

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, March 14, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.** by President Frank Geraci, Jr.

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Thomas Vaughn

**ROLL CALL:**                   **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Mahoney, Suster, Vaughn

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before we begin tonight could we have a moment of silence for the devastation that took place on Friday in Japan, please?

*(Moment of silence.)*

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Clmn Vaughn. Roll call.

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** The Reading and Disposal of the Minutes.

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

Moved by Clmn SUSTER to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of February 28, 2011 as submitted. The minutes were adopted with seven YES 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 by the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor Collova.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Geraci, Council. First off I would like to welcome our students from Garfield Heights High School. On the panel with us today is Tametria McGee. Thank you, Tametria. And also in the audience we have Angelo Crenshaw. You may recognize Angelo. He sings the National Anthem for us around Christmastime. Thank you. It's good to have you here. Looking forward to your report.

I just have a few things. Every now and then we do some things that go without recognition and some people catch it and ask for recognition and I agree with them 100%. We have an e-mail that was issued to the city from Captain Kaminski, Lt. Travers and Lt. Toth of the Garfield Heights Fire Department. We all remember the flood that took place about two or three Fridays ago. We had

some people in some pretty hairy conditions and this just goes to show you what took place. This is from these individuals from the Fire Department.

“I just want to take a little time to thank you for your help in the flooding on Broadway on February 27, 2011, but we'd especially like to express our gratitude to a very special employee, Paul Birk. Paul did an outstanding job for us driving the front end loader and assisting us with multiple rescues. With his help we were able to perform these rescues in a timely manner and get these people to safety and get them the help that they needed. So many times throughout the year you do a good job without recognition but we wanted to let you know that you have a special employee in Paul Birk and to let you know he did a great job for us. Paul Birk should be commended.”

He's with our Service Department as well as the Police and Fire Department for doing a great job. No injuries that day and it could have been a lot worse. That's some of the things that happen in Garfield Heights that do go unspoken about but do need to be recognized. Thank you everybody involved in that.

Another thing, we all know about the Court Community Service Program. I just wanted you to know on March 8, 2011 on McCracken Road between Broadway and Lee we had the Community Service crew out there and they were picking up the garbage that had gathered along the roadway and they picked up and filled 141 trash bags. So again this is a program that, as you know, Vince Liotta's involved with, or he's in charge of. They do a great job so we want to recognize them for that.

The other thing I wanted to talk about is we know that we talked about this in the past. Garfield Heights has had a speeding problem and we tried to do several things to try to slow people down in Garfield Heights. We instituted the cameras and as you know the people voted it out so we had to take them off so we tried to come up with another way to slow people down and what we were able to do is we were able, through the Service Department, to strategically place some potholes in the city of Garfield Heights and believe me we were very successful in getting it down. It certainly slowed people down. That's a good thing. No, in all seriousness Tim is going to get into it a little bit in his report. The potholes this year not only in Garfield Heights but in all the cities are unbelievable due to the weather conditions. We were going from blizzards to floods to blizzards. Not very often did it snow one or two inches. It snowed all day and into the next day and it made conditions really bad, but we had people out over the weekend filling these holes. We had them out there today filling the holes and Tim will get into this but it's been hectic to say the least, but we're getting on top of it.

In all seriousness, I want to talk about this because I think that this is one of the biggest things to happen in Garfield Heights in a long time and I'm very proud of it and I know you will be also. We have a basketball team—the Garfield Heights Bulldogs—that have won the district championship. This is the first time the basketball team has won the district championship in 61 years. They have defeated some great teams. They are involved in the State playoffs. This is something that I would love to see the whole city get around. This is huge. This is something big. We're playing St. Ed's Wednesday at the Wolstein Center at 6:15 and I invite you to get a hold of the school, get some pre-gate tickets. Let's get down there. I think it's \$6.00 per ticket and \$8.00 at the door but we got to cheer this team on and I'm telling you why. When St. Ed's was here we played St. Ed's before and it was about a month or six weeks ago we played St. Ed's they had as many spectators there and maybe more than we had. It was a full packed house. I don't want to see that happen Wednesday. I want to see Garfield there represented by the city. These are our representatives. This is something big and I'm really proud of these kids no matter how far they go in this tournament we will recognize them without a doubt.

And the last thing I would have to say is that I want to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and on behalf of my wife who is Irish and Tom Vaughn who claims he's Irish, I wore green.

Let me very briefly get into the ordinances. We have Ordinance 13-2011. This is an ordinance Tim Riley will get into this in his report. It's about the Certificate of Occupancy and this is regarding the rental fees. We've made some changes and he'll get into them in a second.

Resolution 17-2011. We had a temporary moratorium on the Internet-based sweepstakes places that were coming in. We're going to continue that for another six months. There is still a lot of controversy with the Attorney General's office on whether they are legal or not legal. Presently they are legal. We're happy with the two that we have here. We have not had any problems whatsoever. I don't know of any police calls that have been there. They've been doing a great job and they are bringing some money into the coffers. But we're looking at another six months' moratorium just to get a better feel of what's going to happen with the Attorney General's office. So with that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mayor Collova. Any questions for Mayor Collova?

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mayor, maybe for the next meeting you could have a resolution drawn up commending Paul Birk for what he did during the floods?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I think that's a good idea.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions? Nothing? City Law Director Mr. Riley.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just briefly, I want to touch on Ordinance 13-2011. That is a brand new ordinance although you may be reminded that we had two readings on Ordinance 03-2011. There was a lot of discussion. We did two readings. We had a Council Work Session over it. So instead of putting a bunch of amendments into Ordinance 03 we drafted a brand new ordinance which covered all of the changes that Council inquired about in the Building Department and therefore it's basically very similar to that original ordinance but it has the changes we needed and it covers everything we need to do with the rental property. With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any questions for Mr. Riley? We'll move on. Mr. McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. As the Mayor touched on briefly, we go from one kind of liquid to another. I wish it was liquid sunshine more. We went from having all the flooding which didn't help a lot of the roads, to the snowstorm. The crews were called out Friday morning at 1 a.m. They were out till 6:30 Friday afternoon, which you know, I thought they did a very good job clearing it off in that short a time. It was a heavy wet snow and it was kind of hard to deal with. We used about 114 ton of salt just in that one day storm. During the night some of the mains and stuff refroze so they had to come back out Saturday morning at like one in the morning and we had just done the main streets and part of the secondaries and made sure that the police and fire and the ambulances could get through.

The never ending speed bumps the patches. We've been patching the potholes. It's just a never ending battle. We've used 45 tons of cold patch in the last three weeks just trying to keep them in there. When it's wet the stuff just comes out. I started putting some barricades up on certain ones until it dries. On the hot patch, I'm hoping that if the weather breaks that somebody will open up early. There's only two places in this area and one is right next to the Service Garage but I'll be in

contact with both asphalt companies some time this week and see when they're going to open. It gets to be a very difficult situation. There's only 19 people in the Service Garage. That includes mechanics, maintenance guys and I have actually taken them out of their jobs and put them out on the road just trying to get some sort of handle on these potholes. I've called some other cities. I wanted to see if we were in a unique situation and the cities that I've called (Maple Heights and the surrounding communities) we're all in the same boat. It's been a bad winter on the roads. The best we could do is try to keep them as safe as we can. We're trying to get the big holes and hopefully one of the asphalt plants will open early so we can start putting down a more permanent patch. That's all I have.

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

**CLWN MAHONEY:** Mr. McLaughlin, were you also filling up potholes? It's been rumored.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Yes, I was better this time. Nobody told me to go back in the garage.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. McLaughlin, I would just like to say considering everything that you have to deal with this winter the length of it, the amount of snow we had, the bizarre weather conditions, the lack of enough employees to do the work, it took until last weekend before I got a single complaint.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** You should be in my office.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I got to tell you I think you did a superb job and I really appreciate everything our Service Department has done. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions or concerns? If not, we'll move on. Recreation Director Mr. Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President, Council Members, good evening. Registration for our T-ball program continues through the end of the month, Girls' softball signups also continue. Final sign ups will be Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 6 to 9 p.m. at the Rec Center until Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. to 2:30. Signups for our fitness programs are being taken. The Spring Session. Boy, doesn't that sound good? Spring? Which will begin March 29<sup>th</sup> and goes until June 6<sup>th</sup>.

I was contacted by the Garfield Heights Little League this morning. Their signups will begin this weekend through the next three weekends finishing up on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Signups on Saturdays will be from noon to 5 p.m. while Sunday signups will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All signups this year will be at the high school gymnasium. If you have any questions please call Bob Merrick at 216-990-8366 or Doug Placek at 216-332-0408. All information is posted on the Website and the cable channel. If you have any questions please call the Recreation Center for information or help.

This weekend along with Hockey Time Productions we hosted another hockey tournament this weekend. Twenty teams participated bringing a host of skaters and fans from all over Ohio, Michigan, New York and even Canada to enjoy our rink facilities and our city. The Hockey Time Tournament Director extended his thanks to our hospitality and operations efficiency during the course of the weekend. Our rink season will be coming to a close mid-April. I remind all to come out and enjoy the annual ice show. This year's theme will be Hollywood, which features all of our

figure skaters for all of the hard work they've put into it this season. We had over 500 people enjoy the show last year and we hope to see you there April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. I would like to congratulate our Squirt 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Hockey team who were champions at our own Melt the Ice Tournament which I conveyed to you last meeting, but also entered the championship by winning the Cleveland Suburban Hockey League playoffs the weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the boys and coaches. Last, I would also like to congratulate the boys varsity high school basketball team for becoming the Division I District Champions. This is a group of individuals which is unbelievably talented both on and off the floor. Thank you and congratulations. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Any questions for Mr. Dobies? If not, we'll move on. Finance Director Mr. Tomola.

**ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report tonight.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any questions for Mr. Tomola? City Engineer, Mr. David Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Council President. Just a couple updates on some construction projects regarding dates here. North Granger/East 88<sup>th</sup> Sewer Project looks to be getting going near towards the end of March. We'll have some things going out to the residents on that.

The Mill Creek Tunnel. The closure of Henry Street appears as though we'll have an opening of that road about the middle of April. That's pending some weather and other potential delays. That appears to be the date.

The Bangor Street gas main is an issue we're working through now. There are still some traffic issues and some issues with the police and the school district that we're working out, but that could start here in a couple weeks. They have a lot of work to do both in Maple Heights and in Garfield Heights. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Krock. Any questions for Mr. Krock? Economic Development Director Ms. Kuban.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a couple of things. This year the Key Bank Neighbors Make A Difference Day will be held on the afternoon of May 24<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity for Key Bank employees to work in their communities. If you have any ideas for projects please forward them to me.

We also have a new Foreclosure Housing Counselor assigned to us with Neighborhood Housing Services. We had a temporary counselor. Her name is Keisha Matthews. Her phone number is 216-952-9829. She'll be starting on Wednesday, which is our regular day. I passed this out to City Council and I also put some flyers out at the back by the agendas. I want to mention that Tomlinson Industries, one of our businesses on Broadway, is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. I just wanted to make note of that because it's a big, you know, it's a big milestone. Marshall's is opening on Thursday. I know we mentioned that in the past, but we're all excited about that.

The preliminary report on census data has come out. Our preliminary reports are at 28,800, which is about 2,000 lower than the previous decade. So that was only a loss of about 2,000 people. What we're seeing across the County is some outward migration to outlying counties. Obviously you probably saw the census data for Cleveland and they saw this as a substantial drop.

I also notice in Crain's Cleveland Business today they ranked the credit unions--the top 30 credit unions in the Northeast Ohio area. There are two credit unions in Garfield Heights, St. Monica's, which is ranked number eight and the Emerald Credit Union, which is number 30. It's the only city in this whole list that has two credit unions within its municipal boundaries.

And you probably noticed us wheeling some beverages in in the back. We have a raffle going on. The Senior Center is conducting a raffle. We have a St. Patrick's Day package. There's one grand prize, second place and third. Tickets are one dollar each or six for five. The drawing will be held at one o' clock on Wednesday just in time for St. Patrick's Day so you could have your party beverages. That concludes my report. You can come up after the meeting and buy tickets if you're interested. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Does the winner have to be present?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** No.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** OK. Thank you just in case I win.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Moving on to our representative from the Garfield Heights City Schools, Tametria McGee.

**MS. MCGEE:** Hello, all. I just want to say thank you for letting me be here, Mayor, President, Council. I'll start off. My name is Tametria McGee. I'm a Junior at Garfield Heights High School. I'm the first Junior so far to attend a City Council Meeting so some pressure, but not a lot. Just some things I want to touch bases on as far as what's going on. Congratulations to the high school varsity basketball team. I'm excited. I will be going to the game on Wednesday to cheer on our basketball players. Just a couple things about myself I'd like to talk about. I'm a cheerleader for Garfield Heights High School football season. I also am officer of SOS Students Of Service. I have the public relations dealing with the public here so this gives me a lot of opportunities and chances to go back to relate for people who want to move up into my place when I graduate. Also I am the captain of the Garfield Heights Drill Team. We're going to competition this Friday in Akron. It's our first competition since drill team has started at Garfield Heights High School so I am very excited about that. That's going to be an interesting day.

Just some things I want to talk about. So far just I'm excited about being here. I hope to one day become Mayor. So, no pressure. This gives me a lot of experience to open my eyes to what you really have to face some things. I will have to practice on becoming a Mayor. With that I want to say thank you for letting me be here. I want to talk about the levy. I know we're two to three with the levy and to keep the sports going at Garfield and to hopefully keep the pay to participate to a minimum I hope everyone goes out and vote to help our basketball players keep playing so the prices don't get too high so where we don't make it next year. I just want to say I hope everyone will go out and support it and I want to say thank you all. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Tametria. Excellent report. Good representative of the Garfield Heights City Schools and also Angelo Crenshaw, stand up and be recognized as from the Garfield Heights City Schools. I think you're going to be the next speaker, if I'm not mistaken.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** What Ward do you live in?

**MS. McGEE:** What Ward?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** What street are you on?

**MS. McGEE:** OK. I stay on Oak Park actually. The street with the police station.

**CLWN MAHONEY:** You are in Ward 6.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** You'll want to run for Council first so you'd better watch out, Tracy. She's good.

**MS. McGEE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions for Tametria? Nothing? OK, we'll move on.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Comments from the Citizens on the agenda items only. 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 once. Please raise your hand to be recognized.

Bob Halen, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. This technically is not on the agenda but I am inquisitive as to where the location of the new McDonald's.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Excuse me. Could I interrupt you? Could you hold your remarks in regards to what you're going to ask at the end of the meeting? Under Miscellaneous?

**MR. HALEN:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Not under Agenda items. Anybody else want to speak? Anybody else? We'll move on.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

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

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-2011**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1413 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS RELATIVE TO CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY.

Moved by SARNOWSKI to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-2011**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL USE ZONING PERMITS FOR THE OPERATION OF AMUSEMENT CENTERS, OR ANY BUSINESS DEVOTING FLOOR AREA TO INTERNET-BASED SWEEPSTAKES MARKETING OR RETAILING IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS AS DETAILED IN CHAPTER 11 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN MAHONEY:** Because I have a family member that works at one of these establishments within our city I need to abstain from voting.

AYES: 6

ABSTAIN: 1

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7-0. Well 6 and 1 abstention. So it's 7-0.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** We will move on to now 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 a period of five minutes. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Now you can be recognized.

Bob Halen, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I'm inquisitive of the new location of McDonald's. I understand the rumors it's going to be put in the center of the Garfield Mall.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** If I may, the way it's set up to go in is if you pull into the Garfield Mall entrance you are immediately going to turn right. You head for that which is now the Internet sweepstakes. Between that drive and the Internet sweepstakes up against Turney Road's side will be the McDonald's and the drive-through will wrap around. I'm sorry Rockside Road.

**MR. HALEN:** Rockside? Because you make a right turn you're at the sweepstakes. So you make right turn you're at the sweepstakes. I was understood that it was going to be in the center, but I'm glad you clarified that.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** It's up against Turney Road between the drive and the sweepstakes. Rockside Road, I'm sorry. I'll get it.

**MR. HALEN:** Are they also going to keep that open? Keep the one down on Turney Road near McCracken?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes.

**MR. HALEN:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you. Anybody else?

Dolores Johnson, 13309 Shady Oak Blvd. Good evening, City Council. To the Mayor and City Council, I come before you as a citizen of Garfield Heights. I have already spoken to Tracy Mahoney who is my representative in District 6. I would like to take the time to address issues with you. I know you have already heard these and know about some of them, but I feel I would be remiss if I did not speak. Our city of Garfield Heights is failing in many issues. I know you have joked about street repairs but some of our streets are in such bad shape I would feel that as a homeowner some of them should be shut off. We are playing dodgem with the potholes and it's not fun for our cars nor our citizens. Some times I come home and wonder if my suspension, my tires and I'm not going fast. I'm talking at 10 mph here. Also, where are my markings for crosswalks? And even streets anymore? I cannot go down Turney Road on the right hand lane, ladies and gentlemen. This is a real shame. This is not fun. You are hugging the left side of the right lane because you don't want to stay in the right lane along the curb because the potholes are bad and this cannot just be fixed with cold patch anymore. You are down to where the bare brick is. This isn't a cold patch fix. This isn't just one year, this isn't two years. This is over three years where we have not done any street fixings.

I don't know where or when this started being where the city didn't look ahead to protect us--our citizens. This is not acceptable. You hold us citizens to a certain standard. You expect our homes to be up to shape and in order and if they are not you bring us before a Judge and you expect us and so does the Judge to have it repaired or we have to come up with money. Where are your standards? For you? Where are you held responsible? I don't know about snow removal but I've been out in this city many mornings at 5:30 and 6:00 with my husband going to work with the snow and it has not been removed so I don't know what's flying by you but I don't see it.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** You have 30 seconds to wind it up.

**MRS. JOHNSON:** I would also like to address a real short issue here with the children coming out of the intermediate school and the disruptiveness of them. They are rude and where is my police protection? Every day they do this. Where is my protection from the police to help us between Maple Leaf and the City Hall? Why can't two policemen be out there every day to protect us and the businesses? You want us to use the local businesses? Then help us. You're here. You can do this. Why can't you help us?

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mrs. Johnson. Anybody else?

Terry Olszewski, Principal of Garfield Heights High School. I reside at 9006 Westmoreland, Parma, but most of the time I'm at 4900 Turney Road. Myself and a couple other people at the high school felt that we need to continue with the tradition of Garfield Heights High School. It's been many, many, many years since the '80s that we have recognized any athletes at Garfield Heights High School and past athletes. So we decided to put a group together to form the Cliff Foust Athletic Hall of Fame. We feel that we need to recognize some of the past athletes and coaches who participated at Garfield Heights High School. I gave Mr. Geraci some copies and he could pass those out to folks. What we're looking for is some nominations for the Cliff Foust Athletic Hall of fame. It also will be on our Website and you can nominate as many people as you choose to nominate. We will have a committee that will look at all the nominations and we will start to make some considerations of who will be inducted into the Cliff Foust Athletic Hall of Fame. With this we will have a Fall Banquet that will recognize those folks and we're really excited about keeping the tradition of Garfield Heights High School moving and making sure that we recognize all those great athletes who have come through Garfield and we want to continue with the tradition of recognizing those folks.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I just want to make a comment. Are you through?

**MR. OLSZEWSKI:** Yes.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** OK. I think it's a great idea and if there's anything the city can do to help with this we're more than happy to do it. My suggestion is the first one you should honor is Cliff Foust himself. What a great idea to a great guy that has been somebody that everybody can look up to in this entire city.

**MR. OLSZEWSKI:** That's what the committee felt and that's why we called it the Cliff Foust Athletic Hall of Fame. It will be right in the gymnasium when you walk in. We will be purchasing plaques for those folks that will be nominated and put into the Hall of Fame and it will actually say Cliff Foust Athletic Hall of Fame with the plaques of all the nominated people who were put into the Hall of Fame. I'd really like to keep this tradition going. We gotta catch up because it hasn't happened since the '80s so it's gonna take us a little time to catch up with folks and we'll want to make sure that we get a good cross-section of back in the '20s, the '40s all the way through up until where we are right now so it's going to take us a couple of years to catch up but I think we have to start somewhere. Any other questions? It will be on the Website so if you want to spread it to anybody else who feels that they have somebody they would like to nominate please do so. We would love everybody's input. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Olszewski. Is there anybody else? We'll move on. Under Miscellaneous. We'll start with Clmn Vaughn. No, Clmn Dudley. Clmn Vaughn instructed me he wanted to be last.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**CLMN DUDLEY:** He tried to take the best for last from us here. First of all I want to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

I also want to mention something. I'm an individual who filled potholes in his days. I filled quite a few of them and I want to tell you exactly what it is. It's a temporary fix in the wintertime. It's not a permanent fix. As quick as you put them in there, as quick as somebody rides over them it comes out. As quick as the water goes in it and it freezes in it, it pops them out. When the yard's open, like when I worked at ODOT, you have to wait until the yard's open some time like the Mayor said in the month of April. No matter what you do now you're going to have the same situation. There's no quick fix to it and this ain't about nobody not doing their job up here. It's just that we happen to sit up here and we understand. I ask the people like I talk to in the Ward all the time I'm dodging the same potholes that my Neighbor dodges. In April when the yards open up I'm quite sure the Service Department is going to get out there. They're going to fill them holes and this is going to be history. But you have to be patient and you have to be able to understand and work with the city that we are doing exactly what has to be done.

Second or third of all I'd like to mention we got a great basketball team. I really think we could take them up here. I think we could take them one on one on the court, you know, but we ain't going to do that to them this year. We want to let them have the championship, but I want everybody to understand one thing too. You know when you're talking about the city of Garfield Heights and you're talking about some people who are potentially deciding to move in here and some of them will live here quite a while till the children grow up then they move out when the kids are grown. It was based on the educational system. A lot of the people stay here because of the city schools. A lot of people move here because of the city school district. It's a great district. The sporting teams is good. I tell you honestly you don't want to put them in a situation where the pay for play like the young lady said here is so expensive we can't afford to hold them programs. But it's not just about the jock issues or the sporting program. It's also about the educational basis. Those are our future

leaders. Those are individuals who may grow up, get jobs, they may be sitting up here in the Council seat. Like one of them said she'll be sitting in the Mayor's seat and they be doing that, but most of all we want to educate our kids. Like I say I don't have no problem. I do in fact support and I make it known from the beginning (don't wait until the day of the election) that I do support our up and coming levy because it's very important that you don't let your educational system fail. I know like the next person how tight money is and believe me it's tight. I mean it's like squeezing blood out of a turnip. You can't do it right now but you don't want to allow your educational system to fail. It's more important than you think it is. If you let the system fail you're going to see a lot of good people moving out, moving to Solon, Beachwood, other cities with better educational programs. You're going to see some people not choosing to come into the city when they see the ratings of our schools go down. So I want to let you know I do in fact support the up and coming levy in May and will do whatever I can to help you get it through, Like I say Happy St. Patrick's Day and I ask you that you drive safely and if you drink, don't drive. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Clmn Dudley.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** You're right. We do cite residents when their houses are in poor condition, but what you may not know is that if we find out the residents are out of work, they are going through financial stress, a lot of the times we do everything we can to find them extra funds, grant monies. We search for ways to help them financially. We do everything we can to help our residents. We understand what they're going through. The city's going through the same thing. Try and understand what we're going through right now. We need extra time. We need to create new funding. We don't have the money to do the streets. If I had my way I'd resurface every street tomorrow, but we can't afford it.

I think the Cliff Foust Hall of Fame is a great idea and I'm also encouraging an academic hall of fame for the students with the best grades. I think that's just as important.

And lastly I'd like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day. That's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Clwn Marincic.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** I just want to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day. If you drink, like Mike Dudley says, don't drive because our police force is out there. Believe me they are out there. Have a good St. Patrick's' Day

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** I'd like to also wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. I also wish our basketball team good luck on Wednesday and also, Tametria, good luck on Friday in your drill team. I hope you bring some awards home to us. That's all.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Clwn Sarnowski.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I, too, would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's' Day.

I'd also like to say that you said you'd like to see the police department out when school lets out. If you're on Turney Road when school does let out you'll see police all up and down Turney Road. Especially in the little center you're talking about. I know there's a police officer that sits in there so they are there. So you are getting the police protection over there that you want. That's all I have. Thank you.

**CLWN MAHONEY:** I'd like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and I have nothing else except to refer to my Irish colleague here. I believe he has something he wants to say.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** We've saved the best for last. Clmn Vaughn

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Why thank you, Mr. Geraci. A couple of things. For people on this side of town on Thursday the East Side Irish Club will be meeting at Holy Name Church for Mass. They'll have the pipers and it will be a big Mass, a big liturgy, like they have over at St. Colman's so all are invited and afterwards there will be a breakfast down in the cafeteria of Holy Name.

I wish, ma'am, that we could repave all these streets and I'd repave them green. I really would, but we can't until we get some money and things improve we're just going to have to take it day by day.

With that, I found this when I was looking for something. It's called "An Irishman's Philosophy" and it begins like this. There were two men. One was an Italian and one was an Irishman. No. "In life there are only two things to worry about. (And you know my grandfather used to say this all the time so it really struck home.) to worry about. Either you are well or you are sick. If you are well there is nothing to worry about, but if you are sick there are only two things to worry about. Either you will get well or you will die. If you get well there is nothing to worry about. But if you die there are only two things to worry about. Either you will go to heaven or to hell. If you go to heaven there is nothing to worry about. And if you go to hell you'll be so busy shaking hands with all your friends you won't have time to worry."

Everybody have a good week. Motion to adjourn.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Roll call.

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** This meeting is adjourned.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Frank Geraci, Jr.  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council