signed up already. **Mayor:** There you go. All of these services are free to people that live in Girard. Free services for Girard people. That's what I am about. We could really use you to suspend the rules tonight. I know I've asked this a lot in our first months here, but it's just because we have a lot of catching up to do. I promise as we move forward we will give things the proper time to sink in. As soon as we do we will be able to do even more with recreation. Right now Mike is working way too many hours. Easter egg hunt is on March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 at Tod Park. We will be providing donuts, hot chocolate and coffee for adults, along with goodies for the kids in the eggs that they will be finding. Once again, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 at Tod Park. Earth Day is coming up. I don't want to steal Councilwoman Martuccio's thunder, but Earth Day is coming up. It is April 13<sup>th</sup> and we would love to see all of the council people, all of them, especially the ward councilpeople take up their wards to clean up their wards, first second, third, fourth, and then the council at large could pick a ward to help out. I'll be there to help out so jump in the water will be warm. It is April 13<sup>th</sup> with a rainout day of April 20<sup>th</sup>. I will be contacting Superintendent O'Hara tomorrow to get some help. **Martuccio:** I spoke with Eric Pellagrini Judy Barber-O'Brien and they both committed to having the Beta Club and the RoboCats go and I will send them information. **Mayor:** Good. Very good. **Martuccio:** But please contact Brian if there are other students. **Mayor:** Yes. I'll call to see if there are other students that need community service. Pending your questions that concludes my report Mr. Chairman.

**COMMENTS:**

**SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR**

**SALVATORE PONZIO**

**PRESENT**

**Salvatore Ponzio:** I'll start with some good news for the zoning department. The last meeting we were here we were talking about using the Trumbull County building department to do our commercial planning and review and inspections. Since then I have been talking to Chris Tannyhill, who is Doug Kearns backup, and he has expressed an interest in helping Girard out. The good news about that is that he will work with our zoning and keep all of the zoning fees in the city. It is really a blessing because we could have lost quite a bit of what we are paying for permits. That was, believe me we looked everywhere, it is difficult to find these individuals. There are not a lot in the area or in the state that do the kind of work that these guys do. We are very fortunate that Chris decided to sign a contract going forward. We have not signed it yet. He wanted it updated. It was a very old contract that he was working under. So that's a bit of good news. The other good news, at least for me, we negotiated a scope of service with MS Consultants and the amount that we, it is very detailed, the agreement, and the amount we decided on would not exceed \$97,200 for a one year contract. So Dennis Meek will still be involved with us while MS goes through the transition with him. So, Zak Teter is going to be the representative from MS and he will actually have office space in the city building. There are so many hours he has to show up. So many meetings he has to come to. So they will be taking Dennis's place at some point during the year, but Dennis is going to help make sure he is up to speed before he leaves. He also gave me, just as a point of reference, what he actually charged the city just for his services over the last few years. This does not account for the engineering firms that were hired for special projects. This is just what Dennis as the city engineer was charging, so in 2019 \$165,000, 2020 \$179,000, 2021 \$191,000, 2022 \$161,000, and last year there was less activity apparently it was only \$88,000. So that gives you an idea where we are at with the MS contract and what we were paying for Dennis, but, again, it's going to be a different year because we are still going to have Dennis officially on the payroll for 29 hours a week at \$40. Believe me, it is very inexpensive first of all, and he has a wealth of information that needs to be passed to the engineering firm. So we are grateful for Dennis that he is staying on while MS gets acclimated to Girard. The other bit of good news, we opened bids up for the salt barn on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We had four bids. The lowest bidder was Miller Builders at \$330,780 which I am excited to say was the engineer's estimate was \$380,000 so it was significantly below that. The GPD Group, the group that is helping us through this construction, they have recommended them so I will be asking for legislation to contract with Miller Builders to build the salt barn. An update on the pump stations. Dennis said there has been a lot of interest in the bidding. That will be on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> at city hall. So hopefully we'll have some qualified contractors with reasonable bids and we'll have more good news and we'll have brand new pumps at Tibbetts Wick and Churchill to replace the ones that have been there since the 1950s. I know I will sleep better once the new pumps are in place. We cannot get parts to fix them so we need to get them replaced. Onto our roof. So when we first started, I don't know if you guys are aware of this, there are active leaks throughout the building, including the court. The police building, the court over here. The clerks said there is water damage. When you walk in city hall when you walk through the building when it rains there are buckets, the tiles have been cracked so there is structural damage going on. So, we had Boak and Sons come up

and I went on the roof with them and saw some obvious problems. Tears in the rubber fabric, just wide open. Things that need addressed immediately. Leaks over on the metal roof that need patched. We did have them out. They repaired the current leaks that you could see with your eyes. While they were there I told them I wanted a bid on the part of city hall that did get a new roof, is really old and that is where most of the leaks are now and the old police department is also leaking and that also is very old. So, I was alerted to this state purchasing program for roofing which I did not know about. I am brand new at this job so I don't know about a lot of things, but this is very good because it is through Carlisle Manufacturing of rubber roofing and so the prices are set at a state price and Boak and Sons is one of the contractors listed as being able to do this. Currently, we use an Ohio buys system before to purchase other things in Girard. So we got a price on the City hall roof was \$65,900 and the price on the old police station was \$114,707. My personal experience with roofing those are really excellent bids. I was expecting them both to be much higher. Looking at what we can afford to do this year and talking to Julie about it. We might be getting help from somebody else too so we'll see how that works out. I am still trying to figure out what the city has to do to make sure that we are part of the program. Boak and Sons has done work like this all throughout the area with other communities and school systems, and so I talked to the law director and he thought that this kind of helps you not go through the bidding process because you are guaranteed the low price. I have no problem with having more bids under this program just to make sure that that's true. We really we are trying to get some things fixed inside the building but it's pretty critical to get the roof to stop leaking first before we spend the money on painting and repairing things that are caused by the current leaks. The other thing, I talked to Trumbull County Commissioners today. They would not give me an update on the help we asked for our ambulance so that is still pending and it is pending for all four communities that asked for help with the arp money. So it is still, we are, the fire chief and I went to their last workshop and we made sure that we were put on the list to receive the money once it gets through their legal, so that is just something we have to wait for. I think that is all I have today.

**COMMENTS:**

**LAW DIRECTOR**

**BRIAN KREN**

**ABSENT**

**COMMENTS:**

**AUDITOR**

**JULIE COGGINS**

**PRESENT**

**Ms. Coggins:** I don't have a report.

**COMMENTS:**

**Councilman Moliterno:** I mean the questions will come later Julie. **Coggins:** Yes. **Moliterno:** Because we have got to figure out how to pay for all of these things that we just talked about because we don't have the money in there to do that. So, that is an additional conversation that we are going to have. **Coggins:** Yes. **Moliterno:** At the very least we have to move dollars around. I mean we are talking about our water fund and other funds that we are going to tap to do all of these things. It is going to go from the positive look that we have right now to the negative very quickly by doing this so this is tricky. **Paolone:** John has the floor. **Moliterno:** Defer to Sam. **Councilman Zirafi:** Thank you. Thank you for pointing that out. You're doing your job. I'm proud of you. Some of the problems that you are pointing out by and large coming from the water fund. The dam, the pumps, and I don't know what the current balance in the water fund is but we have to pay attention. **Coggins:** We are at \$1.3 in the water fund currently as of right now. So there are going to have to be obviously multiple discussions throughout maybe our finance meetings or what not about that, the salt barn, everything that he has discussed tonight. **Zirafi:** Can I ask another question about the salt barn? **Paolone:** You have the floor. John gave you the floor. **Zirafi:** Thank you very much. I will give it back here shortly. When you talk about the salt barn, you're talking about the infrastructure, you're not talking about the building? **Ponzio:** The part that goes over it and covers it that is separate. **Zirafi:** We already bought that right? **Coggins:** That's on a purchase order. It was not purchased last year. It is on a purchase order to be purchased. That was \$85,000. **Zirafi:** And where is all of this money coming from? **Coggins:** That all will be coming from the street fund. It will be \$415,000 total. **Zirafi:** And are you ok with that? **Coggins:** I am ok with the \$415,000 for the salt barn. Yes. **Zirafi:** That's all I want to know. Thank you. **Councilman Standohar:** I just wondered if Madame Auditor had any update as far as I mentioned last meeting about any street paving type number for us. **Coggins:** I do have a ballpark number. It is early in the year. There are a lot of factors. I always like to look at that August check number that obviously we know has been declining since 2019. Also, the camera money is a huge factor in our paving program. January and February have been extremely low so far this year, but to give a ballpark number that is not set in stone right now I would

be looking around \$250,000-\$275,000 and that could vary higher or lower depending on the next few months what comes up. **Standohar:** Thank you very much. **Coggins:** You're welcome.

**TREASURER** **HENRY SFORZA** **PRESENT**

**Mr. Sforza:** I'm going to pass out some reports from RITA so you can see the projections and try to see some analysis, year to date or prior year. There are two separate reports. After you get a chance to look at them you can email or give me a call. As we get farther in the year we'll see how we are projecting out. Two months doesn't tell you a whole lot.

**COMMENTS:**

**FIRE CHIEF** **JAMES PETRUZZI** **PRESENT**

**Chief Petruzzi:** Calls to date 410. First off, I spoke a couple of meetings ago about us partnering with the Multi-Generational Center applying for a grant for the county senior citizens committee. We were awarded that grant, \$8,000 of the \$10,000 we applied for. With that, when the funds are released we will be purchasing lock boxes for a senior watch program and also carbon monoxide detectors. Our personnel will install those just like we install smoke detectors so that will be at no charge to the city. Along with the personnel from the Multi-Generational Center we will be making phone calls to the individuals that are signed up for this program, just to do weekly checkups, whatever they set up. Also, to touch on the mayor's report, if anybody has any questions in reference to the fire code and the theater, I will be happy to answer them. Lastly, all of our renewal signs for the fire levy have been put up and I am encouraging everybody to please support that so we can continue to provide the service that we now currently provide.

**COMMENTS:**

**Zirafi:** I saw you on tv the other night and you basically said we were getting a contract to handle fire calls through 911 Trumbull County? **Chief Petruzzi:** Correct. I have been speaking to Councilman Grumley as well as the mayor and safety director. It is in the process. I think that Councilman Grumley is going to touch on that when it comes to his report. **Zirafi:** Do you we have a cost what this would cost the city?

**Petruzzi:** I gave him a copy of the draft. It is roughly \$15,000 a year for a MARCS system. **Moliterno:** Chief, is that being done through the police department's dispatch now? **Petruzzi:** Yes. We are currently through the police department dispatch. Essentially the only change would be transferring the call to Trumbull County and we would be as well as Lane would be dispatched through their dispatch center.

**Grumley:** We are taking it up under committee John and I have to get everything together and the whole plan will be brought to our committee first and then council as a whole. Infant stages. Infant conversations. We have had like five conversations with them. There is nothing etched in stone.

**POLICE CHIEF** **JOHN NORMAN** **ABSENT**

**COMMENTS:**

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI**

**Councilman Moliterno:** I just would just like to set a caucus time for 6:30 on the 25<sup>th</sup> prior to our next meeting for our finance committee meeting. As an additional comment, I know Sal was very conservative when he talked about how much money we are going to save. The money that we had spent on the engineering from Mr. Meek. It is probably triple that amount of money when you start bringing in all of the consultants and everybody else that we have spent money on because we track it all the time. So, bringing in someone like MS, a quality engineering firm, will certainly help us in that. The sooner that we can turn everything over to them the better off I think we are all going to be. You talked a little bit about it and, again, you guys weren't here before the first of the year. We were asked to come up with money way back in September, October because the state was going to penalize us and all kinds of these things because of a report that they were producing that was going to be up in October and of course we don't have that report yet. You don't have that report yet. So, we are still waiting for them to do what they said they were going to do four, five months ago, but having a firm on, again, with the expertise, I am very familiar with MS and they have a great group but it's across the board. They have specialists in various areas which is really important to the city to be able to tap into that. I think that is a very good thing.

**COMMENTS:**

##### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO**

**Councilman Kay:** I have no report, sir.

**COMMENTS:**

**BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY**

**Councilman Schubert:** No report.

**COMMENTS:**

**HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO**

**Councilman Grumley:** We will be meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:10 in Safety Service Director Ponzio's office.

**Paolone:** 6:10? **Grumley:** Did I stutter? **Paolone:** It's just it's down to the minute. 6:10, not 9 or 11, 6:10.

**COMMENTS:**

**STREETS SIDEWALKS & EMPLOYEE WELFARE-STANDOHAR-KAY-GRUMLEY**

**Councilman Standohar:** Since the auditor provided a general ballpark budget for the street paving program. I will certainly err on the side of the lower number, and I will be in touch with the committee members to discuss our next steps and also on how we are going to proceed. We do have last year's list that we had prioritized certain streets and we only did probably about a third of the ones we had on the list, and then after we look over that list then we'll also be consulting with the administration and get their input. The only input from any other councilpersons Madame Councilwoman Martuccio requested that the city parking lot cross the street where I am parked right now be paved so our committee members will discuss that as well. I told her that I don't have a problem with it but I will contact you guys as well and we will take that under consideration. **Martuccio:** Thank you.

**COMMENTS:**

**UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR**

**Councilman Zirafi:** April 8<sup>th</sup> I believe is the first meeting in April for us. At 6:30 I would like caucus time to talk to my other two committee members about a few utilities items that we need to start addressing. There was conversation regarding the meeting being the 9<sup>th</sup> because of eclipse day. **Martuccio:** Here?

**Zirafi:** Yes. Here. 6:30.

**COMMENTS:**

**ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT**

**Councilwoman Martuccio:** We had a caucus meeting with the zoning department, and I want to thank Mr. Rau and Ms. Thomas for attending and giving us information. It was a good start to see where we need to beef up some of our zoning ordinances and have penalties involved in those ordinances so I will meet with Ms. Thomas and get their top five or ten ordinances that they would like to see us address to make changes to those ordinances and I will let council know as those come up. We have a block watch meeting March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 at the Girard Free Library. Chief Petrucci will be the guest speaker. I will inform you more about Earth Day. We will have to get together to see about what the needs will be, who is bringing water and such. Tom you're, Mr. Grumley has coordinated his ward for all of these years and it's very well run and I always enjoy going there so whatever help you could assist us with or give us would be appreciated. That's it for zoning. Thank you.

**COMMENTS:**

**THEATER COMMITTEE-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT**

**Councilwoman Martuccio:** I did meet with Mr. Asente and the mayor. We talked about some ideas. I have some ideas for some fundraisers to put on in the future and not too far down the road to help get interest going and to see what we can do with the citizens to help keep that interest going for our downtown and for the Wellman Theater.

**COMMENTS:**

**RULES-GRUMLEY-STANDOHAR-SCHUBERT**

**Councilman Grumley:** I am going to be meeting with the clerk after the meeting.

**COMMENTS:**

**ORDINANCES**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO HIRE NO MORE THAN SIX (6) TEMPORARY SEASONAL EMPLOYEES.

**Moliterno:** When I looked at the minutes it talked about four and we don't have a law director tonight. I mean that ordinance has to be changed before we can really act on it to do anything. That is per the conversation of the city council at the last meeting in the minutes and again it is different on here.

**Paolone:** Council asked for four at the last meeting am I correct? **Moliterno:** Yes but it is not that in the ordinance. **Paolone:** I see that. I'm reading it. I understand what you're saying. We can amend it now if we want. **Moliterno:** It is a bad habit to get into doing it the same night and making the changes and doing that but we can, obviously. **Paolone:** It's up to you seven if you want to do that. I think Mark needs these people. **Mayor:** I think I asked for the legislation, and I asked for four. Brian pulled the legislation that already existed that had six in it and he never changed the number. We are not going to hire more than four. I agree that it should say 4. **Moliterno:** It should say that yea. **Schubert:** I'd like to amend it to four. **Paolone:** You want to change it to four in the title and four in section 1? **Schubert:** Correct.

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MOLITERNO TO AMEND ORDINANCE 52-09 IN THE TITLE TO SAY NO MORE THAN 4 EMPLOYEES AND IN SECTION 1 TO SAY NO MORE THAN FOUR EMPLOYEES.**

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**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND KAY TO SUSPEND THE THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-09.**

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GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO 1  
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**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND KAY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-09.**

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**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND KAY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-09.**

**52-10 FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7069-99 TO ADJUST THE HOURS AND COMPENSATION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

**MOLITERNO:** Before we go, again from an administrative standpoint, you can always ask the law director to make it retroactive to a certain date. So, I mean that is something that we can do with this ordinance as we move down the line rather than drag it out six weeks or whatever the case may be.

**52-11 FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FULL TIME LABORER FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, OHIO.

**Mayor:** We can really use this John. Baseball season coming. We have stepped up to, we have some goals. I have some goals in conjunction with the Girard Baseball Association and that is that we want coaches to just have to coach and run the concession stand. They don't have to come home from work, work on the fields, get the equipment out. We are doing all the fields but we need the help to do it. This full timer is a big part of that and the goal is, and I've talked to Justin Kay who is the president of the association right now, next year's goal will be for every kid to play for free. So they should be able to

make enough money with the concession stand and their other fundraiser, the night at the races so their kids can play for free and that's our goal. That is just a big part of that. **Moliterno:** I mean we can do the same thing with this. We can suspend. Please, having sat as the chairman of running that organization as I have in the past, I have been through all of that. You're asking a lot of the parents to have to come out and work on those fields. They are city owned fields surely if we are able to be there and take care of it. We have the equipment we have the ability I know with Cookie being basically being our department in the past we have never really been able to so I think that is a nice thing to be able to move towards and you need people to do it with. My question then becomes of our auditor, do we have to move dollars to do this? Do we have the dollars in the rec fund to be able to add that? **Coggins:** To date we are about \$85,000 in the rec fund so something is going to have to be done. We are collecting that 5% from income tax which throughout the month of February brought about \$40,000 in so as far as hiring these people we could do it but all of the other spending is going to have to be watched for the time being. **Moliterno:** Just from an administrative standpoint you have to think about that. We can move dollars from the general fund into it but that is something you could think about maybe recommending as we move forward with it. It is not going to impact us right now. This is down the line that we may be impacted more by it because I think that we have other plans for recreation and other things that you want to do we need to make sure that the dollars are there to do it. We know with the income tax dollars and as those come up we are going to get some additional dollars towards it that we have had in the past in income tax into rec. You know we may need some additional dollars from somewhere else to do it. **Zirafi:** If there is a shortfall and, as John said the general fund is going to have to bring that money in, that is repetitive every year is it not? **Coggins:** It will be yes. **Zirafi:** We will be committed from that point on the general fund has to move more money to recreation because recreation doesn't bring in that kind of money. **Coggins:** Now we will have the levy that we will see this year also. The revenue that I expect is in the high \$200s for recreation. It's just not building that number up right now and not spending it as we get it.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND SCHUBERT TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-11.**

SCHUBERT 2  
 STANDOHAR  
 KAY  
 GRUMLEY  
 MARTUCCIO  
 MOLITERNO 1  
 ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND SCHUBERT FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-11.**

SCHUBERT 2  
 STANDOHAR  
 KAY  
 GRUMLEY  
 MARTUCCIO  
 MOLITERNO 1  
 ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0

**52-12 FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MS CONSULTANTS, INC. OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-12.**

SCHUBERT  
 STANDOHAR  
 KAY  
 GRUMLEY 2  
 MARTUCCIO  
 MOLITERNO 1  
 ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 7-0



**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 52-12.**

**Councilman Grumley:** Sal, could you give us like a over the next month a timeline on the exit of the current engineer? **Ponzio:** I think that is going to be a work in progress Tom, only because we have a lot of big projects currently. It depends on how fast MS can get up to speed within the scope of services. I wish I could tell you today, or March 30<sup>th</sup>, or September 30<sup>th</sup>, that is going to be the end date. It's going to be, I'll keep you updated. **Grumley:** Just give us an update on what you can. **Ponzio:** I will give you updates every meeting.

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MOLITERNO 1  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MARTUCCIO TO BRING THE ORDINANCE FOR THE ZONING INSPECTOR'S PAY TO THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.**

SCHUBERT  
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MARTUCCIO 2  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 1  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**Mayor:** There are a couple of things I'd like to point out that I neglected to in my report if you don't mind. **Paolone:** Go right ahead. **Mayor:** I am glad the fire chief pointed out the levy. That is very important that people realize that it is a renewal levy and we need to get out and support that levy. There is a lot of support generated. I couldn't even get a sign from the chief. He ran out of signs, but please go out and support the levy for the fire department. It is a renewal. I want to point out our recently retired recreation director, Cookie Scirocco, we are having a little retirement party down here at the city building in the city gym on Friday at noon if you want to stop in and pay your respects. It is a surprise party. He does not know. I am a little concerned about surprising a 93-year-old. It was his family's idea not mine. We're going to have pizza. Stop in and pay your respects to Cookie. One other thing I neglected to point out is I attended recently, I attended the Chamber they invited me last week. I represented to their Government Affairs Advisory Board. I presented to them on the list of the top five things that we are working on and it was very well received and I think we will be working very closely with the Chamber and the Port Authority and Eastgate over the six months. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. **Paolone:** It would be nice if council would ask for a proclamation for Cookie for all of his years of service. Just a little bird.

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND KAY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MILLER BUILDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SALT BARN.**

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KAY 2  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO ASK FOR A PROCLAMATION FOR COOKIE SCIROCCO FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE.**

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR  
KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 2  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**Councilman Standohar:** Just want to make a comment that I hope the mayor would include in the team the smartest guy on that side of the room, Mr. Sforza. **Paolone:** Which team? **Standohar:** He said he passed some things around and stuff so make sure you include him. **Mayor:** I always include Henry in everything.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2024.**

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KAY  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
MOLITERNO  
ZIRAFI 2  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

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REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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