

50TH GIRARD CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL

PLEDGE

MR. PAOLONE: I just want to express my feelings about what the police did the other day to you, Jerry and Jimmy. I know John is not here. That was stunning. I'm real proud of what those guys did.

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. JEFFREY KAY	ABSENT
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. SAMUEL ZIRAFI	PRESENT

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN JEFFREY KAY FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

SCHUBERT - 1
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI - 2
PASSED 5 YES VOTES

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN MARK STANDOHAR FROM THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

SCHUBERT - 1
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI - 2
PASSED 5 YES VOTES

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO ENTER COUNCILMAN MARK STANDOHAR TO THE REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

SCHUBERT - 1
GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI - 2
PASSED 5 YES VOTES

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COMMUNICATIONS

MR. PAOLONE: The October 12 meeting -- two meetings from now -- is moved to the 13th. October 12 is Columbus Day. It will be on Tuesday the 13th, if you guys want to mark that down.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS

50-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND ALLOCATING MATCHING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ADD ORDINANCE NO. 50-33 TO THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AGENDA.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO - 2

MOLITERNO - 1

ZIRAFI

PASSED 6 YES VOTES

ACCEPT THE AGENDA

MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND ZIRAFI TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

SCHUBERT - 1

STANDOHAR

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI - 2

PASSED 6 YES VOTES

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MARTUCCIO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24, 2020 AS WRITTEN.

SCHUBERT

STANDOHAR

GRUMLEY - 1

MARTUCCIO - 2

MOLITERNO

ZIRAFI

PASSED SIX YES VOTES

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

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2 **MR. ADAMS:** My name is Dominic Adams, 433 Powers Avenue.

MR. PAOLONE: You have the floor.

3 **MR. ADAMS:** Hello, everyone. Like I said, my name is
4 Dominic Adams. I am currently working to earn my Eagle
5 Scout. For those of you who are unfamiliar with
6 Scouting, it is required that every Scout before they
7 earn said rank do a project. For my project I've decided
8 to build a COVID-19 Memorial right here in Tod Park,
9 Girard. It will be honoring -- well, first of all, the
10 first point of the project will be a rock with a plaque
11 dedicated to all of those affected by COVID-19, and then
12 also a bench dedicated to healthcare workers and first
13 responders who are working to stop the virus.

The building, I'm hoping if I get approval tonight
from the council, to start this Saturday if that is
agreeable.

10 The project will cost approximately \$1,800.00 of
11 which I have raised \$1,705.00. So I'm only \$95.00 short,
12 as of right now. It is in the works. The bench and the
13 rock are currently being worked on by Ventling Memorial.
I have several donations of concrete, gravel, mulch,
different necessities for the project. Did I forget
anything? Nope, I think that's it.

Any questions?

14 **MR. PAOLONE:** May I ask, have you spoken to Keith? He's
15 our buildings and grounds chairman. Have you talked to
16 Mr. Schubert at all about this?

MR. ADAMS: No. I've talked to the Mayor.

16 **MR. PAOLONE:** Okay. You've talked to the Mayor?

MR. ADAMS: Yeah. I wasn't aware until Thursday that I
17 would need council approval.

MR. PAOLONE: Lily, go ahead and then the Mayor.

18 **MS. MARTUCCIO:** Do you need any volunteers to help you at
19 different times?

MR. ADAMS: Most of the volunteer work, if not all, will
20 be carried out by the Scouts of Troop 83 of Mineral Ridge
and Troop 40.

MS. MARTUCCIO: Thank you.

21 **MR. PAOLONE:** Jimmy, go ahead.

MAYOR MELFI: I just wanted to state that it's going to
22 be at the flag pole at Tod Park.

MR. ADAMS: Yeah.

23 **MR. PAOLONE:** Any questions?

MS. MARTUCCIO: Nice project.
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1 MOTION ZIRAFI SECOND GRUMLEY TO ALLOW MR. DOMINIC ADAMS
2 TO CONTINUE WITH COVID-19 MEMORIAL AT TOD PARK.

3 SCHUBERT

4 STANDOHAR

5 GRUMLEY - 2

6 MARTUCCIO

7 MOLITERNO

8 ZIRAFI - 1

9 PASSED 6 YES VOTES

10 **MR. PAOLONE:** Mr. Adams, good luck.

11 **MR. ADAMS:** Thank you.

12 **MR. PAOLONE:** Wish you well.

13 **MR. ADAMS:** I'll inform you all when we are done.

14 **MR. PAOLONE:** Bring pictures when you're done.

15 **MR. ADAMS:** I will. Definitely.

16 **MR. PAOLONE:** You're more than welcome here all the time.
17 Anyone else? Citizen comments? Yes, ma'am. Name
18 and address. New name and address.

19 **MS. JOHNSON-BERRY:** Good evening. Lauren Johnson-Berry
20 from the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber. My address
21 is 1714 Pointview.

22 I'm here tonight to give you an update on the status
23 of last year's brownfield grant and to ask you to
24 reallocate the matching funds that you dedicated last
25 year for our application.

We did receive some news earlier in the spring that
we were not successful, however, we've had multiple
opportunities to debrief with the staff and reaching five
of the U.S. EPA as well as from some partner
organizations and they've had very good feedback. It's
been very constructive. A lot of it has actually been
very positive. There were several sections where we
didn't lose any points in our application, so we feel
like we have the opportunity to go back with an even
sharper application. That is due October 28, so we are
working with the Trumbull County Planning Commission and
the administration to make sure that that goes in on time
and has all of the required pieces and parts.

We will be having a public meeting via Zoom, given
gathering restrictions, on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00
p.m. So information is, I believe, already on the city's
website where you can register to participate in that.
We would love to have any and all comments and feedback
that you have, as well as any questions. I think by now
all of you are very well familiar with this project but
I'm more than happy to answer any questions that you
might have.

25 **MR. PAOLONE:** So, Lauren, you need from us an ordinance
allocating the funds again?

1 **MS. JOHNSON-BERRY:** Correct. We are required to match
2 with a 20 percent match anything that we are applying
3 for. We are applying for half a million dollars so we're
4 required to have \$100,000.00 match for that application
5 to proceed.

6 **MR. PAOLONE:** So we get half a million for 100,000?

7 **MS. JOHNSON-BERRY:** Yes. That's the amount if we are
8 successful.

9 **MR. PAOLONE:** Any other questions for her? Go ahead,
10 Lily.

11 **MS. MARTUCCIO:** I just want to comment that I know how
12 hard everybody has worked on this grant and I just wish
13 you all the best of success this time.

14 **MS. JOHNSON-BERRY:** Thank you. We certainly hope so as
15 well.

16 **MR. PAOLONE:** Anybody else?
17 Mayor, you have the floor.

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19 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

20 MAYOR JAMES MELFI PRESENT

21 **MAYOR MELFI:**

22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one item to discuss
23 tonight: I would like to have council consider a
24 resolution about the upcoming trick-or-treat. We have
25 recognized the fact that we have some difficulty going
forward as a community with trying to remain healthy,
trying to keep distance and trying to get some fun in a
very difficult year for our students and our children in
the area.

So in working with Sarah Lown at the Western Reserve
Port Authority, and my fellow mayors and some other
community leaders, we recognize the fact that we would
like to have trick-or-treat be uniform in every
community. That means it would be on Halloween, which
coincidentally falls on a Saturday which is very good. It
would be the same time and every community would have it
at their respective place. Wherever -- it may be
multiple locations. In our case, we would have it across
from City Hall at the parking lot.

We do have COVID funds that the city has received
and all communities have received. All cities have
received these COVID funds. Consequently this would not
take a dollar from our taxpayers. Sarah has organized
the fact that we would have these treat bags manufactured
by a local company, touch-free, no human contact. Also,
the science museum in downtown Youngstown, WOW, has
provided -- at a very low cost -- an experiment kit for
all the children as well. The cost is based upon how

1 many children, which between preschool and 6th grade we
2 have about 850 students in the City of Girard.

3 In speaking with the Attorney General's Office, they
4 recommended that we have a resolution in place so we can
5 proceed with this. Now, Sarah has spoken with the
6 Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office and there is some
7 boilerplate language. I would merely like tonight
8 council approval to go forward. Obviously Halloween is
9 going to be cancelled in the traditional sense based upon
10 the pandemic. So I would like to have council approval
11 to go forward and to have it in this very non-traditional
12 manner, and of course to spend the funds from the
13 COVID-19 dollars that the city has received.

14 **MR. PAOLONE:** Mr. Grumley spoke with Mr. Kren today and
15 we're good to go. Tom, do you want to --

16 **MR. GRUMLEY:** I would like to make a motion in support of
17 the city moving forward with the trick-or-treat.

18 **MR. PAOLONE:** Second, Keith?

19 **MR. SCHUBERT:** Yes.

20 **MR. PAOLONE:** Comments?

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22 **COMMENTS:**

23 **MR. KREN:** Do you have any idea why the attorney general
24 would say we need a resolution?

25 **MAYOR MELFI:** What happened was this: The funds are
coming from the Office of Budget and Management of the
State of Ohio. So when I called there -- if you read the
language about what you can use funds for it clearly
states that anything that you are changing because of
COVID-19, obviously, would qualify.

Well, I spoke with an individual there and he --
maybe it was too soon. I called him maybe five or six
weeks ago and I caught him off guard. He didn't think it
qualified. Well, for those of you that know the Altiere
family from Girard, they have a relative -- a good friend
of Jerry's growing up -- who is an assistant attorney
general in Columbus. We called him. And he said that he
believes, whole-heartedly, they would be able to be used.
But just to be sure and to button it up that each
community should have a resolution passed by either their
board of trustees or their council. And so that's why
I'm here mentioning it to you this evening.

Obviously we are not going to spend \$50,000.00.
It's not required that I have a resolution or an
ordinance, but I would like everybody to be aware that
things are going to change for the upcoming Halloween and
these are the reasons why.

MR. PAOLONE: Any other comments? Questions? John?

MR. MOLITERNO: I would like to give the Mayor credit.
Through the Mayors Association, the Mayor approached

1 their office to try to get the other mayors in the valley
2 together because they all have a similar problem when it
3 comes to Halloween. And I think the end result of that
4 is going to be a very, very positive one for all the
5 children, not only in Girard but throughout the entire
6 valley. They are going to potentially get much more than
7 they would've simply going door to door. It's going to
8 be done very safely, and it's going to be done by the
9 officers of the city. But the Mayor got the process
10 going.

6 **MR. PAOLONE:** Anyone else?

7 **MAYOR MELFI:** Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. It's going to be
8 a drive-thru like the food distribution. Trunks will be
9 up. Everybody will be invited to share safely and say
10 hello to everyone. The children will have to be in the
11 car and we'll safely put -- we will have the police
12 involved and safely put the treat bags in the trunk of
13 the car.

11 **MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND SCHUBERT TO SUPPORT THE CITY MOVING
12 FORWARD WITH TRICK-OR-TREATING.**

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- 13 STANDOHAR
- 14 GRUMLEY - 1
- 15 MARTUCCIO
- 16 MOLITERNO
- 17 ZIRAFI
- 18 PASSED 6 YES VOTES

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16 **SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR JERRY LAMBERT PRESENT**

17 **MR. LAMBERT:**

18 Just wanted to give an update, the scarfing is done
19 and they started paving today. They should be done
20 paving tomorrow or Wednesday at the latest.

21 The Legislation 50-34, again, is going to be the
22 legislation to allow me to send our recommendation to
23 Eastgate as to what we want to do with the remaining
24 roads. I told Councilman Grumley that the chip and tar,
25 they only do it up to September 15 and they don't start
again until May 15. We're putting together a package
right now which will be included in what we are doing
today that's going to include all 17 streets that are
left, the 11 that are on the list and the ones that we
are going to chip and tar.

24 It's possible that for another 10 percent to 13
25 percent more money we may be able to pave those streets
and still get below and still spend less than what we
thought we were going to spend for paving next year. If

1 that doesn't go through by May 15, we'll pass the
 2 legislation to chip and tar through Trumbull County.
 That's all I have.

3 **MR. PAOLONE:** Questions for Jerry?

COMMENTS:

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4 **LAW DIRECTOR** **BRIAN KREN** **PRESENT**

MR. KREN: No report.

5 I don't have a report, but I guess if Columbus may
 6 ultimately need a passed, signed resolution, then maybe
 at the next meeting we can add one to retroactively do
 7 that. When I talked to Tom, I thought he meant to
 authorize the Mayor to proceed. Typically if we have an
 8 actual legislative action, we should have something.

MR. PAOLONE: We can do that.

MR. KREN: If that's what they really want.

9 **MR. PAOLONE:** Tom will ask for legislation. You still
 have the floor.

10 **MR. KREN:** Was there a timeline that they needed that?

11 **MAYOR MELFI:** Sooner the better obviously is with most
 things. But it's for future audits, Brian. When the
 12 state auditors come in and they see how we spent those
 COVID funds, obviously we have the paperwork backing it
 up and we have the legislative body involved.

13 **MR. KREN:** Since Julie and I are always going back and
 forth in these audits with the paper trail, we can
 14 retroactively do it at the next meeting.

MR. PAOLONE: No problem. We'll take care of it.

15 Anything for Brian?

COMMENTS:

16 **MR. PAOLONE:** Julie?

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17 **AUDITOR** **JULIE COLEMAN** **PRESENT**

MS. COLEMAN: No report.

18 **MR. PAOLONE:** Questions for Julie?

COMMENTS:

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

20 **COMMENTS:**

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21 **FIRE CHIEF** **KEN BORNEMISS** **ABSENT**

COMMENTS:

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

23 **COMMENTS:**

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24 **MR. PAOLONE:** John, finance.

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1 **FINANCES - MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-ZIRAFI**

2 **MR. MOLITERNO:**

3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will have a Finance
4 Committee meeting prior to the next council meeting,
5 which again, that date is the third Tuesday.

6 **MR. PAOLONE:** The next meeting is the 28th. The October
7 meeting is the 13th. It's a Tuesday.

8 **MR. MOLITERNO:** Meeting on the 28th at 6:30.

9 **MR. PAOLONE:** Questions or comments?

10 **COMMENTS:**

11 **MR. PAOLONE:** Economic development, Lily.

12 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR-MOLITERNO**

13 **MS. MARTUCCIO:**

14 Yes. Thank you. I would like to let you know that
15 I'm in touch with MR PC who is going to be working on
16 updating our website and I have sent some information to
17 him and he received it. So we will see how this goes. I
18 want to say congratulations to our police officers, also,
19 for the way that situation was handled and how it was in
20 the news. It's nice to have some good news.

21 For the Leatherworks, the brownfield grant, I will
22 be asking for suspension and passage tonight. And just
23 shop local. Everybody keep safe and be well.

24 **COMMENTS:**

25 **MR. PAOLONE:** Keith, building and grounds.

1 **BUILDING & GROUNDS - SCHUBERT-MARTUCCIO-STANDOHAR**

2 **MR. SCHUBERT:**

3 No report.

4 **MR. PAOLONE:** Questions or comments?

5 **COMMENTS:**

6 **MR. PAOLONE:** Health and safety, Tom.

7 **HEALTH AND SAFETY - GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT-KAY**

8 **MR. GRUMLEY:**

9 No report this evening.

10 **MR. PAOLONE:** Questions for Tom?

11 **COMMENTS:**

12 **MR. PAOLONE:** Streets and sidewalks, Mark.

13 **STREETS, SIDEWALKS/EMPLOYEE WELFARE -STANDOHAR-KAY-GRUMLEY**

14 **MR. STANDOHAR:**

15 As the service director touched upon, I was
16 impressed to hear that the contract is moving forward so
17 quickly. I was checking late last week and today. There
18 is quick progress they are making, so glad to hear that.
19 It looks like by the middle of the week it will be done.
20 So just like to thank everybody again for passing that

1 and moving forward on those streets. And I'm pretty
 2 encouraged by the progress so far. Thank you.

3 **MR. PAOLONE:** Comments?

COMMENTS:

4 **MR. PAOLONE:** Utilities, Sam.

5 **UTILITIES - ZIRAFI-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT**

6 **MR. ZIRAFI:**

7 No report.

COMMENTS:

8 **MR. PAOLONE:** And zoning, Sam.

9 **ZONING - KAY-ZIRAFI-MARTUCCIO**

10 **MR. ZIRAFI:**

11 No report.

COMMENTS:

12 **ORDINANCES**

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14 **50-32**

FIRST READING

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A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED
 BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY
 TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND
 THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 50-32.**

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PASSED 6 YES VOTES

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**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF
 ORDINANCE NO. 50-32.**

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FIRST READING

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL
 AND STATE GRANTS FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION AND
 ALLOCATING MATCHING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO TO SUSPEND THE SECOND
 AND THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 50-33.**

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2 GRUMLEY
MARTUCCIO - 1
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ZIRAFI
4 PASSED 6 YES VOTES

5 **MOTION MARTUCCIO SECOND MOLITERNO FOR PASSAGE OF
ORDINANCE NO. 50-33.**

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MARTUCCIO - 1
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9 PASSED 6 YES VOTES

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FIRST READING

11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE
TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
12 THE OPWC STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND/OR LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS
13 AS REQUIRED FOR THE GIRARD 2021 STREET PAVING PROJECT.
**MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND GRUMLEY TO SUSPEND THE SECOND AND
14 THIRD READINGS OF ORDINANCE NO. 50-34.**

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GRUMLEY - 2
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PASSED 6 YES VOTES

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**MOTION STANDOHAR SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF
19 ORDINANCE NO. 50-34.**

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NEW LEGISLATION

MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND SCHUBERT TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY MOVING FORWARD WITH HALLOWEEN.

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MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO
ZIRAFI
PASSED 6 YES VOTES

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.

SCHUBERT
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GRUMLEY - 2
MARTUCCIO
MOLITERNO - 1
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PASSED 6 YES VOTES

REYNALD J. PAOLONE

KELLY HAASE