

**MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026  
REGULAR MINUTES/JOURNAL**

**PLEDGE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL PRESENT	MR. REYNALD J. PAOLONE	
FIRST WARD COUNCILMAN PRESENT	MR. KEITH SCHUBERT	
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN PRESENT	MR. JAMES CLARK	
THIRD WARD COUNCILMAN PRESENT	MR. JOHN MOLITERNO	
FOURTH WARD COUNCILMAN PRESENT	MR. THOMAS GRUMLEY	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE PRESENT	MR. TOD LATELL	PRESENT
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE PRESENT	MR. WES STEINER	

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**President of Council Paolone:** Two communications. 1. Reminder Thursday is Civics Day. 8 o'clock in the library. Mayor, am I correct on that? **Mayor:** You are correct. **Paolone:** That's what I thought. And then we have, I hope this is correct this week, (Paolone read the invitation aloud from the American Legion regarding Memorial Day services t the cemetery).

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MARTUCCIO TO FILE THE INVITATION WITH COUNCIL AS A WHOLE.**

SCHUBERT 1  
CLARK  
MOLITERNO  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO 2  
LATELL  
STEINER  
MOTION PASSED 7-0

**ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION LATELL SECOND SCHUBERT TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA OF APRIL 27, 2026 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT 2  
CLARK  
MOLITERNO  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO  
LATELL 1  
STEINER  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND CLARK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2026 AS WRITTEN.**

SCHUBERT  
CLARK 2  
MOLITERNO1

GRUMLEY Abstain  
MARTUCCIO  
LATELL  
STEINER  
MOTION PASSED 6-0

### CITIZENS' COMMENTS

**Michael Costatrella, 844 Dravis Ave.:** It's very short. Those little things that they put in with the new lines, the dsls, that are like green covers, have you ever seen them? I noticed this was just on Dravis, I've been walking my dog a lot, but I noticed a number of them some are broke and some are like up and out and that's going to kinda defeat the whole purpose of them which is to keep animals from getting in there and eating the lines and stuff. So, I know there's a few on Dravis worth seeing so I would just mention it to someone. **Paolone:** I am sure the mayor will. **Costarella:** I just wanted to point it out.

**Roberta Laurentz, 24 Earl St., Parkwood:** I sat in on the financial commission committee. This first spread sheet that Julie gave as the financial report, is it available to the public? I don't need the big packet that you as council people have, but that financial, I'm old school. I don't go on the internet. **Councilman Moliterno:** It is. **Laurentz:** I just have to see one of you or just go down to the office? Ok. Number 1. Question number 2. Why don't we have a full-time inspector? I know we have two part-time and Nancy Thomas. I'll leave that part for the actual meeting. That's my second question. Third question. Can I have a copy of last year's budget as a resident? Can I go someplace and get it? And I also want this year's budget too. So those are my four questions. No comments after that. **Paolone:** Julie want to take them? **Ms. Coggins:** Yes. I can provide you with everything that you need. If you want to send me an email or come down to see me. **Laurentz:** I'll come in person. Old school.

**Kathy Buonavolonta 436 Joan:** In the near future do you see any more fiber optic people coming in besides the two that have already been? **Paolone:** I hope not but I'm going to let the mayor answer that one. **Mayor:** No. **Buonavolonta:** Two, that's it? **Mayor:** That's it. **Buonavolonta:** Does anybody have a say in that? Can we say like no more? **Mayor:** My understanding is once you provide your community with three options, so now you have Spectrum, Omni and T-Mobile, then the PUCO won't bring in any more after that. That's my understanding. **Buonavolonta:** Question 2. I know you said in the newspaper that May 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for the construction or reconstruction of our property. Is that just the installation or will our property be all fixed by May 1<sup>st</sup>? **Mayor:** So the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is for the Omni construction. **Buonavolonta:** Oh that was the first company? **Mayor:** That was the 1<sup>st</sup> company. Then the 2<sup>nd</sup> company when they finish then we'll hold their feet to fire just like we did with Omni. **Buonavolonta:** Ok. Thanks. **Paolone:** You're welcome. Thank you for coming.

**Annette Minniti, 52 Stambaugh Street:** I am just inquiring about rentals. Everyone, I have a rental myself, we pay \$25 every year and our street has 14 rentals. We've seen people come and go and I know the house fire, I think there have been two house fires in Girard, that were both rentals. How can I know if rentals are actually being inspected the way they are supposed to be inspected? **Paolone:** That's a good question. **Minniti:** I mean because it's obviously if they were inspected properly. **Paolone:** I don't know if Mark has that answer or not. **Mayor:** I don't know that you can blame the house fires on the fact of a rental inspection. **Minniti:** What's that? I'm sorry I didn't hear you. **Mayor:** I said I don't know that you can blame the house fire on **Minniti:** No. I'm just saying we got sited for having a tear in our screen in the rental. We weren't allowed to rent until that little tear was fixed, but I mean if you're being that detailed it should be a really good inspection. **Mayor:** We do inspections as long as the landlords are on the up and up. **Minniti:** and

that's what I'm trying to prevent because I've seen three on our street in the past month. Just saying we have 14 on our street. **Mayor:** It's unfortunate. **Paolone:** Nobody is a fan of it. Believe me. Noone here is a fan of it. We'd love to see people buy instead of rent. I don't know how you do that these days. **Grumley:** We have to have a database in place that tells us how many rental properties are out there. **Mayor:** We do in the zoning department. **Councilman Grumley:** Maybe it's time that the neighbors start neighboring and when you see a rental move out, I know I'm doing it on my street, when you see a rental move out call down to zoning and say hey look did we do an inspection on that house. You know I called numerous times and the mayor can attest to it. It's time for Girard to start neighboring itself. It's the only way we fight back against these deadbeat landlords. There's a lot of them out there and Glenn you're phone will bet burnt up every day over deadbeat landlords that are out there. **Mr. Holmes:** I'd like to add to your point just a little bit. We make sure that we do those inspections fairly regularly. So we have one property here, you said you have one property here you were cited for something you thought was was more technical than it was actual. You saw other properties maybe skate. I think that's your point. So, we should have a record of that and make sure it's kept up to date. I'm sure we do, but if I find something different than what you anticipate I'm going to try to get back in touch with you. **Minniti:** Appreciate it.

**Costarella:** I'm just going to respond. I recently have been doing some research on the county and stuff and I made a public records request of the zoning department for a list of all of the rental properties in the city and then I mapped them all on a map and it's on a web page I'm working on right now. It shows the address and a bunch of information. The one thing I'm a little concerned about on that is that I got just like a PDF with a bunch of addresses on it, but they didn't realize that I had AI and I was able to turn that into a spread sheet and then turn it into a map and do all kinds of good stuff. So, I don't know how up to date maybe that is cuz I was trying to compare it against all of the parcels in the city. So, I'll have some information very shortly on that. **Paolone:** That's a project. **Costarella:** You wouldn't believe how easy it is. I didn't believe it. I'm scared how easy it is. For the record I was afraid of how easy it was. **Paolone:** When you get that done can you share it with Monica so she can share it with us if you don't mind. **Costarella:** Yea. I mean I should, you guys are all getting paid, I should say yea for a price. You know but I won't cuz I'm me. **Paolone:** That's true Mike. **Costarella:** I joked about this with somebody. They said that's really nice. The one thing I haven't figured out in this area is how to do what I do and eat at the same time.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CITY

**MAYOR**

**MARK ZUPPO**

**PRESENT**

**Mayor Zuppo:** A couple quick things. We are doing our podcast tomorrow with a special surprise gues, Mr. Glenn Holmes, on the podcast tomorrow. We will be introducing him to the internet community. I was hoping they would come tonight, but I don't see them here. I wanted to give a shoutout. There are some people that volunteered their time to Stambaugh Park. They did the roof on the dugouts, and I just wanted to give them a shoutout, Mark Moss, Josh Kajowski and Justin Kay and the Girard Baseball Association. They donated, the Baseball Association donated materials along with Mark and Josh and Mark and Josh did all the work. So, I wanted to thank them for their volunteer efforts. It is always appreciated. Downtown Focus Group Committee met last week, and it was a very productive meeting, and we will be doing somethings. I think I'm speaking in Beaver next week and everybody who is on that committee, we are hoping that some of you will attend that workshop. We are making great progress. The people from Town Center were impressed with the progress we've made to date. I want to set a meeting with the zoning committee, that would be Councilman Steiner's committee, to talk about tweaking, as we had mentioned last week, tweaking the IPMC as we mentioned at the Town Center

meeting. If you could get with me this week so we could set up some time that would be great. And speaking of council, the council committee for community development or is it streets, sidewalk and employee welfare, excuse me, for the engineering interviews. So, I need to know who from your committee is going to be on the interview team. **Grumley:** Round one is Tod Latell and for the final the entire committee. **Mayor:** Well according to the ordinance **Grumley:** That's what it says. **Latell:** Yea. That's what it says. **Mayor:** Ok. That's what it says. **Grumley:** Yea. One and then three. **Mayor:** Ok. So I need to get with you on some times for next week because we've gotten, we're basically done taking applications. We've got three or four really solid candidates. We've got a bunch of candidates. Some are so newbies that I don't think would work real well. The other thing I wanted to mention was somebody called me this week with an issue where they had a trailer stolen. I guess one of those trailers you use to haul your lawnmowers and stuff like that with the wooden frame. He had it stolen what Chief about a month or so ago? Our great police department and Chief Freeman did a great job. They recovered it and they caught the guy who did it, but the poor guy whose trailer was stolen, it's going to cost him \$2100 to get his trailer back out of impound. This has been going on for years and it's funny it came to me this week because the Chief came to me a few weeks ago about creating our own city impound lot. I know he has met with the auditor about it. He's talked about making it something that would be cost neutral. As a matter of fact we might be able to actually generate a few revenue dollars. Which I'm sure the auditor is glad to hear that, but in a situation like this you would waive it for somebody. Why is somebody being charged (Several people were talking at once and could not transcribe) I'll throw it to the Chief for more explanation, but I think he is going to go for when he send this person up to grand jury he is going to try to restitution, but what are the chances. Chief, you want to expound on that? **Chief Freeman:** Sure. So, right now all vehicles that are towed by our department whether they are tied to a criminal case, impounded, held as evidence or towed because of an accident, they are all stored at a private facility here in Girard. It's been the status quo for quite some time. What that means for our department is limited control over the access of these vehicles, the timelines in which we can process and return the property and, as the mayor mentioned, the cost to residents at the end of the day. Now like he mentioned there are some avenues for restitution involved with the cases once we clear them up. There is also an office in Ohio that offers victims' aid after the fact, but those can often be pretty timely and to be honest getting restitution out of some of these people that we actually apprehend for the crime and to get them convicted is kind of a hard thing to do as well. In a lot of these cases, and especially this one that we saw now, the victims of the crimes are incurring significant daily charges, and we don't have a lot of control over when we can release that property to them. We have to wait for in this case it goes to grand jury, Trumbull County Prosecutor's office or being adjudicated here in Municipal Court. So, regionally a lot of departments around here like Niles, Warren, Liberty Township, what they have done to address this is operating municipal impound lots, specifically for enforcement related duties and evidentiary vehicles. So what that means is if it's an accident or something like that we're not going to tow it, we're not going to put it in impound. If it's involved in a crime or in this case if it's a piece of evidence that we have to take and hold securely we would place it in our own impound yard and that way we can control the costs as well. What these other departments do in regards to this is they essentially write it into ordinance that the Chief of Police can waive the fees associated with the impound so if it's sitting there for 30 or 40 days they are not having to pay a private company they are essentially just getting it waived, especially in a case where they are a victim in that regard. So, we would follow the same model. We would continue to use contracted tow companies for our transports. If it is an accident it is still going to go to a private company, but the qualifying vehicles would be impounded here for criminal or evidential purposes here in the city operating facility. From a policy standpoint lots of standardized fees with this including waiver authority in cases of crime victims or other extenuating circumstances and it really it's we do a lot of this work already

in house. We have the workflow down that we have been doing for years. It's just basically it would be the opposite of what we are doing now. Instead of releasing the vehicle to a private company, the company would give us or the property owner in this case would give us evidence that they actually paid for the tow bill and then we would release it from here. Like the mayor said, based on our activity just in 2025 we handle a good number of tows, and that was a significant amount of storage fees, and with that even using a conservative fee structure that we think is pretty fair comparably around the area and under what the private companies are charging right now for storage, we would be able to definitely sustain it. Especially depending on what option we went to either billing one, or leasing from somewhere that is already established. We can compile it and see if it's effective for the city. **Paolone:** Mayor, You still have the floor. **Mayor:** Thanks Chief. That concludes my report.

**COMMENTS:**

**Grumley:** Mayor, the \$100,000 increase that we seen in the water fund this collection, can you contribute it to delinquent collections or what do you? **Mayor:** We have some delinquent collections that, you know I make a lot of these calls myself. I will be making, well I have a meeting tomorrow with one. Somebody that has reneged on a contract. You know we make them sign a contract and make payments and when they renege we shut their water off. This is a big one. This is a commercial property, and it is a lot of money, so when it's that kind of money, when it's 1,000s of dollars I get involved and we usually get a check. It's not that I'm that great. It's just we threaten to shut their water off and they somehow come up with the money when you threaten to shut their water off. I think that has a lot to do with it Tom, plus it just happened to be the stars were lined up right. **Ms. Coggins:** It was. We had a collection like this actually in November. I don't know if you remember or not, but we honestly don't know why, but I know they did do some extra shut offs during this collection. I talked to the office manager today about why it was so high. So, every so often we see this. **Grumley:** When we see a trend like this it's always you know what's it related to. You know and if it is delinquent collections that's a very big positive I mean because we are still \$300,000 probably down you know and we're seeing \$100,000 in one collection cycle. That's huge. **Mayor:** I think it was pretty high, \$500,000 when we got here. We got it down and it just climbs back up, and every time it climbs back up Jackie gives me the report every month and when I see that magic number gets over \$250,000 again I start getting involved again and start making calls. I told Mike, and he does a lot of shutoffs. He does a lot of shutoffs.

**Schubert:** Can you clarify the engineering? I think a lot of us were caught off guard. Is Dennis Meek still on the payroll and the city engineer are we still do we still have MS involved and if we do why do we have MS when we still have Dennis Meek? **Mayor:** MS has that \$19,000 contract they are working under. Dennis I think retracted his original letter of resignation of March 27th. **Schubert:** We weren't involved. We didn't know that. That would have been. Did you get an email? **Clark:** We got the resignation letter. **Schubert:** Yea. We got the resignation letter. Our whole reasoning for doing this was again with taxpayer dollars being cognizant of how much we were spending on that was to make these cuts so I'm just questioning why do we still have both on? **Paolone:** Monica didn't get anything either, so.

**Clark:** I'm looking at this TIF ordinance and this obviously all got into motion before I was on city council, I don't have an issue with the TIF itself, but I'm seeing whereas city council and administrative, I'm sorry administration, desire to proceed with retaining an engineering firm for general engineering services for the City of Girard. I don't like the way that's worded. Are we retaining them, is this like the same contract? Well first off there's not a contract in our packet for the engineering services. Is it the same contract that we voted down or is it project specific contract? **Mayor:** My understanding is that's part of the money we are working under right now. **Clark:** If I'm going to vote yes on this I would actually like to see this striked through because we have an engineer. We are in the

process of hiring an engineer. So, I just want to let this be public that I don't like that and I want to vote for the TIF but I also don't want to retain a consultant. Ok? That's it.

**Steiner:** Same thing that James just said in section 2 where it says all prior ordinances or parts thereof conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. Does that mean that 53-11 the \$20,000 spending discretionary spending is that repealed at that point? **Mayor:**

Wait. Say that again Wes. **Paolone:** Yea. You just lost me. **Steiner:** So in section 2

**Paolone:** Are you on 53-17? **Steiner:** I'm on 53-23. Section 2. All prior ordinances or their parts therefore in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. **Paolone:** No.

That has nothing to do with it. **Steiner:** That has nothing to do with **Paolone:** Hiring an engineer? **Schubert:** No. He's talking about the spending limit. **Steiner:** The spending limit of \$20,000. **Paolone:** Oh, the spending limit. No that doesn't mean that. No.

## **SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

## **GLENN HOLMES**

### **PRESENT**

**Mr. Holmes:** I really appreciate working with everyone I've worked with so far. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve the residents of Girard. One of the things that I will say about the last topic was if we don't have an engineer, it's not clearly defined, this project, I don't want to say is in jeopardy, but you want to make sure you have clear and distinct oversight for something like that. Something that we want to be proud of for the next thirty years. Is there some ambiguity again about who the engineer is, who it should be, you know we have to, I think it is only fair to the contractor and fair to the residents of the City of Girard that we do that. It will make me feel better if I have general oversight of something like that. We do have a minimum control measures audit coming in July. Mr. Wolf with EPA called us and they are going to monitor our outfalls. The first audit will be a virtual and then the second day, it's going to be July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, he is going to come here. Mike Scoville is going to be the lead on that and I am going to ask Mr. Watts to work with him. We did meet with Mr. Steiner and Mr. Clark and I really do appreciate their concern on how the project was being constructed and making sure that the engineers that we did have on it were mitigating everything on behalf of the residents of Girard. Appreciate that meeting and had a casual meeting with the finance chair, Mr. Schubert, too talking generally overall. I'm trying to get myself up to speed and keep my feet above water during the process. Is there anything else I need to, oh yea, Nancy Thomas. We met with Mr. Steiner. We talked about a number of things, but zoning ordinances, the codes, the fees associated with those should be upgraded. Should be updated. So, I asked Ms. Thomas if she would line item each fee. She knows the man hours or woman hours we have associated with each inspection. Make sure that we are compensated properly. We agreed that the zoning department should be solvent. We can't make money on status. We don't want to make money on our residents, but we do want to make sure that the folks that we do send out we are not losing money as much as we can. So, I appreciate the encouragement and moving forward I want to communicate. I want to be at your disposal. You are the legislative body of the City of Girard. Again, I appreciate all of the conversations that we had so far and the auditor. That's a safe place. I guess you go to auditing and she'll tell you where a dollar can be spent and it makes sense though. That's all I have.

**Clark:** It was really nice meeting you and I look forward to working with you. Could you guys put in our next council packet the contract for MS Contract or whatever engineering service. I know MS has been working on this project. **Holmes:** I've been looking for it. As soon as I find it, because I thought it was a calendar year typically and then found out that maybe in November so as we learn, you know let's breach that learning curve and that will make things clear for everybody. **Clark:** But if it's for the specific contract or for the specific project I want to see one that is for this one and not general engineering. You see where we're, I'm skeptical? **Holmes:** Yea and I don't know if that's boiler plate language generally because there's a number of things that an engineer might do to oversee a project or we want to line item everything they've done and that could be a per

hour fee and that would explode the budget. Let me find out. I'll get you the information that you want and keep talking through it to make sure you're satisfied. **Clark:** And then one other thing. The TIF. Can we be reimbursed for the engineering services through TIF? I read through the TIF. I don't believe so. I could be wrong. Maybe that's a question for the law director. **Holmes:** I don't know if there was another area in the state where that happened. If we were to do another maybe we could make it better. A little more advantageous for us, but I don't think so. But here again I'd ask Mr. Malvasi. **Clark:** Yea. Definitely because then this development. We don't know like what the engineering costs would cost our residents, right, to put in this development because if we're paying a consultant. **Holmes:** I get your point. I appreciate it. If it looks like it is going to be scoped out over a number of years and depending on how many homes, how many units he sells, he's going to build the others, so this could be a ten year type of situation and when you put a magnifying glass to the engineering costs spread out over ten years you could almost amortize that and put a ruler 72 to that and it would explode, but I get your point. I think I know what you're looking for, but let's keep talking about it and make sure that you're comfortable. **Clark:** Thanks Glenn.

**Grumley:** Glenn, the details in the engineering should be pretty simply. I mean because you know it's required, POs are required and so forth, so the time associated with each project should be associated with that project. You know, especially now it seems like we are paying on a monthly basis for engineering until we get our full-time engineer on staff we should be able to you know understand where that spending is happening. Like this, you know, if we had that in front of us for this \$45,000 it might be over tonight, but we don't understand where that money was spent or when it was spent, and, you know, we spent over \$300,000 last year on engineering costs, and we're not sure where each one of them dollars went towards what projects. Ok. That's all we're looking for is clean it up, let us know what's going on, where the money is being spent, on which project. You know, through the PO system it's simple to track that way. You know you come from the private sector. You understand that. You know, it's simple to track, and you know we buy, you know, \$500,000 piece of equipment and I could tell you what happens what we used on that equipment for the last year. So, it's more than able to be tracked. You know let's just clean it up. **Holmes:** If you do that I want your accounting system. Yea, but trust and verify. I get that. The other side of that is KO. They were monitoring Omni for us or they were monitoring Lumos. What they do on that job site, how detailed, they're watching to make sure that hopefully they stay within the scope of the job. They don't hit gas lines, water lines sewer lines. How specific something needs to be to satisfy the inquiring minds I'm not sure. I get detailed line item appropriations expenses, but again, let's talk about it. I'll see what has been traditionally done and I'll see what. **Mayor:** I was just going to say Councilman Clark I can call Niles tomorrow because they've done the TIF before to see if they're allowed to use reimbursement for engineering services. I'll ask and see what they've done. **Clark:** Well, I mean, their contract might be different than ours. **Mayor:** It was pretty much copied. **Clark:** We could probably run it by Pete. I can ask Pete. I mean he's the one that read the contract and signed it. **Mayor:** That's fine. **Moliterno:** Just as a reminder. Glenn, you brought up KO. We had asked prior a couple months ago to have KO come in and to talk to us about the projects they have worked on and the projects they are working on. They were in here as a part of the health project that the mayor brought up, but she didn't talk to us at all about anything else. So, please ask them over the next couple of meetings, 2, 3 meetings from now whenever it is if they can come in. **Holmes:** I'm going to try to get as detailed breakdown as I can. **Schubert:** Did you mean MS not KO to look at those. **Holmes:** Well, they're a subcontractor. **Schubert:** I hope KO is not out inspecting. **Grumley:** No they're not. **Schubert:** Ok. That's all I wanted to clarify. **Grumley:** He misspoke. **Schubert:** I just wanted to make sure.

**LAW DIRECTOR**  
**ABSENT**

**PETE MALVASI**

**AUDITOR  
PRESENT**

**JULIE COGGINS**

**Ms. Coggins:** I want to go back to this ordinance that James brought up real quick. Reading it where it says the general engineering services. I do see what you're saying because it could be open to a lot more, and as far as being reimbursed through the TIF, obviously we're all new at this, but I feel like if there was something that was more related to the development that that could probably be more of a possibility of getting reimbursement through the TIF than I guess just the general engineering services.

**Moliterno:** This is very specific to that project. **Coggins:** I know, but we're talking just the wording general engineering services instead of it being like design and inspection. You know something along those lines. **Moliterno:** I know we had our finance committee meeting prior. We had a discussion with our auditor. The one thing I do have to bring up, we had passed a piece of legislation by this council that anything that goes for the auditor to pay, that goes to her office, needs to have a PO. You know and that is the crux of a lot of the problems that we're having tonight when we start talking about whether it's MS or other people there's not a PO attached to it. She shouldn't be paying anything that doesn't have a PO. Period. And that's what the legislation says and we are not going to pay that bill until that is cleared up. So, please from all of the departments, anything we send to the auditor's office have a PO attached to it. **Coggins:** Well, the, like the purchase policy was set in place because of how we're beginning our year, and you know that we're starting with a lower budget, and you know we ended last year not on a great note. So, we're taking these steps to save each fund and to watch everything, and you know, protect taxpayer dollars, and keep our funds afloat. We want to see them all ending in positive balances.

**COMMENTS:**

**TREASURER  
ABSENT**

**HENRY SFORZA**

**COMMENTS:**

**FIRE CHIEF  
PRESENT**

**JAMES PETRUZZI**

**Chief Petruzzi:** Calls to date 729. Last meeting I reported on pending the approval of Civil Service Commission we would be hiring Anthony Moore, and that did go through. He started. He's really had trial by fire. He's really had some complex incidents, but he dove in headfirst. He's working out great. I appreciate the reminder. I will be at Civic's Day this week. **Paolone:** Monica. Monica reminded me. Thank Monica.

**COMMENTS:**

**Grumley:** Percentage of non-residential calls. Ambulance Calls. **Petruzzi:** I have a spreadsheet. I don't have it right in front of me. I could definitely pull up the numbers and have them for next meeting. **Grumley:** Thank you.

**POLICE CHIEF  
PRESENT**

**JOHN FREEMAN**

**Chief Freeman:** Police and dispatch to date calls to service 3720 from the Girard dispatch center. Calls to service for Patrol 2995. Self-initiated traffic stops we are at 1080. Misdemeanor arrests at 108. Felony arrests at 17. Traffic citations at 506. Our incident reports are at 431. The mayor was kind enough to bring up the new business talk of the impound yard, so if you have any questions concerning that I do have some proposed ordinances to put forward on that note. Moving on from that, our grant updates for the past two quarters. We are in award status now for a body worn camera grant. So, we are going through implementing the first phase of that. That award was for \$24,448, and I'd like to thank the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. They are helping navigating that

grant. We also received notice just two weeks ago that we were awarded for our domestic violence reduction grant as well and that was for \$46,734. We were one of 44 agencies in Ohio that received an award and we're only three here in Trumbull County, so it's a pretty big deal for us. Once we enter pre-award conditions and get past that we will be using the grant to increase some specialized training for our officers as it relates to domestic violence and trauma informed interviewing techniques. We will definitely be doing some community oriented events for at risk youth, and develop a domestic violence liaison position here within the department, and we also got authorized to use that award money to outfit one of our interview rooms to a soft interview room. It's a big deal for us this year and again I'd like to thank the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice again for helping us put our project together and helping us apply for the grant and getting the award. With this newest award since November of last year over we've brought in a total of a little over \$71,000 towards our supplemental budget here and we also have a lot of other grant projects we are working on right now, so we're looking towards utilizing those grant funds to work on the modernization efforts we are looking to implement here in the department. Community relations updates. I would like to take a moment to recognize Sergeant J.J. Silverman. He was honored last week by Trumbull County Children's Services at their Rising Up and Moving On luncheon. He received a first responders in excellence award for his work protecting children and supporting families here in our community. The recognition stems in part from an incident May of 2024 where Sergeant Silverman was first on scene to an unresponsive toddler and successfully restored the child's breathing through lifesaving measures prior to EMS arrival. He was previously recognized by our department for those actions as well and Sergeant Silverman is a heck of a guy. I know a lot of you guys know him. He continues to demonstrate strong leadership, professionalism and a very large commitment here to the City of Girard and community-oriented policing. So, we would, very proud of him. We would also like to thank Trumbull County Children's Services for recognizing his efforts and inviting our department to participate in that luncheon last week. Lastly, I would like to thank FBI Cleveland Special Agent in Charge Tori Gaskill and Youngstown Special Agent Corey Taylor. They recognized our department last week for our continued participation and regional enforcement efforts alongside local, state and federal partners here in the Valley, and our involvement in these types of task forces are pretty valuable to our department not only in strengthening our bonds with other departments and other agencies, but it also helps supplement a lot of our staffing issues that we have right now with bringing shared resources and personnel here that benefit directly our citizens here in Girard. These types of partnerships are pretty valuable at this point where we're at in the department and we look forward to continuing to maintain those relationships. That's all I have. **Paolone:** Chief Freeman also received an award. It's off the top of my head what it was, but I'd like to take the time to congratulate him. What did you if you may? **Freeman:** They were just recognizing our participation in the task force and our work there. **Paolone:** Keep up the good work. Appreciate it.

**COMMENTS:**

**Grumley:** Thank you for efforts with all the grant monies and so forth. That's huge for the city and for the protection of the officers on the city. And the second question, have you worked with the law director pertaining to the vehicles on the sidewalks? **Freeman:** So for now we've bounced some ideas off the law director. I do intend to finalize a few last details with him, but I've worked with Niles Chief Jay Holland out there. He kind of was very accommodating in the entire process and how they set up their impound yard and ordinances they needed to get in place and considerations for that. It looks like we're doing a lot of work already. **Grumley:** Specifically, the vehicles on the sidewalks. **Freeman:** Oh. I'm sorry. I apologize. Yea. I asked him. I am waiting for an update from him.

**Schubert:** Again, to reiterate what Councilman Grumley said, awesome job that you guys are doing. Keep up the good work. Do we have a location where we are thinking about

putting this impound lot? **Freeman:** We do. So one of the options that we have available to us right now is leasing property that is directly across from the police department on West Market Street.

**Latell:** Also again to reiterate, congratulations to you and your staff on the awards. That's great. With respect to the impounding. Are any other departments, any other cities doing that? Are they **Freeman:** Just about everybody but us. Liberty Township, Warren City, Howland Township, Niles. So, it's a mixture of municipalities and townships around here, Warren, Youngstown. **Latell:** So we don't have to rewrite the wheel. **Freeman:** No sir and this has been a long standing practice for almost ten years now. We are just a little bit behind the times in regard to something like that. **Latell:** Thank you Chief.

**Clark:** Again, good job on everything. Back to the vehicles on the sidewalks. The specific property that I cited a few meetings ago. I have researched the Recorder's website. I could not find an easement for them to be able to park on the sidewalk. Tod, do you, well, the Recorder's website. Is every record on that? **Latell:** If they recorded it. **Clark:** I assume that everything's on there, but never assume. Yea. I think, I don't think there is any sort of easement on that. **Freeman:** So we are waiting to hear back from the law director. He's spinning a lot of plates right now.

**Steiner:** Like everybody else, I'm not surprised that you're doing a good job, but you are doing a good job. I'm not surprised at all, but do we have enough manpower. What manpower needs to hold that impound lot? **Freeman:** So, thankfully the way that the kind of commonly accepted practice around the area is that it operates during daytime hours. So, we do have, obviously, dispatch available in our department. We have an administrative clerk that also works during day turn hours. So, that would probably be the time we would actually be able to operate that. In terms of facilitating a vehicle going in after hours, other departments with less resources than us are offering them and operating them successfully. So, like I said we do a lot of the work already. So, whenever somebody comes in for a release of a vehicle we essentially write them up a form that they then bring to the private company to get the release of the vehicle. So, we have been doing that for thirty years. We do a lot of that work already so it would just be a matter of doing a little more paperwork. It's something I think is sustainable.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT**

**Councilman Moliterno:** We had a quick meeting finance committee meeting tonight. The good part about that is the lions share of the people were in attendance both on the administrative and council side as well as people that come and sit through our council meetings are there to and listen to the state of finances within the city. We appreciate that and we appreciate their attendance and Julie thank you. **Coggins:** You're welcome.

#### **COMMENTS:**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-LATELL-STEINER-MOLITERNO**

**Councilman Latell:** No report tonight. I just want to mention that myself and Councilman Martuccio did attend that Town Center meeting last Monday and it is a good working relationship. We are, I know it looks, haven't seen much, but there's a lot that goes into the economic development side of downtown in Girard, and a lot of that happens before you see anything, but we are working on laying the ground work to bringing something downtown and to the city that the city can be proud of, and that process is working through. So, I just wanted to mention it is a good relationship, and I like the way that things are going with that so far, and we will continue that. That's the end of my report.

#### **COMMENTS:**

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS-SCHUBERT-MOLITERNO-STEINER**

**Councilman Schubert:** No report.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY-CLARK-MARTUCCIO-GRUMLEY:**

**Councilman Clark:** I attended a community block watch meeting a couple weeks ago. Some citizens brought some concerns up to me and I'm still researching some of those issues. I would just maybe like to ask, I don't know if I can ask this now or not, but Linda, I think she's here, she complained about a tree. I just wanted to know maybe whats, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. **Paolone:** After the meeting. **Clark:** Sorry.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### **STREETS SIDEWALKS & EMPLOYEE WELFARE-GRUMLEY-SCHUBERT-LATELL**

**Councilman Grumley:** Why do you pick on him every meeting? **Paolone:** I'm not picking on him. The rules are the rules. I didn't make them Roberts did. **Grumley:** Streets and Sidewalks. We're going to have a meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 here. We'd like to talk about how we can apply for some grants for next year for the streets. We've moved some income tax money around and we can guarantee some funding. Julie, if you could be here to tell us what you project, you know, forecast for next year so we can get out ahead of it now. I seen the guys are out starting some patching and so forth. They definitely have their work cut out for them. They need to be commended. They're out there working. I'm glad you guys have a lot of young backs out there Mayor because they have a lot of holes to patch this year.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### **UTILITIES-MARTUCCIO-LATELL-CLARK**

**Councilwoman Martuccio:** I have no report on utilities; however, I do want to report on the spring cleanup that took place on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Stambaugh Park. We collected 27 tires, 24 bags of trash which equals approximately 1500 lbs. of trash. I want to thank the students who participated. We had 30 students show up. The Robotics students, the National Honor Society and the BETA Club students. 8 adults showed up to help supervise these students and those adults were Krissy Malloy, Rich McClintock, Laurie Carey, Jim Smith and Katie Smith from Metalico were there and they donated the, Metalico donated the waters and the donuts for the students, Cosmo Signoriello, Councilman Wes Steiner and Anthony Piganelli from our Girard Street Department. Thank you, Tom, for your help in doing this every year, and just keep going.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### **ZONING-STEINER-CLARK-MARTUCCIO**

**Councilman Steiner:** Nothing. Just working with Glenn and Nancy on some old ordinances. On his third day in office he called me to get the ball rolling on this. So, you're doing an awesome job. So, the two ordinances that we are looking at updating are from 2007 & 2009. They are just outdated. So that's why we're trying to update.

#### **COMMENTS:**

#### **THEATER-MARTUCCIO-MOLITERNO-SCHUBERT**

**Councilwoman Martuccio:** There was a brief meeting today. I will defer to Mr. Schubert and Mr. Moliterno. I was not able to attend. **Moliterno:** Just had a quick meeting in the conference room next to the mayor's office. We met with Joe Asente from Millennial Productions, and actually it was a very good meeting. Short meeting, but they are very interested in participating and doing it. I guess they're renting space now in the building that is adjacent in the old gun shop just for storage, but as you can imagine a production company has a lot of sets and other things that they have to store, and they're using it now I believe that the plan is to be able to move some of that into the theater building once we are able to get it a little farther along.

#### **COMMENTS:**

**LAKES-MOLITERNO-GRUMLEY-LATELL**

**Councilman Moliterno:** We had a 45 minute meeting tonight on the lakes. We had the engineer, Dennis Meeks, who was a part of that. I am not sure if we are any farther along on the discussion on the lakes then we were before we had the meeting. Dennis talked a lot. Appreciate it. **Paolone:** He spins his wheels. He will spin his wheels. **Martuccio:** He gave good information. **Moliterno:** Very intelligent gentleman. Very knowledgeable, but we're still waiting to hear back from the State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to determine what our next step is. We have to take another step as a city. There is no question about that, but what that is going to be remains to be seen. **Paolone:** I suggest, just a suggestion, next time you have Meeks here do an hour.

**COMMENTS:**

**Holmes:** To the finance chair's credit, he did bring out that there is a grant and he's trying to spend that grant to get council more information so they can make an educated decision. Appreciate that.

**ORDINANCES**

**53-17**

**THIRD**

**READING**

A NEW ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIRARD REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE CITY OF GIRARD.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 53-17.**

**COMMENTS:**

**Clark:** I'm going to be a no for this one because the no short term rental shall be located within a 1000 feet of another short term rental. If we can strike that I would be in favor of it, but just wanted to let you know. **Paolone:** Where are you at? **Clark:** It is Section F(ii). **Paolone:** Section F(ii). No short term rental shall be located within 1000 feet of another short term rental. You want to delete that? **Clark:** Yes. **Paolone:** Would you like to make that motion for amendment? **Clark:** Yea I'd like to make that motion for amendment. **Paolone:** I don't know if it will pass I'm just asking. Can I have a second for his motion? **Wes:** Motion has been made by James second by Wes to delete Section F(ii). Comments?

**Moliterno:** The comment is I wish the law director was here. **Paolone:** I do too. **Moliterno:** I wonder what the reason was for putting that in there. **Paolone:** It seems like pretty far. **Clark:** It's 300 yards or 3 football fields. **Moliterno:** I agree. That's why I said I'd rather have had him here to answer that question. **Clark:** I can't in good conscience as a realtor who advocates for property owner rights support it. **Paolone:** I get it. Ok. We have a motion on the floor to delete F(ii) on 53-14..

**MOTION CLARK SECOND STEINER TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 53-17 BY REMOVING SECTION 1 F(ii) FROM THE ORDINANCE.**

SCHUBERT

CLARK 1

MOLITERNO

GRUMLEY

MARTUCCIO

LATELL

STEINER 2

MOTION PASSED 7-0

**Paolone:** James good call and then you'll take care of it with Pete? Now we have a motion on the floor for passage from John and I forget the section. Comments?

**Moliterno:** Can we move for removing that one piece 1000 feet and I'd like to make sure the law director has an answer for us and if he feels we should replace it with some other number. I want him to come back to us and tell us that. **Paolone:** Monica will take care of that.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND GRUMLEY FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 53-17.**

SCHUBERT  
CLARK  
MOLITERNO1  
GRUMLEY 2  
MARTUCCIO  
LATELL  
STEINER  
MOTION PASSED 7-0

**53-18** **THIRD**  
**READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DISTRIBUTION RATES FOR INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION MOLITERNO SECOND MARTUCCIO FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE NO. 53-18.**

SCHUBERT  
CLARK  
MOLITERNO1  
GRUMLEY  
MARTUCCIO 2  
LATELL  
STEINER  
MOTION PASSED 7-0

**53-23** **FIRST**  
**READING**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TENTATIVE TIF AGREEMENT FOR MAPLEWOOD ESTATES BETWEEN THE CITY OF GIRARD AND HOME AND LAND DEVELOPERS, LLC AND JERRY ALTOBELLI, MANAGING MEMBER SIGNED APRIL 16, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**53-24** **FIRST**  
**READING**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF GIRARD TITLE VI PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT-RELATED ACTIVITIES UNDER FTA SECTION 5310, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DESIGNATING A TITLE VI COORDINATOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS, ASSURANCES, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS.

**53-25** **FIRST**  
**READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1324.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GIRARD REGULATING COMMERCIAL EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.

**Paolone:** Mayor, do you want to push this through or are you fine with first reading?

**Mayor:** I'm fine with first reading.

**53-26** **FIRST**  
**READING**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MAPLEWOOD ESTATES TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF SERVICE

PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES PURSUANT TO A TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**NEW LEGISLATION**

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MARTUCCIO TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT AN IMPOUND LOT FOR THE CITY OF GIRARD POLICE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH IT.**

SCHUBERT  
CLARK  
MOLITERNO  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO 2  
LATELL  
STEINER  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**MOTION GRUMLEY SECOND MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BE AN ADDITION TO ORDINANCE 303.8 IMPOUNDING VEHICLES AND REDEMPTION IN ADDITION TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL SENTENCE TO SPECIFY THAT AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE WOULD BE ASSESSED TO THE ORIGINAL OWNER OF THE VEHICLE THAT WE TOW IF IT IS A DISPOSAL OF AN ABANDONED JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE PER ORC 4513.63**

SCHUBERT  
CLARK  
MOLITERNO2  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO  
LATELL  
STEINER  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**MOTION GRUMLEY TO MOLITERNO TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR AN ADDITION TO ORDINANCE 747.02 LICENSING REQUIRED UNDER CHAPTER 747 TOW TRUCKS THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A MUNICIPAL IMPOUND FACILITY NOT TO BE SUBJECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF THAT CHAPTER GOVERNING PRIVATE TOWING FIRM, STORAGE RATES OR FEES SHALL INSTEAD BE GOVERNED BY POLICY AND FEE SCHEDULES SET FORTH BY THE STATE.**

SCHUBERT  
CLARK  
MOLITERNO2  
GRUMLEY 1  
MARTUCCIO  
LATELL  
STEINER  
MOTION PASSES 7-0

**Grumley:** Lily, thank you for everything you did with helping out with the cleanup. Wes, thanks. **Steiner:** Yes sir.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION SCHUBERT SECOND MARTUCCIO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2026.**

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**MONICA URBANIC, Clerk of Council  
Council**

**REYNALD PAOLONE, President of**