

OCTOBER 7, 2025
GARRETT BOARD OF WORKS AND SAFETY
GARRETT, INDIANA 46738

Meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag and called to order at 8:30am; Garrett City Hall Council Chambers by the Chair Mayor Todd A. Fiandt.

Member present – Tom Kleeman and Mayor Fiandt / absent Dave Demske

Also present – Clerk Treasurer Marcie Conkle, City Attorney Chad Rayle, I.T. Specialist Rick Vie, Wastewater Superintendent Marcie Coe, Water Superintendent Damen Miller, City Planner Madalyn Sade-Bartl, Street/Parks Superintendent Eric Mossberger, Electric Superintendent Dave Vanderbosch, Police Chief Gerald Kline, Code Enforcement Tara Smurr and Fire Chief Doug Castator.

MOTION KLEEMAN TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, SECOND MAYOR FIANDT – UNANIMOUS.

COMMENTS / PETITION REPORTS:

Jade with Envoy – PPA under Envoy electric department building. Leatherman pre-engineered building, email was sent out last week. Attorney Rayle will review.

Ben Adams with Commonwealth – IDEM Violation effluent violations settlement set. An agreed order will more than likely be issued. Mercury testing is extremely sensitive. Suggest bringing in a third party. Task order assistance from Commonwealth. Kleeman asked few questions pertaining to this. Task Order 2025-03 not to exceed \$35,000.00. **MOTION KLEEMAN TO ACCEPT TASK ORDER AGREEMENT FROM COMMONWEALTH TO ASSIST WITH WASTEWATER COMPLIANCE, SECOND FIANDT – UNANIMOUS.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

IT Dept. – Rick Vie

- Network project is pretty much completed
- Move cameras to be on separate network (City Hall)

Wastewater Dept. – Marcie Coe

- Plant is running well
- Routine work being done
- Mercury Testing continues

Water Dept. – Damen Miller

- Well #6 is leaking, contacted Peerless
- Quote for AMI Metering \$75,540.00. For software \$5000.00 = \$80,540.00. **MOTION KLEEMAN TO APPROVE UTILITY SUPPLY FOR AMI METERING FOR WATER AT A COST OF (\$80,538.00), SECOND MAYOR FIANDT – UNANIMOUS**
\$75,540.00 + \$4998.00

- Flush of hydrants

Street/Parks Dept. – Eric Mossberger

- Brush pick up starts this week
- October 25th is fall clean up at Washler's
- Today from 10 – 2 at Fieck Park will have Board of Health for flu shots
- CCMG now open
- Pulver CCMG is complete will have final review before payment

Police Dept, - Chief Kline

- Stats to date
- 6 applicants

Electric Dept. – Dave Vanderbosch

- Saddle Ridge Updates
- Service Steel
- Aclara updated on pricing (\$894,651.99) **MOTION KLEEMAN TO APPROVE ACLARA AMI METERING FOR \$894,651.99, SECOND MAYOR FIANDT – UNANIMOUS**
- Commonwealth on easements for lift station @15

Code Enforcement Dept. – Tara Smurr

- Invoices sent out
- Court dates

Fire Dept. – Chief Castator

- Stats to date
- Chief asking approval from board to dispose scrap or sell of VHF handheld radios. (25 in storage). **MOTION KLEEMAN TO APPROVE THE DISPOSAL, SCRAP OR SELLING OF OLD RADIOS, SECOND MAYOR FIANDT. – UNANIMOUS**
- Kleeman asked Chief about Kruse Plaza? Yes, for medical stand by for this event

STAFF REPORTS:

Planning Dept. – Madalyn Sade-Bartl

- Stats to date
- Met with Andrew for CCMG
- Rezone request
- RDC Meeting tonight

City Attorney – Chad Rayle

- 916 S Randolph St (Pepples Gas Station) – liens on Property, current taxes \$2400.18

- Disclaim or take over property? Needs to get back to their attorney.
- Properties for AMS Group / King Street

BOARD MEMBERS

- Mayor talked about grants to remove tanks at Pepples. Will hold off until next meeting and will place on agenda.
- Tom Kleeman – Thanked everyone for all the respect given during his father’s funeral. Mayor also gave thanks to all.

Claims – Marcie Conkle

- **MOTION KLEEMAN TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CLAIMS, SECOND MAYOR FIANDT. – UNANIMOUS**

MEETING SUSPENDED UNTIL 9:30

CODE ENFORCEMENT APPEALS

617 E King St – obstructing passage of sidewalk, this is a city ordinance plus violations by police. Thomas Lepper stated that he has been parking there for 6 years and has never been an issue before. Previous violations issued 2023 and was complied. Police department needs to address this on their end. Kleeman stated that there are numerous areas like this, can we do variance? Mayor has some issues with this. Board members sympathizes but its code. Drive off side of driveway? Smurr recommended to void fines and comply here on out. **MOTION KLEEMAN TO APPROVE WITH VOIDING FINE AND TO COMPLY WITH CITY CODES, SECOND MAYOR FIANDT. – UNANIMOUS.**

215 W Baltimore Place – has a fine worth \$450.00. Zach Carnahan is not the property owner and they have not replied (GNG) since 2019 GNC has had 10 violations at 215 W Baltimore. Still in violations but better than it has been in the past. Zach has reported to police on several fines and cat issues. **MOTION KLEEMAN TO APPROVE WITH VOIDING FINES, SECOND MAYOR FIANDT – UNANIMOUS**

109 S Hamsher St – Daniel Days recently took over this property and has made a lot of changes on the inside but not so many on the outside yet. Weeds do look like that have been sprayed to kill them. **MOTION KLEEMAN TO APPROVE WITH VOIDING FINE OF \$200.00, SECOND MAYOR FIANDT. – UNANIMOUS.**

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Mayor, Todd A. Fiandt

Clerk-Treasurer, Marcie L. Conkle