

PRESIDENT GERACI: OK. Roll call.

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6 - 1 Absent.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the distinct privilege tonight of having the honor of swearing in State Representative from the 12th District, John Barnes today. Before I bring him up to get sworn in I want to just tell you a little bit about Mr. Barnes. John E. Barnes, Jr. is a product of the Union/Miles neighborhood and the Cleveland Public Schools. He has served in several positions of public trust including as a State Legislator, Chairman of the Ohio Commission on African-American Males and a Cabinet Level Director in the Administration of Former Mayor Jane L. Campbell in the City of Cleveland. Additionally John E. Barnes, Jr. received a Masters Degree from Case Western Reserve University and completed course work at Harvard University. Also he is a small business owner.

John has focused his career on job creation, economic development and international business and commercial relations and has traveled all over the world in order to work with public and private entities in order to share his ideas on how to increase capitalistic efforts. As a State Legislator John Barnes was responsible for bringing millions of dollars to House District 12 for economic development and job creation initiatives. John has stated that his number one priority is to build upon the work he has already done and once again work to increase economic growth and job opportunities within the 12th House District by forming creative and innovative partnerships between the public and private sectors. John is the son of former Cleveland City Councilman John E. Barnes, Sr., who instilled in him the value of service to others above oneself. It is in this virtue that John E. Barnes, Jr. will work to make the House District he has called home for his entire life the best place to live and work and raise a family in the entire State of Ohio.

I would like to tell everyone that John and I have already sat down in several meetings in regards to things that Garfield Heights can certainly enjoy through the State including much talk about City View, even prior to the election John was concerned and came in and talked to me about City View and we are working on some things to help us through some of those EPA problems. So with that said, Mr. Barnes, I will come down.

(Mayor Vic Collova swore John E. Barnes, Jr. in as Ohio State Representative at this time.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We're going to take a 15 minute break. We have coffee and cookies. I'd like everybody to walk over and meet with Mr. Barnes, who is a great guy. I think he's going to be a great asset to the city. So please if anybody wants water, coffee, cookies, cake, let's take a 15 minute break.

(The break lasted from 7:08 p.m. to 7:23 p.m.)

CLWN MAHONEY: Excuse me, Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to put Resolution 01-2011 on the floor at this time.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Roll call.

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

CLWN MAHONEY: Excuse me. I would also like to have this piece read in its entirety.

(The Clerk read RESOLUTION NO. 01-2011 in its entirety.)

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2011

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS HONORING THE MEMORY OF JO J. LEA AND EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY.

CLWN MAHONEY: Mr. Chairman, please consider it in its entirety.

CLMN SARNOWSKI: It already was.

PRESIDENT GERACI: It already was.

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MAHONEY: Before I vote, I would like to say what an honor it was to know Jo. She was a great lady. She was always at everything and volunteered her time so freely as well as she gave of her heart so freely. I was glad to call her a friend and she will be missed. I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I would just like to express my sympathies to the family of Ms. Lea and I remember the years when we worked together at the carnival up at St. Monica's. She was always there to give us a helping hand. She never criticized when she could have, but she was always there encouraging us and trying to get us to do better. She will deeply be missed by that community. I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I offer my sincere condolences to her family. With that I vote Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: My condolences to the family. I vote Yes.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: My sympathy to the family. I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd just like to say I'd like to offer my condolences to Frank and the family. I know that she'll be missed by a lot of people. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT GERACI: I also would like to relay my condolences to the family also.

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6-0.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may, just for a second, Jo Lea and Jo Lea's family goes back with my family probably 35 years; maybe 40 years. We're neighbors with Mr. Lea's brother and sister-in-law and he has now passed. I want to tell you, you know, every time you hear about somebody passing away the first thing you say is oh what a great person they were. In this case you couldn't state it any better. She was an unbelievable lady that helped every cause out there. She is a big reason why I am Mayor because she campaigned. Anything I asked her to do, she did. She went door to door at her age. Did whatever anybody ever wanted her. She was a great lady and I think at her Mass the priest summed it up best when he said that, "if Jo Lea's not in heaven now, then none of us will ever get there". That's the kind of lady she was and so I would

like to bring the family up to take some pictures and I want to give you condolences. Will all her family please come up to the front?

(Photos were taken at this time.)

PRESIDENT GERACI: We will now move on to the Reading and Disposal of the Minutes.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Clwn MARINCIC to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of December 20, 2010 as submitted. The minutes were adopted with six YES and one ABSENT votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: We will now move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor Collova.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Geraci, Council. A few items I'd like to go over. First off we all remember the Court Community Service Program that started back in April. We have a final tally on that. I want to share it with you. There was 45 homes done. There were numerous city lots and vacant lots that were completed. The Community Service workers put in 1,115 man hours in the city of Garfield Heights. They filled up 580 bags of trash and on top of that used 769 cubic yards of dumpster space. This program was huge. It was very successful. We expect it to get even bigger and better next year. Many of the calls that I've got in talked about two of our programs— this program and the grass cutting program because it made the city look a lot better this year. We will continue to do that and Vince Liotta and his crew have done an outstanding job and you know they need a round of applause. They do this voluntarily for no pay and they do a great job. I have many more projects for you at volunteer status.

With that there's another program that was very successful. Our Workers' Comp Program. We have a Workers' Comp consultant that has been working for the last couple of years for the city about the last three years. He has made many of our Directors and many of our employees jump through some not so easy hoops to get this Workers' Comp problem under control and I'll tell you what. He has done an outstanding job. We have a retro that we won in the State in Columbus down at State that saved us \$600,000.00 in a five year period and we just got reported to us on Friday that this year (2010) we finished \$177,000.00 less than we did the previous year. That is great news. As hard as this is to do it sometimes I have to say that Tony Collova has done a great job. He's my brother. We don't always see eye to eye but he's done a great job for the city and we're lucky to have him.

Next, congratulations goes out to the NRP Group, a Garfield Heights business, located on Transportation Blvd. on Granger Road. They recently were awarded the NHAB's Multi-Family Development Firm of the Year. I understand that it's a very prestigious award that they got. Also this NRP Group is putting together an addition to their already beautiful building. If you know where they are, they are located on the Northeast corner of Granger. That building that really looks good. Modern building. They are going to put a 9,500 square foot addition on at close to \$1 million in revenue it costs. When a business does this you know that they're planning on staying around for a while, so congratulations goes out to them and we'll be looking for more of that in the coming years.

I would also like to report that the proposed McDonald's that is going into Garfield Mall, that new location there, has passed Planning; it has passed Zoning and we'll see them breaking ground some time this spring. We look forward to that too.

One other business in the area, Old Dominion, the trucking company that is on Old Granger, they are doing a renovation of their building. It's very modern. They came into Planning last week and showed us some of the design. It's going to be really modern and will really look great for a trucking company so that's another great thing that's happening for the city and the good news there was at Planning they told us that shortly they will be coming to us because they are looking to add on (not only renovate) but add on and add employees, which is always helpful to the city. So that's a good thing.

I think everybody knows that Baby Jesus turned up missing in the Nativity Scene and it was in the paper. We were hoping that somebody might let us know about it and of course nobody has. Yesterday I got a call from Clmn Tom Vaughn that we got some great news that the St. Monica's Holy Name Society has agreed, through the work of Clmn Tom Vaughn, to purchase us another statue. That's a great thing. Just a couple other things. I talked with Tim this morning. We will be looking at a Plexiglas or something to protect the Nativity Scene just in case somebody would like to get another statue. We'll be doing that.

Lastly before I get into the legislation I want to say that the city lost a great city worker last week. He was retired. Don Jarina. He was an excellent friend of mine and Bob Dobies. Best friend of mine and Bob Dobies. We lost him last week. He really was a great guy. He did a lot for the city. He's going to be sorely missed. So think about keeping him and his family in your prayers.

With that I will get into today's legislation. Ordinance 01-2011. This talks about the pawnbrokers again and secondhand dealers. There were some changes that had to come into this legislation and Mr. Riley will get into that during his report. Ordinance 02-2011 talks about authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant and enter into agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purpose of improving and maintaining the interchange at I-480 and Transportation Blvd. What they want to do is they want to take that intersection when you would be coming east on 480 and getting off at the ramp that section there they are going to put shrubs, flowers. They are going to beautify that and we're putting in for that grant and we have a young lady that's here today. I just spoke with her a second ago and she's still here. Please stand up. This is who we hope will be coordinating the effort once we get this grant. We want to thank you very much for that. If you need help we have a whole room full of people that are glad to put their hands in the soil and plant some bushes. Thank you.

Resolution 02-2011 is Captain William (Bill) Horrigan from the Fire Department is retiring. He's retiring from the city of Garfield Heights after 45 years of being on the Fire Department. He has done an outstanding job. It's an outstanding job just to be making 45 years. You know the duties that they do are not easy duties. Their tasks are tough tasks and when you have a guy that hangs around that long and is in as good a shape as Bill is, regardless of how many cigars he smokes, he has done a great job for the city and he's going to be sorely missed. Resolution 03-2011. Frank J. Fink. Captain Fink. Of the three people: Bill Horrigan, Tom Murphy and Frank Fink--of these three people that all worked for the city of Garfield Heights, Frank is absolutely the baby of the crowd. He's only worked here 37 years. But we want to thank Frank also. He's done a great job and I know he'll continue to do a great job in whatever endeavor he gets involved with. He's been a great asset to the city of Garfield Heights and he will be sorely missed. And Murphy. What can we say about Murphy? We all know Murphy. What a great guy. If he was Italian he'd even be better. But even though he's Irish I think he's a great guy. No, Murphy has gotten along with my family and

he's worked alongside my brother. Sorry about that. He's worked alongside my brother for a long time and I tell you he really is a great guy and he is going to be sorely missed. I even talked to him just recently and I think he's a little bit sorry and sad that he's going too but he wants to do a little more golfing and spend time with some of the kids, etc. so that's great. These three gentlemen, the fireman and the two policemen, you know I've said it before and everybody in this room knows that we have a great police and fire department. I have that city radio. I listen to what they go through every day and I'm astounded every day at what a great job they do. That job is done because of the leaders. These leaders—these three gentlemen—have led these young men and have taught them well. We're proud for them. We're sorry to miss these three gentlemen and we were great, we were very fortunate to have them working for the city of Garfield Heights. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mayor. I have a question for you in regards to the grant. How much is that grant for?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Noreen?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Actually there is no monetary value to the city. ODOT will be providing the materials for the planting.

PRESIDENT GERACI: There will be no cost to the city at all?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: No.

PRESIDENT GERACI: OK. That's what I wanted to know. Any other questions for the Mayor? If not, we'll move on. City Law Director Mr. Riley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a brief report tonight on Ordinance 01-2011. The pawnbrokers. The State of Ohio now exclusively regulates pawnbrokers so we had to remove the pawnbroker language from our ordinance and we will regulate the secondhand dealers only. That's the only change in that ordinance just so Council knows that. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. Riley. Any questions for Mr. Riley? If not, we'll move on. Service Director Mr. McLaughlin.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. The last couple weeks we've just basically been snowplowing and patching some holes. We've been missing a few holes I guess. We've taken down the Christmas lighting. We're supposed to have a full week of snow so we are set and ready to go. That's it.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Any questions for Mr. McLaughlin? Recreation Director Mr. Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President, Council Members, good evening. First of all I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to the Garfield Heights Hockey Boosters. After running another successful Gold Cup Tournament during December the Boosters donated a check for \$1,000.00 to the Recreation Department.

Registrations for the following programs are now being taken. Futsol (which is our indoor soccer program) registration is from January 4th through January 30th. The season begins the beginning of February and runs through the first week of April. In-house hockey session number II started this

past Saturday. Registrations are still being taken. That's a 10 week program for beginners on Saturday mornings. Learn to Skate Session III begins January 26th. This is an eight week session. It has been very popular this season attracting between 60 and 70 beginner skaters. Last, our Winter Season Fitness classes begin on January 18th. It's a 10 week session including aerobics, strength training and step aerobics. These programs are listed on the cable TV channel along with being posted on the new Website.

I would just like to say if anybody has not seen the new Website yet, although it's in its infancy, what a difference it makes. It's very inviting and seems that it will be very user friendly. That concludes my report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Any questions for Mr. Dobies?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Absent.

PRESIDENT GERACI: City Engineer, Mr. David Krock.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Council President. Just a couple things. We've been working with the County Sanitary Engineer on a few items. I would make mention of a couple. We did submit for some funding for the Walvern and East 112th sewer project and we're also looking at the Grand Division area. We have some private homes there and we were hoping to work with them on that project as well. I'll have more on that as we go. As far as City View goes we keep working through this process with the EPA and Regional Sewer and we're going to see that get taken care of in the next couple of months. That's my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. Krock. Any questions for Mr. Krock?

CLWN MARINCIC: I have one question regarding that Henry Road sewer project. Have they notified you that there are any potential delays in the project?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I have not heard about any delays yet. No.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. I had a couple residents call me because there was a date on one of the signs and it kind of disappeared. I was hoping it wasn't because there was any delays.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I will check up on that and let you know.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. I appreciate that. Thank you.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: You bet.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions for Mr. Krock? Economic Development Director Ms. Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Regarding Ordinance 02-2011 and the grant application to ODOT, I'd like to point out the contact person will be Becky Repasky at our office. Becky is filming over there. Ellen Como, Ellen raise your hand, is a Master Gardener and she approached the city about doing this project. The city has to be the applicant, but this is her effort. She is looking for volunteers and Becky will be the contact person so if you want to volunteer for some planting to help just call Becky. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Any questions for Ms. Kuban? If not, we'll move on. Building Commissioner Mr. Wervey.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: I have nothing to report this evening, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. Wervey? We'll move on.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: Comments from the Citizens on tonight's agenda. The rules are this portion of the meeting is for residents' comments on tonight's legislation only. Comments are limited to five minutes. No one can speak more than five minutes. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Nobody.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT GERACI: We'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2011

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 721 OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2011

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING THE INTERCHANGE AT I-480 AND TRANSPORTATION BOULEVARD.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2011

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, HONORING AND THANKING CAPTAIN WILLIAM HORRIGAN FOR HIS GENEROUS AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I just want to say congratulations and thank Captain Horrigan for serving our community faithfully for 44 years in a very dangerous job and I wish him a happy and safe retirement. I vote Yes.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: I would also like to wish him good luck in his retirement and a happy healthy retirement. I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd just like to say that I'd like to wish Bill a lot of good health and may he enjoy his retirement. I vote Yes.

CLWN MAHONEY: I also would like to wish my good wishes towards Captain Horrigan. I also vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Best wishes, Captain, and good health. I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote I'd like to wish him the same thing as my colleagues. I wish him the best and hope he enjoys retirement. With that I vote Yes.

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2011

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE CAPTAIN FRANK J. FINK FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd just like to wish Captain Fink a good retirement, have a lot of good health and enjoy it. I vote Yes.

CLWN MAHONEY: I, too, would like to wish Captain Fink the best of luck on his retirement. I also vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, Captain Fink, thank you very much for your years of service. Good luck and good health. I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say that I hope that he may enjoy his retirement and get a chance to catch up with anything that he didn't get an opportunity to do because I know the work has been hard and grueling. With that I vote Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: I would also like to echo my colleagues and wish Captain Fink a happy and safe retirement and I vote Yes.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: I'd also like to thank Captain Fink for his services on our police department and wish him luck in his retirement.

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2011

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHIEF OF POLICE THOMAS P. MURPHY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE DURING HIS CAREER.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Again, before I vote, Chief, thank you for your years of service. Good luck to you. Good health. I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Now I don't have to rush to get out of here. No, I'm just joking. I enjoy being with you all as well as the people. I'd like to say that I really enjoyed knowing Chief Murphy. He's made these last three years some good years for me. He was always a good person to talk to. He was an individual who was easy to get along with. I'm definitely going to miss him. Thank God we got Captain Sackett there. I'm going to miss Chief Murphy and I wish him the very best and thank him for his years of service. With that I vote Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd just like to say I don't think our city could have had a better police chief than Chief Murphy for about 44 years now. He's an amazing man and he was always there no matter what I called him with he always took every single problem very seriously in this city. Safety was on the top of his list. He not only was a great chief, but he volunteered in so many ways. He didn't have to come to all of our Block Watches. He was always present when we

needed him to be and not for one more cent of pay. He was an all around good guy. He definitely deserves a happy and safe retirement and I vote Yes.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: We were lucky to have him come to our Block Watches the last couple years, always answering our questions, taking comments down, very polite and everything. At our last Block Watch we did honor him with cake and gave him a little token of our appreciation. Ward 4 was really appreciative of all the work and the time that he spent coming to our meetings and listening to us and answering our problems. I'd like to thank him for his years of service. I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: I, too, would like to wish Chief Murphy a good retirement. He had good years and he had bad years. He had one year where we had three police officers that we lost within a matter of a few months. I can remember and I knew at that time the type of individual he was because he took it as hard as the family did. If anybody knows how these policemen are they are a family whether they are fire or police officers. I just wish him the best. The other day I was on the phone with him and he said to me he said now that I'm going to be leaving do I get to smile as much as you do since you retired? The answer's yes, if you want to. I vote Yes.

CLWN MAHONEY: Before I vote, I, too, would like to wish chief the best of luck. Mayor, I'm glad he's a good old Irish guy. I wish him the best of luck. He's been here a long time--almost as long as I've been living and I'd like to just wish him the best and I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT GERACI: I also would like to congratulate Chief Murphy in regards to his years of service with the community. I wish him the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6-0.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: We will now move on to Comments By Citizens. The rules are you cannot bring up anything of a first nature. You must have previously brought the problem to a Councilperson or a City Hall department. You are limited to speak only once for five minutes. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please raise your hand to be recognized. We will move on definitely. Miscellaneous. We'll start off with Clmn Dudley.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. I'd like to say it was a good year. I like the way last year closed out and I had a great year with my colleagues and it really was a nice year to be with you all and I look forward to working with you all in the up and coming years to come.

I wanted to say condolences to several families that have lost loved ones in the Ward 1 community as well as the city. We had lost in the Ward 1 area two heavy hitters and I mean they was good people in the community and they were good fighters in the Ward. That was a Mr. Randolph Westerfield and Mr. Alfonso Crawford. Most certainly they are going to be missed by the neighborhood and like I say they was a member of the Ward 1 Club. They really contributed to the changes in the neighborhood. We are definitely going to miss them.

I also want you to know that people would get a copy of the up and coming newsletter. We're going to be hosting very shortly several town hall meetings which we will do periodically on a three month basis to keep you up and informed and I urge people to attend. You don't have to be a member of

Ward 1 to come to these town hall meetings when you see them announced. Feel free to come. With that I believe that's going to be it for me. I wish you a good coming year this year. That's it.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mayor, when is Chief Murphy's officially last day?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Chief Murphy's official last day, I believe, is the 17th of this month.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. Have we put out a test for chief yet? Or when is that going to start?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We just met with the Civil Service. They are contacting some testing places. We have someone in mind that we are going to ask to be Acting Chief. I will wait till next week's Council session to discuss it with Council and then we will certainly reveal it.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. Tim, I would like to request legislation for the next meeting to honor Vince Liotta and his volunteers for all their volunteer work in our community last summer. I think if we congratulate them they will do a real good job this coming year too. I just want to show our appreciation. I'd like to sponsor it and I'm hoping my colleagues will put their names on it as well. That's all I have.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: I have nothing this evening.

CLMN SUSTER: Once again I'd like to congratulate State Representative John Barnes for being sworn in tonight.

Also there's another young gentleman that I'd like to congratulate tonight and he's not here but he's my grandson Matt who was sworn in tonight as a Sagamore Hills police officer. This is something he's been looking forward to for a long time. He went to Tri-C to get his diploma and I know he'll do a good job. The only thing that scares me is he talks about moving but let's hope that that does not happen. I know Sagamore will be very lucky in having him for a police officer.

Also I want to announce that the Finance Meetings will start on the 19th and the 20th of January and we'll follow them up on the 26th and 27th. I was able to meet with Ron Tomola last Friday and I want to thank Barb Molin, Mike Dudley, Nancy Marincic, Tracy Mahoney, Mike Nenadovich and also Tom Vaughn for getting back to me so we could put these meeting times together. It makes it a lot easier when we know when people are available so we don't have to juggle things around. Like I say Ron and I met last Friday to put it together and I want to thank you.

If anybody didn't add up those figures for the Workmen's' Comp that former Fire Chief Tony Collova has helped us get back to the city or it was close to three quarters of a million dollars, which was \$770,000.00 you know that's really great and as the Mayor had mentioned these people have had to jump through hoops to get this money or get our rates reduced for this and I have gone to several meetings. Vince Liotta has gone to meetings. Tracy Mahoney has been at these meetings. It's not easy to keep those people happy. Believe me, you no sooner finish one thing and they have it whether it's a smoke-free or a drug-free environment or telling the Service people how to walk up ladders. Am I right? You know. These are the kinds of things but if it's going to save us money there is nobody that I know of that would have been more thorough to actually implement a lot of the programs that they put together in order for us to get these dollars back so that's all I have. Thank you. The meeting will start at 6:30.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. Suster.

CLWN MAHONEY: I would like to wish everybody a Happy New Year and a healthy new year and I have nothing else.

CLMN VAUGHN: I just have one thing to say to Tim McLaughlin. I'd like to thank him for coming out Saturday. As I walked through the McDonald's I was hit with questions about why the snow trucks weren't out and as soon as I turned around two of them went by. I didn't tell them that Vic was driving, though. I think you guys have been doing a great job. I appreciate it. With that I wish everybody a Happy New Year and see you in two weeks. I make a motion we adjourn.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before we adjourn I wanted to mention something, Mr. President. I'm sitting here looking at him and stuff and my apology and I wanted to let you know, our State Representative Mr. John Barnes, my apology in not acknowledging you. I just talked to you and I guess I'm used to seeing you for a minute or two but I can't think of anybody who is more deserving to get that position than you. I'm proud that you have it. That's what I wanted to say.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you.

CLMN VAUGHN: I make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Roll call.

AYES: 6

ABSENT: 1

PRESIDENT GERACI: The meeting stands adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Frank Geraci, Jr.
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council