

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL

PLEDGE

The pledge was lead by newly appointed Fire Captain Brian Iceman.

ROLL CALL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL	MR. REYNALD J. PAOLONE	PRESENT
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. KEITH SCHUBERT	PRESENT
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN	MR. MARK STANDOHAR	ABSENT
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

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN STANDOHAR FROM THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022.

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION TO EXCUSE STANDOHAR PASSES 6-0

COMMUNICATIONS

President of Council said he is sure they all received the communication in their packets.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

51-45

FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPWC STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE KEEFER ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO ADD 51-45 TO THE AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY 2
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES TO ADD 6-1

51-46

FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$72,500.00) OF THE CITY OF GIRARD'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REVOLVING LOAN FUND AS PART OF THE ONGOING FY21 USEPA BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANT TO FUND THE REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED PARCELS LOCATED ON THE FORMER GIRARD LEATHERWORKS PROPERTY AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Moliterno said he is not sure why they have this up, why they would add it. They have already approved as a city council a resolution to donate money both from the city's general fund and from the Girard Community Development Block Grand Revolving Loan, so they have already done that so he is not sure why they would have an issue to deal with it again considering on top of that they have legislation later in their agenda where they are going to increase the funding to the general fund by 17% which would be substantially more than that expenditure.

Councilman Zirafi asked the auditor if they have expended all of the money they previously... Ms. Coleman responded no not at all.. She said she thinks from the beginning it was \$50,000 is what it said so she thinks that the state needed them to approve maybe \$22,000 through an ordinance passed through council. Councilman Moliterno stated that the CIC approved that so they are fine with that, but in lieu of the other issue that they are going to change tonight and they are going to add more money to the general fund anyway from income tax. The auditor said that the way it was explained to her the other \$22,500 they needed this ordinance passed. Councilman Zirafi said this is \$72,000 not \$22,000. Ms. Coleman said that \$50,000 is already approved back in '20. Zirafi said then in other words this is a combination of the two and Coleman said correct. Zirafi said that he thinks it should have been stated a little bit differently. Moliterno said if it is a combination of the two, they have already approved the CIC's participation of \$50,000. He said he is not sure Ms. Coleman said she did not put this in but this is how it was explained to her.

President of Council said they are not going to add? Moliterno said no.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022 AS AMENDED.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 6-0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2022 AS PRESENTED.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY Abstain
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 5-0

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Swearing in Brian Iceman as a Captain on the Girard Fire Department. Mayor Melfi, Chief Petruzzi and Captain Iceman came forward. Mayor Melfi said it is always a pleasure to speak about our employees, our peronnel who advance through hard work, study. It is a proud moment. Brian has been here since 2002 and has done a great job for our fire department. Mayor Melfi said he is our new captain this evening and he has the privilege of pinning him with his badge. The mayor pinned Captain Iceman with his badge. Captain Iceman thanked his family for being there. He thanked Mayor Melfi for taking a chance on him in 2002 and giving him the chance to show him that a person can change. Iceman said he is grateful every day and feels like he has a duty to serve this city and its citizens and he does mean to serve with the great men and women they have in their department and he is thankful for them and thankful for their chief and these folks. Everyone congratulated him.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

MAYOR	JAMES J. MELFI	PRESENT
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Mayor Melfi said he had one item. He is getting a lot of complaints. He can't go anywhere without listening about the fencing at the former HHH building. He addressed Councilman Kay for an update. The mayor said he attempted to speak with the owner, it is the only name they have, a Dan Vecchione, the mayor said Kay has had some interaction with this individual, or whoever is involved, is there an update before they take legal action? Kay said there is. Councilman Kay said the reason there was a delay, and he apologizes for the delay, but they encountered some issues where they had to change what they wanted to do with the windows and everything. They were getting bids and everything like that for that, their contractor ended up having to move on to another project because they were waiting on bids. He assured him this week he would have an answer of what is going to move forward. Mayor Melfi said obviously they are getting, everywhere he goes what is the fencing doing there, why is the fencing there if they're not doing anything? It's the same old thing. He doesn't return they mayor's calls, but somebody has to contact the mayor because it is going to be a short fuse before they take legal remedy to get the

fencing down and then take action to keep that building moving. Councilman Kay said understood. The mayor said he will give it a week and that's about it.

Mayor Melfi said he had one other item. Tree lighting December 3rd. The PTO ladies are doing a great job. The city is highly involved. It was a pretty big event last year considering they were still trying to get through the virus. The mayor said he expects bigger and better things this year. There is a parade this year from Boardman Medical Supply and the ladies have insisted it is on State Street so he has brought all of the department heads in and they are going to have what the ladies want. It is going to start at 3:30 from Boardman Medical Supply, but the actual tree lighting will be at 5:15. Mayor Melfi said he is told they have a few food vendors. It will be bigger and better than last year, 20 vendors and three or four food vendors.

COMMENTS:

Councilwoman Martuccio asked about the former building. There were three murals that were put up by Paula Carlton and herself next to Olgun's and they were the old timey posters and so they don't know what happened to them, but she would like to get them back if he could ask the owner if they are underneath because everything is tarped over and they don't have access to them. Councilman Kay said he would find out.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR

JERRY LAMBERT

PRESENT

No report

COMMENTS:

LAW DIRECTOR

BRIAN KREN

PRESENT

Attorney Kren said every year they have to renew their contract for their contribution to public defender's office. Apparently, the county has never sent in the paperwork for this year. Kren said he can't imagine what the commissioner's office must be up to right now, so under new legislation if they could have the contract for the next meeting. It's the same \$3,500 that they've always contributed and that is for their share of the public defender's office here in the city.

COMMENTS:

AUDITOR

JULIE COLEMAN

PRESENT

Ms. Coleman said she had no report but this evening she is going to ask for some appropriation adjustments for this year and temporary appropriations for next year. She said she will discuss that during the finance meeting at the end of the month. Coleman said real quick to go back to this because she just read it right now and they asked her those questions, she doesn't know but she doesn't know if they'll release that extra money if it is not passed. She thinks they only passed \$50,000 beforehand. It was briefly explained to her but before when they talked about it earlier she didn't read all of that through. Ms. Coleman said she didn't know if anyone had additional information.

COMMENTS:

The mayor said that Teresa Miller from Valley Partners just explained to him a couple of months ago that they had to release the money to them. That is all she explained, and council may do what they wish with it but they are giving it back to them. The mayor said that is how she explained it. Councilman Zirafi said that if they need some additional legislation somebody can check in on that but they can just pass legislation that says to add another \$22,500 to the original. That would encompass the total cost if that

is what it has got to be. Coleman said she can find out exact details because it was briefly explained during something and that is the way they explained it, that council has to pass something for the additional money on top of the \$50,000. She said, like she said she could find out more information. Councilman Moliterno said again to the mayor's comment, Teresa is the executive director of Valley Partners, a board of which he sits on, and has sat on for ten years. Never have they told somebody that they have to give the money back. He would be happy, he'll have the conversation with Teresa tomorrow, but they have never given anybody's revolving loan money back. Mayor Melfi said he has some paperwork on his desk. Councilman Moliterno said he believes him but it would be a very unusual thing because they run revolving loan funds for 30 different CICs and cities throughout the valley, they have never given it back yet without that. Attorney Kren said his limited insight was that the city council passed in October of 2020 their matching funds for the Brownfield of \$100,000. They were taking \$50,000 from the general fund and \$50,000 from the revolving loan. This legislation, which the clerk sent to him so he doesn't know, he just prepared it, would be to increase the revolving loan fund from \$50,000, adding on another \$22,500, so they are not taking that \$22,500 from the general fund. Kren said other people in this room have to speak as to whether or not this is necessary. Otherwise they are just kicking in the \$50,000 from the general fund. He doesn't know who asked for it. Councilman Moliterno said he is sure it was the administration. The mayor said originally, yes. Councilman Grumley asked if the project has exceeded the \$100,000? The auditor said no the project hasn't exceeded. Grumley said so if they have already passed an ordinance for \$50,000 to come from the general fund and \$50,000 to come from CIC what is the need for the extra \$22,500? That is what is confusing. Ms. Coleman said she thinks there is just pretty much that much money that is left in that. She asked is that where it's at? Councilman Moliterno said there may well be that much cash left in the CIC, but the CIC is the only vehicle the city has to assist a business that moves into Girard. The theory behind the revolving loan fund is that the money is lent out at a very low interest rate and it comes back into the CIC funds to be lent out to someone else. If they irradiate every dollar that is in there then there is no reason for the CIC to exist. Moliterno said they would probably be one of the only CICs in the entire county to go out of existence because they used the money for some other reason than assisting a business. He said they are chartered. He is old. He is part of the original chartering that goes back 35 years and it was designed to assist businesses to help move into the city and to grow when they are in the city. If they take those dollars then there is nothing left to help a business in the city. Councilman Moliterno said to him that doesn't make them look very good that they don't care about helping business move to Girard. He thought it was all about increasing income tax and creating jobs for the citizens of Girard and others. If they use those dollars then they have no money at all to do that. Moliterno said if that is the wishes of administration and council so be it. He is only one member of that body. He is the president of it but he is only one member.

TREASURER **MARK ZUPPO** **ABSENT**

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

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

Chief Petruzzi said calls year to date are 1866. The chief said that he met with county EMA Monday of last week and we are now set up for the emergency alert system. The chief said we have an administrative log in and can input anything that we feel the citizens need to be made aware of and can pinpoint it down to a house within the city. The biggest thing is they need to put it out to the residents that they need to

sign up to receive the alerts. It can be voice, text, email, whatever the case may be, but it will definitely **serve us well in the future and it is paid for by county EMA.**

President of Council Paolone asked where to sign up. Chief Petruzzi said he posted a link and qr code on their facebook page and he also had a flyer made up and they are working on getting some kind of distribution for that. Paolone said maybe Bob could help them getting a blurb in the paper about it. He told Mr. Coupland the chief would get him a copy.

Councilman Schubert asked if this was something they could put on a yellow post-it in the water bills where they can sign up? Mr. Lambert said he already put out that they will put in a flyer in the next water bill and he is trying to get a cost. Paolone said perfect because the school system works very well and he thanked the chief.

COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI

Councilman Moliterno said he had no report. He said he would like to set aside 6:30 for the finance committee meeting on the 28th of November, which is their next meeting.

COMMENTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-KAY-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO

No report

COMMENTS:

BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR-KAY

Councilman Schubert commented that he asked at the last meeting if council members could give him 3-5 wish list things that they would like to see done at maybe within the parks, splashpad, he knows that has been a hot topic, things of that nature. If they could call him or text him with their ideas.

COMMENTS:

HEALTH & SAFETY-GRUMLEY-MOLITERNO-MARTUCCIO

Councilman Grumley said he would like to thank the chief for all of his hard work on the emergency alert system and on Saturday the 26th at 9:00 am they are going to pass out flyers in the 4th ward to get the word out. He also wanted to thank the police and fire departments for all of their hard work and dedication.

COMMENTS:

STREETS SIDEWALKS & EMPLOYEE WELFARE-STANDOHAR-KAY-GRUMLEY

No report

COMMENTS:

UTILITIES-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT-STANDOHAR

No report.

COMMENTS:

ZONING-MARTUCCIO-ZIRAFI-SCHUBERT

Councilwoman Martuccio said she can pass out flyers at block watch meeting Thursday at the Girard Free Library. President of Council Paolone said he will try to stop and see Jerry and get some. Martuccio said that Renny Paolone will be their guest speaker at the block watch meeting and he said he is just a guest not a speaker. There was conversation regarding the block watch meeting. Ms. Martuccio asked if they could leave some flyers with the Girard Library? Mr. Paolone said sure. The meeting is at 6 pm.

COMMENTS:

ORDINANCES

51-42

THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRIBUTION RATES FOR INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Attorney Kren said he forgot to mention it in his report, but council had asked for this to be amended to show the present and new rates so he is asking council to amend as presented first. Councilman Moliterno said because it is different than the one they had for the first two readings.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI TO AMEND ORDINANCE 51-42 AS PRESENTED.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 6-0

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-42.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO 1

ZIRAFI 2

MOTION PASSES 6-0

51-43

THIRD READING

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND ZIRAFI FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE 51-43

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

KAY

GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 1
ZIRAFI 2
MOTION PASSES 6-0

Councilman Moliterno asked if they are missing a 44 and President of Council said it was passed last meeting.

51-45

FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPWC STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE KEEFER ROAD WATERLINE PROJECT.

Mr. Lambert said the final application is due December 16th so if they have any questions, they can address them at the next meeting. It doesn't have to be passed tonight. Mr. Lambert asked if everyone knows what this is? What happened was when they were building the water lines down Keefer Road there was a section that didn't connect from down to Churchill and it is about 4 or 5 houses that there is nothing in front of them and now their wells are starting to dry up and they have no place to tie into water so this is twofold. It will help them if they can tie into our system and circle in the whole water system again where you are going to be able to have better water pressure coming down toward Churchill and it is going to make the system more efficient. That is all there is to it. It is just a section. They did finish number 2 with Eastgate this year with this particular project. It is only \$88,000 out of the city's pocket. It is a \$150,000 grant. The whole thing is about \$225,000-\$230,000. Mayor Melfi said it loops the system which makes the water quality much better because when there is a dead end in the system sediment as they can imagine builds up so what happens is the EPA wants you to loop all systems so the water continues to flow. The mayor said that is what it does. He is sure there will be an inconvenience or two but hopefully we have some patience. Councilman Kay asked if that is a common thing where you don't have a loop? Are there other places in the city where they don't have a loop? Mr. Lambert said they have known about this one, but it's just been taking a little bit of time and it's finally to the point where, hopefully, it could be the final thing to make this system completely looped all over the place to give them backups everywhere. The whole thing we were the number 2 project. They did receive 87 points and the top project got 91 and like he said it is a \$238,000 project. They are giving them \$150,000. We have to pay \$88,000. The mayor said that grading system is Mahoning and Trumbull counties so it is the number 2 project. It tells you it is a quality project. Councilman Grumley asked how many of those customers being serviced are going to be Liberty and how many are going to be Girard? Mr. Lambert it's on Keefer Road so it is right there close to Churchill. It is only about 4 or 5 houses at the most. There was conversation about where exactly it is located. The mayor said he just wanted to go back to the Trumbull Avenue waterline, which is in place, operating well. Obviously, it must be because they have no one there this evening. They just needed a little bit more time to make it all work and regulate the water pressure and if you drive up Trumbull Avenue you can see there are new sidewalks, obviously some new approaches from places that were dug up, handicap ramps, so it was a nice improvement to the neighborhood. There

was some inconvenience for a while, but obviously it finished very nicely. The mayor said he knows he has not had a call since last council meeting, for two weeks.

President of Council said before they move on to new legislation, he would be remiss if he didn't ask did anything happen on Liberty Street with that two inches of rain on Saturday? Mr. Lambert said no. Not a call. The mayor said they have not had a flooding call.

Attorney Kren said he is really embarrassed by this, just to be safe on the recreation levy, he didn't catch it, but he thinks that now they have to put the City of Girard located exclusively in Trumbull County. Kren said he is not sure if it is on this piece or the second piece but if somebody can move to amend. There was further discussion regarding this amendment to the ordinance. Kren said throughout the whole legislation where it mentions the City of Girard they have to add Trumbull County after it. There was further back and forth conversation about amending 51-43.

MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 51-43 ADDING ENTIRELY IN TRUMBULL COUNTY WHEREVER IT SAYS CITY OF GIRARD.

President of Council asked if that would be on the ballot in May and Attorney Kren said yes it will.

SCHUBERT 1
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 2
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES 6-0

NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING RENEWING THE CONTRACT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE REPRESENTATION.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 6-0

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE LEGISLATION AMENDING ORDINANCE 8328-22 AND ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY

GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 6-0

MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION REGARDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023.

SCHUBERT
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO 2
ZIRAFI 1
MOTION PASSES 6-0

Councilman Moliterno said he had a quick comment. If members of council remember they passed probably six months ago the dollars from their budget to buy tablets for the members of council and administration for council's use. He was charged with it at that time. Moliterno said he was smart enough two meetings ago to pass that onto Monica who has already ordered the tablets for everyone. Actually what will happen, not only will they get legislation and other things on those tablets, but they will also have their city emails which up until now it has been hard for them to access. Now they will have those listed, then they will have them on there and be able to get emails from anybody within the city or members of the administration that want to send them something. It is a big technical step for them to have something like that to use. Councilman Moliterno said he thinks she is buying them for all of the members of administration as well.

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND SCHUBERT TO PUT ORDINANCE 51-38 BACK ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

President of Council asked the law director to explain how an override of a veto would work. Attorney Kren said council is supposed to wait ten days from whenever the veto occurred, but they are passed the ten days. If 2/3 of members of council which would be five members vote to repass the legislation then it overrides the veto and goes into effect.

SCHUBERT 2
STANDOHAR
KAY
GRUMLEY 1
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
MOTION PASSES 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND KAY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022.

SCHUBERT 1

STANDOHAR

KAY 2

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

MOTION PASSES 6-0

MONICA URBANIC, CLERK OF COUNCIL

REYNALD PAOLONE, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL