

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 10, 2014

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.** by Council President Joseph Suster.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I'd like to call the Garfield Heights City Council Meeting of February 10, 2014 to order. Before I go any further, I would like to welcome Kathy Rush-Parssons, our Economic Development Director. Sorry about that. I forgot what title we gave her. OK. Social Services. Sorry, Noreen. Messing that up, we'll go on next to the Invocation, which will be given by Clmn Gene Glenn, along with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Eugene Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Clmn Glenn. Roll call please.

**ROLL CALL:**           **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

### **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** The reading and disposal of the Minutes of January 27, 2014.

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. President, I move that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** All those in favor of accepting the Minutes of January 27, 2014, signify by saying Yea. All opposed? That passes 7-0.

**AYES:** Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we will move on to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will start with Mayor Collova.

### **REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Suster. First off I want to thank the seven residents that showed up for tonight's Council Meeting. We must be doing a great job because the residents have no concerns or problems because you know when they have problems they are here in force so congratulations Council for a great job. But seriously, I think that it would be a great thing to see more residents coming. They need to know what is going on in this city and they always wait until after it's done so this is a good reason why nobody knows, so with that said let me move on.

I want to talk a little bit about the multi-purpose trail which will connect the towpath on Canal Road up Warner Road to Garfield Blvd. This will be an added recreation project in Garfield Heights which will include walking, jogging and bicycling. This project is funded totally by the Cleveland MetroParks at no cost to the city and this project will be starting in the very near future.

Next, as President Suster did in his opening remarks, I would also like to welcome Kathy Parssons, part-time Economic Development Director and I didn't know Joe made the switch, but he is the Vice Mayor so. I do want to thank you, Kathy and the real reason besides the great job that Kathy does as a director, Noreen has been telling me for five years she is so tired of sitting between Ron Tomola and Bill Wervey that she needed some added help so that's the main reason that you were put on as a director. Seriously and truly, you do a great job and you're deserving and it's good to see you here at 7 o'clock.

Next I just want to say this and I wish there was more people here, but I know this will be televised. I was watching TV and they were talking about this heroin addiction problem that we got going on in the country and it is totally out of control. It is affecting everybody. There was a report today about a North Olmsted young man 20 years old that just died of an overdose of heroin. This is happening everywhere. I would highly suggest to all parents do not be ashamed. Do not be embarrassed. This is happening in families everywhere. If there's any signs of any addiction in your family by anyone please get a hold of Ruth Pollack at our Family Resource Center. She will help. She can put you in the right direction. It's confidential. You can contact her and please let's do something because this is getting crazy. We're losing our young people at an alarming rate and this is going on all over the country.

So with that said I want to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 32 is an ordinance establishing and describing the boundaries and nature of a community reinvestment area in the city of Garfield Heights and designating house offices to administer the program and Noreen can answer any questions about this. This is certainly her field. Ordinance 5. Due to a reorganization in the Police Department we are abolishing the captain's position and increasing the lieutenant's position. We have sat down and discussed this numerous times. We believe this is the right way to go. Captain Sackett can certainly fill you in on any details or answer any questions you may have. Ordinance 11 is an agreement with the Cuyahoga County District Board of Health to perform storm water activities to facilitate the city's compliance with its NPDES for storm water and Dave Krock certainly can fill you in about that. Ordinance 12 we have just recently completed the AFSCME wage reopener in their contract. The AFSCME negotiations went smooth. We have a great group of people. AFSCME is a great Union. They do a great job for their employees and once again we are giving the employees a 2% increase. It certainly isn't something that is large. It's not something where they are going to go out and buy a car with, but it shows that the city wants to maintain increases when we can and I want to thank AFSCME and the employees who at the meeting voted for this unanimously and that was really a sign of some good working relationships between the city and the AFSCME Union. We have had those same responses with every Union we have dealt with and it's been a pleasure to deal with them.

With that said, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I wish everyone on Council and all the residents a Happy Valentine's Day and I accept all presents of chocolates, if you have any, I will accept them. But seriously, Happy Valentine's Day today to everybody. If my wife was here, she's not one of the seven, I would wish her a Happy Valentine's, but since she wasn't one of the seven, the heck with her. She's not here. I can say that. Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Wait till she sees this on television. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I got one for you, Mayor. I can rent your room. You don't need it after tonight. No, I'm good, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Does anybody have any questions of the Mayor? Moving on we'll go to Law Director, Tim Riley.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. No report tonight.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. You have no report, you get no questions. Police Chief Robert Sackett. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Yes, I do. Thank you. Once again I want to mention or ask everybody, when it snows please take your car off the street. Because of the amount of snow that we get we got more snow complaints from snow bank complaints than we ever have, I think. What happens is we go out when the Service Department tells us they're in the way. We have no choice but to get them moved quickly or tow them. I know we towed a couple this past week so please take them off the street. Make it better for everybody.

The other thing I want to address and I'm a little hesitant about this. I don't normally like to address rumors, especially anonymous rumors, but I know this bothers a few people. Somewhere out there on the Internet there's some kind of Website. I don't know what it's called. There's a story I guess because I personally have not seen it, that the Garfield Heights Police ticketed two kids for walking in the street with snow shovels going door to door asking to make a few dollars for shoveling snow. Now when that was first brought to my attention, I looked long and hard in our log which would detail something like that. I could find no evidence that that happened. When I think a little more of it I want to say I was asked about the same rumor last year which leads me to believe that it's nothing but made up. I can tell you two things about this. There's a 99% chance it did not happen. If anything close to that happened there would have to be so much more to it that it does not resemble the story that's put out there. I think it was put there to make the city look bad; make the Police Department look bad and I don't really care about that as much as I want the rest of the people to know that that's not something we're in business for. That's not the sort of thing we're going to do. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Chief. Does anybody have any questions of the Chief on his report? Mrs. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Chief, who puts the snow ban into effect? Is it the Police Department? Service Department? The Mayor?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Generally speaking the Service Department does. The Mayor of course, the Service Director or myself have the power to put it in but generally I believe it's the Service Department and they take it off when they feel it's no longer needed.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. Thank you. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Glenn, do you have a question?

**CLMN GLENN:** I'll wait for later on.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Moving right along we'll move to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to echo the Captain's comments on the cars. I think 99% of the people in this city have a driveway. What I'm finding too is a lot of them are parking their cars across the apron so that they don't get any snow in it but we do have some problem areas and we try to work, but when it becomes difficult we do call and ask for the police to help us if we know that they are not really busy during that time. We do sometimes have full streets full of cars. I have them written down what streets they are. They are the same ones time after time and we'll deal with them as we go along. Over the weekend we were out for 16 hours plowing and we limited the salt use. We still used 180 ton because the snow kept covering the main streets. We had nine trucks of salt delivered today so we have about 250 – 300 tons on hand. We're still owed 2,000 ton. There's still problems with deliveries, but I know Ron got involved last week and he found out that what they tell you and what shows up are two different things. He tried calling Chicago and different places to see if we could get better delivery service but my understanding is they have a new dispatch in place now and we're going to see how it works. We still are limited and the cities are also in what we have on hand so we have more snow coming at the end of the week so we will deal with it the best we can to keep everything running and safe.

Also one of the other major problems we have, and I discussed it last time, we had 14 major water breaks last time. So now I think 11 of them have been fixed. We have five more major ones that are going right now. Maple Leaf, Oakview, 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Valley Lane, Hathaway. It mean it's just never ending. You call them and they tell you they're doing the best they can. All we can keep doing is trying to use the loader to scrape up the ice and salt as much as we can to try to keep it open. It's a kind of a never ending battle but we're doing the best we can each day and we only get couple of them scraping and cleaning up and trying to haul the ice away. We will continue tomorrow. I guess we're going to have a break for three days of the snow until Friday so these streets we're going to try to get on them and scrape the ice so people can move safely and there's no damage to their car, etc. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of the Service Director?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Tim, you put the snow ban into effect?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. When residents call me I usually tell them if there's more than two inches of snow on the street, assume it's in effect. Is it possible for you to shoot Council an e-mail when it's in effect?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I don't have any way to do that. I'm at home when I do that most of the time. Police can do it for you, I guess?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** That was brought to my attention last week as far as notifying the media. So we had somebody get the e-mail addresses for the media so we'll just include you on that group. As soon as she comes back tomorrow I will have her set up a group and that way they can shoot out one text when it's in effect and one when it's taken out.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** That would be perfect.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** What happens is whether it's the middle of the night or anything else, my foremen call me. Then I call to the dispatch. The foremen log in their--they have storm sheets for each storm that they work and they log on there. When it was put into effect that dispatch will say it will be effect at 3:15 a.m. when I call in. They log it on there and again on the end when we call back to tell them to take it off. Usually we tell them to take it off when we're going home. We don't leave it on when we're not working so some people want it left on for days. We got calls about that. When we're no longer working it doesn't need to be on. That's the way that we've always worked it as long as I've been here. I don't have a computer, so.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** You don't have a home computer?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** No.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Fred Flintstone had a home computer.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** No, I don't. I'm the computer illiterate.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you.

**CLMN GLENN:** Tim, have we received the new front end loader yet? And if we did, is it operating pretty good?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** The front end loader is coming tomorrow. It was supposed to have been here a while ago but what happened was the one they produced had air conditioning in it and I think that was like \$8,000.00 more and they weren't willing to give it to us. So we had to wait for them to produce one without air. They had problems getting the extra lighting in it that we had in the specs so it is supposedly coming tomorrow.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Tim.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any other questions of the Service Director? There being none, let's call on Bob Dobies. Who are you today?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Pardon?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Our Recreation Director.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. Just a couple items. I'd like to remind everybody that this weekend we will entertain the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Melt the Ice Hockey Tournament. The tournament will run Saturday, starting at 7:30; Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Both days they will run approximately till 9:00 p.m. We will finish the championships Monday beginning at 8:00 a.m. This tournament benchmarks the end of another successful youth hockey season held in honor of Mr. Chuck Korelko, one of the founding fathers of the program. Please make room on your calendars for an exciting week of hockey.

Our futsal, our indoor soccer program, has begun practices for the last week and a half. Regular season games start tomorrow and will continue through the end of March. This is one of our most popular programs. We look forward to another exciting season.

T-ball and softball home notifications were sent to all last year's participants and sign-ups will begin March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I know it's hard to believe but it's around the corner. T-ball is co-ed for 5 – 7 year olds and girls' softball is from 7 – 17. Also there will be a softball boosters' meeting this Wednesday at the Rec Center starting at 7:30 p.m. All that are interested are welcome to come. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**CLMN GLENN:** OK.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of the Recreation Director? Anyone have any questions of the Recreation Director? There being none we'll move on to City Engineer, David Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Council President. I have no report this evening.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. Finance Director, Ron Tomola. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** No, I have no report this evening.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Moving right along to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** Thank you. Let me just say I know nothing about economic development so if you have any questions please continue to give them to Noreen. But seriously, I want to thank everyone for having me here this evening and I do want to thank the Mayor, specifically, as well as the Council Members for the confidence which you have placed in me. I will do my very best to live up to that trust and continue to serve the residents to the best of my ability.

I do just want to let everyone know that AARP is again offering free tax assistance every Friday now through April 11<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9 and 3 at the Senior Center. You do need to bring a valid I.D. and last year's tax return and you do need an appointment so you do need to call the Senior Center to make an appointment.

Finally, I just want to take a second and thank Noreen Kuban for the 11 years that I have worked here. She was my director and she was a wonderful mentor and I appreciate all the advice and assistance she gave me so if I don't do a good job, it's her fault. That's my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We will remember that. Does anybody have any questions of Kathy? Any questions of our Social Services Director, Kathy? There being none we'll move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to add a few comments to the Mayor's report. The amendment to the CRA (our Community Reinvestment Area) is an amendment to allow us to extend agreements to 15 years. It was previously 10 years. This is allowed under the Ohio Revised Code. The purpose in doing this is in the event that we are having a project at the old Bridgeview site this give us flexibility to negotiate the rate and term. It doesn't necessarily mean that we'll have a term of 15 years. It gives us flexibility. Like I say, that's a negotiated issue.

I also wanted to elaborate on the Mayor's comments about the multipurpose trail along Warner Road. We're going to have a public meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend. It will be next Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. This project has been long in coming. As the Mayor mentioned it's grant funded. There were some changes. There were efforts for property acquisitions which did not go through so the MetroParks had to redesign along Warner Road and they are installing some switchbacks, you know, some turns so that they maintain the grade.

Finally, you might have noticed or seen in the paper that Time Warner Cable is hiring 60 new employees. That was in Crain's Cleveland Business. If you know anyone that is interested in a new job please go to their Website and they can apply on-line. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Ms Kuban. Does anybody have any questions?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Noreen, the 60 jobs, are those jobs here in Garfield?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, they are, because they consolidated all their operations into Garfield Heights.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Noreen.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anyone else?

**CLMN BURKE:** Noreen, what time is this meeting in February?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Seven p.m. in Council Chambers. There will be a Power Point presentation. You can also review the plans.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any other questions? There being none we'll move on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Mr. President, I don't have anything new this evening.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Moving right along, we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's Agenda. If the Clerk would please read the rules.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:**

**CLERK:** Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Do we have anyone that would like to speak on tonight's agenda? Do we have anyone that would like to speak on tonight's agenda? There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We'll begin with Ordinance 32-2011. This is an amendment. Would the Clerk please read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2011 (AMENDED)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NUMBERED 28-1999, 34-2002, 48-2002, 52-2002, 53-2002 AND 9-2005 ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES AND NATURE OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clwn Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Before I vote, I have one question. Noreen, you said changing the 10- 15 years that's not going to be flat. It's negotiable?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Correct, but we could go up to that 15.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** All right. Thank you. I vote yes.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 32-2011 amended passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2014 (SECOND READING)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28-2013 TO ABOLISH THE POSITION OF "CAPTAIN" FROM THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by MARINCIC to waive the THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to ADOPT ON SECOND READING:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption on second reading, beginning with Mrs. Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 5-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, BY THE BOARD, TO PERFORM PHASE II STORMWATER ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS NPDES PERMIT FOR STORMWATER, PER THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT/CONTRACT.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Mrs. Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 11-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND LOCAL 2729 AND COUNCIL 8 AFSCME, AFLO-CIO.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Mr. Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 12-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** That's it for the Ordinances and Resolutions. We will go on to Comments By Citizens. If the Clerk would please read the rules.

**CLERK:** Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a city hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Do we have any comments?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I'm mystified by the comment about getting salt from Chicago. Do we get it from Chicago? Lakewood gets it from Chicago? We have the greatest source under Lake Erie right here, off Whisky Island. How come we don't get it locally?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I didn't say that we got the salt from Chicago. Morton Salt's headquarters is in Chicago. We get it from Fairport Harbor.

**MR. HALAN:** It still mystifies me being right here with Whisky Island.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** It's just a bunch of things that have all come together at the same time. A bad winter started early, the stockpiles are depleted, everything comes out of the mine. They can only load so many trucks a day. They can only make so many deliveries a day. They don't work overtime coming out of the salt mines so everybody needs salt at the same time. Understanding Ron told me that the State of Ohio and the Northern Ohio district was owed 43,000 tons that they're waiting on. It's just a spread out thing. We do get it from Fairport, Ohio.

**MR. HALAN:** Thank you.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to make any comments? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Mr. Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Chairman. I'd like to point out a fact of our Garfield Heights Police Chief. An incident that happened in Ward 4 on Elmwood Drive. Because of the nature of the incident the Block Watch initially notified the police chief that we had a problem down there and I would like to ask Police Chief Sackett to give more details about this incident.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** What Mr. Glenn is referring to is about 15 months ago we had a call from a young lady that claimed she was held against her will at a house on Elmwood. Now this house has been the subject of many different kinds of complaints. Many of them, like you said, right through his Block Watch by the people who live on Elmwood. So an investigation was started. Detective Jim Manilaro handled that. Spent countless hours on it. Eventually what it turned out to be is the guy that lived there he lived there with his girl. He had lived there for a long time. He was taking or befriending young girls usually over 18, but just over 18 and essentially selling them for sex; using them for sex. Getting them drugged up, etc. So needless to say tracking down these people through the years a lot of them are reluctant as you might imagine to come forward with that story. A lot of them have left town and tracking them down was a little harder than usual. But he kept on it and the individual that was the perpetrator in all this. We hit the house with a search warrant last year just about a year ago I want to say, maybe in December? And he had already left the house. We found a lot of evidence there they tried to hide in the garage. He was found hiding that night. We got him about midnight at a hotel out in Middleburgh Heights, I'll say. A trial didn't go on. He was in jail for a long time. The trial never actually started; he pled out. He got 13 years in prison. I know the detective's a little disappointed in that. He felt he should he should have got a lot more.

This guy, just to show you what kind of guy he was or is, in the '80s he did time for murder. He got a reduced sentence to manslaughter—maybe voluntary manslaughter—about 15 years. He got out and obviously was not reformed so. Yeah, that house was brought to our attention by the Block Watch. A very dangerous individual was taken off the streets through the Block Watch and the work of Detective Manilaro.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Chief, for a job well done. We appreciate it.

I'd also like to point out to Kathy that Ruth Pollack attended our Block Watch. She gave a good presentation there. You should be proud of her. We are.

At this time, the city of Garfield has a lot of volunteers. Everybody's kind of chipping in without no public acclaim. At this time I have driven around the Ward and I have noticed some residents and I'm sure there's many throughout the city that help their neighbors out by shoveling their sidewalks. I watched one little lady, an elderly lady, and she was out there doing about seven houses down her street and I stopped and thanked her for doing that and her reply was that some of these people are elderly; are unable to get out to do their own sidewalks. She took it upon herself to do it so all the neighbors, all the people that help their neighbors out, I want to thank them publicly. Thank you. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Glenn. You know you heard Chief Sackett and Mr. Glenn brought up the point about the house on Elmwood. I think everybody has to be vigilant in watching what's going on in their neighborhood. We're having a lot of problems. I'm not going to say we don't, but if you see something that you don't think is right, feel free to call the police because that's the only way we can stay on top of this thing. You know it's sickening to listen to the news everyday and find out how many young men got shot last night. Not just shot, but killed. I think the only way we can help out, it isn't that the police aren't doing their jobs, is we have to be the eyes and ears for the Police Department. That's all I have this evening. Mr. Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just want to reach out to those residents in my Ward over there on East 135<sup>th</sup> and Oakview. I know about that water main break. I go by there every morning. I know the city knows, the Service Director knows. We have been in contact with the Division of Water. The last I spoke to them was Friday morning and they said they are dealing with over 700 water main breaks in the area. So they will get to it as soon as they can. Just be safe around that area. I know it's a bit bumpy there. I know it's tough so I'm with you.

Just want to also remind everybody that I see a lot of people walking in the street when we get a lot of snow. Please be careful and watch out for those people when you're driving by. I actually seen a guy almost get hit the other day on Turney so I was a little worried about that.

I had a chance to actually ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad yesterday morning and they had a very good program in regards to the Underground Railroad. They offer a lot of these good programs. I would urge you to go out. I had a great time. It was very, very educational for me.

Then last but not least, I would like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Vice Mayor. We got a new Captain over here too, by the way. We got rid of the Chief's job, too. I want to remind everybody that Ward 7's Block Watch will be on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica's. Please come and join us.

I'm going to ask that everybody in Ward 7 please do not place your garbage cans out in the street. I've got some calls from neighbors and stuff. Keep them. I know the snow is piled up high on the tree lawns. If you can't place it on top of the pile, place it in your apron. You know you don't have to get your garbage out every week.

The other thing is I'm also asking you that everybody shovel their sidewalks. It is an ordinance in the city. It would really help everybody if you would shovel them. Then we could get the kids and people off the streets. It would also help out our mailmen, our mailwomen as well, all our mail personnel so that they can deliver the mail so please shovel your sidewalks.

I wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is the most important day of the year. It's my birthday, OK, Joe? Enjoy your Valentine's Day.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is that it, Tom?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Yes, thank you. The Vice Mayor, I'm sorry.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** First of all, I want to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. And also to mention that we had in our family a gentleman named Curtis Jackson, who passed Thursday of last week and his family is asking for contributions. Don't think that it was a matter of mismanaging money. You know before the Affordable Care Act took effect, we had families in Garfield where sometimes the wife was not permitted to work. If they worked they would lose their medical for their family member who was sick. They kind of fell in a slight entrapment, etc. He passed suddenly while he was at the hospital and if you'd like to make a contribution to the family of Curtis Jackson you can make it at the PNC Bank on Turney Road, Hale and that would be in care of Curtis Jackson or you can do it at the Martin Funeral Home. He was a nice guy. He was one of our precinct people for years out of Ward 1 and he moved over to Ward 4, but he maintained it until this last up and coming precinct people. Keep his family in your prayers. I'm going to tell you, if we took the 9,000 homes we had and just everybody not per person, but per household gave 50 cents that would come out to be somewhere around \$4,500.00 if each household put two quarters in the bank. Do keep his family in your prayers.

Also I'd like to say to the city of Garfield Heights, we are having our Annual African-American Black History Program. I'd like to thank the Garfield Heights school district, Mr. Olszewski and Bob Dobies and the Board for making it possible for us to utilize the Performing Arts Building. This is a great show. This program is not the Mayor's program. It's not Council's program but Council has done a lot to support this program to go through, especially the Mayor and the school district as a whole. It will be on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. We got a nice skit set up for Nelson Mandela and also one on Rosa Parks. Mike Davis, which is a beauty salon right in the city of Garfield Heights is going to be doing some hair styles from way back in the '40s all the way up to the present. We hoping to be blessed with a gentleman that does Mr. Bojangles. You got to see this to believe it. He's about 70 something years old and he roller skates like he's 16 years old. We have some guest speakers. I got to wait for their confirmation which is coming tomorrow, so I can't mention them by name. This is for the whole family. Bring your family, kids any age to see it, but don't miss your Block Watch meeting to be there. We know some people can't make it. This is going to be great and I mean that performing arts it's a beautiful place that the school has. You got to be in there to see it. It's going to be great. I appreciate the support that the Mayor has put into the program, my colleagues also and the volunteers some of them from the school district who is volunteering their services too. That's going to be great so that's going to be on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Performing Arts Building at the high school on Turney Road from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

I wish everybody a nice safe Valentine's Day and my wife Jean we celebrated our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary January 16<sup>th</sup> and my five daughters, Lakita, Latonya, Latasha, Kimily and Apollonia and my four sons, Michael, Jr., Mitchell, those are grown and the two ones that form my shadow

Isaiah and Elijah, but hey, everybody have a safe and beautiful Valentine's Day with your loved ones. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mike. Before I call on Mrs. Marincic, I would just say I had the honor of attending one of the Afro-American Black History Day programs that they had up at the school a couple years ago. I'll tell you what. It's very interesting. It's something to see and I know if you went you would enjoy yourself. On that I'll go back to Mrs. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you. First of all I want to let residents know that I will be holding a Safety Committee Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Caucus Chambers. The subject of the meeting (the first one) will be safety issues in Wards 1, 2 and 3. If another Councilperson has an issue that cannot wait until the next meeting they can speak about it then. This is a Work Session of Council. All residents are welcome to come, but it will not be an open forum for residents to speak. It will be for Council Members to discuss their own issues.

Secondly I would like to also welcome Kathy Parssons. It's nice to see another woman at that side of the table. Finally I would like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. That's all I have today.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you. I'll keep it short and sweet. Kathy, welcome.

Everybody's mentioning shoveling. Shoveling around the fire hydrants. Make sure the fire hydrants are clear. Our Fire Department can't find them, we got a real problem. Sidewalks. I won't mention that. I think I talked enough on that today to some people.

I want you all to remember the Vets. Like I always say we are one number away from 4,100. One number away.

Like the Chief said if you have any suspicious activity, call the police--not the Councilman--and say I know they're using drugs, suspicious activity. Not everything is drugs. Call the police, not your Councilperson. Let us know when you do, but thank you.

I wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. I'd just like to say Happy Anniversary to the woman I'm married to for 43 years. Thank you.

With that, Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We have a motion to adjourn. All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed. Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph M. Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council