

SEPTEMBER 16, 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.

Members present – Dave Demske and Tom Kleeman

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, Police Chief Gerald Kline, Electric Superintendent Dave Vanderbosch and Code Enforcement Tara Smurr. Member Absent – Fire Chief Doug Castator.

MOTION DEMSKE TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2025. SECOND FIANDT – UNANIMOUS.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

IT Dept. – Rick Vie

- Network project/ a lot of cleaning up To do
- Network speed increased
- Software programs are up and running today

Wastewater Dept. – Marcie Coe

- Miller's lift station / brackets installed
- Remove pump 1 for repairs
- Clarifier 2 up and running

Water Dept. – Damen Miller

- Plant is running well
- Crews out working on Catch Basins

Streets/Parks Dept. – Eric Mossberger

- Auction items have all been sold through JJ Cain
- Fall clean up is October 25th
- Drive thru vaccination shots at Eastside on October 7th from 10 – 2pm

Police Dept. – Chief Kline

- Stats to date
- Request Board to approve paying in claims a \$300 annual fee invoice for ChatGPT Software. Board will approve with claims.

Electric Dept. – Dave Vanderbosch

- Saddle Ridge work continues/about 40% complete
- Service Steel update
- Energize 69KV

Code Enforcement Dept. – Tara Smurr

- 914 S Cowen St. / is now corrected and in compliance
- 503 S. Taylor St / update on property
- 222 S Cowen St / (Baker) will be served
- 211 S. Franklin St / (Yahne) open court case. (September 29th to get permit) no permit at this time.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney – Chad Rayle

- Pepple's Gas Station / 916 S Randolph St – Will continue to look into. Demske asked if we don't deal with this than who will?

Planning Dept. – Madalyn Sade-Bartl

- 401 S Cowen St. handicap ramp? Used to be one there (right of Way). Discussion was held (UDO)
- Special circumstance per Madalyn
- Smurr stated concern with temporary ramp that they are using now. Safety issues
- Mossberg is a non-compliant ramp, now with ADA standards. This needs to be looked into. Cherrie and Chad will review and Madalyn get agreement to Chad.
- AMI Metering – Craig with EN Trust water meter was here for discussion with Aclara, can use water meters.
- Scott/Ben with Utility Supply water vs changing out any meters. We can have AMI reading system. Add towers to our current meters. You can do 2 separate AMI systems. Kleeman asked about the timeframe? Possible by the end of the year, per Scott and Ben
- Quote included for 3 antennas but only need 1 installed. / \$115,500.00
- Craig with Entrust – Aclara does some and one account benefit.
- Demske / stick with Neptune and do separate from water
- Electric move with Aclara and be able to pick and choose what we need for electric. Let's get some firm numbers. **MOTION DEMSKE TO ACCEPT EN TRUST ELECTRIC PART AS SUBMITTED FOR SEPARATE WATER AND DO ON OUR OWN WITH NEPTUNE, SECOND KLEEMAN – UNANIMOUS.**

SHORT BREAK BEFORE APPEALS.

CLAIMS – MOTION DEMSKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CLAIMS AND THE \$300 SOFTWARE CHAPGT, SECOND KLEEMAN.

REOPEN MEETINGS WITH APPEALS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

CODE ENFORCEMENT APPEALS

616 E King St / Zack Bennett (Brother of property owner)

- 8 violations since 2020
- 4 complied / 1 voided
- Current fine is \$100
- Over grown drive but everything else is taken care of. **MOTION DEMSKE TO WAIVE THE \$100 FINE AND WORK ON THE DRIVEWAY, SECOND KLEEMAN. – UNANIMOUS**
- There is history here per Kleeman you anticipate any issues?

812 N Randolph St / Gierhart (Empty Lot)

- 3 violations since 2021
- Civil issues between 814 property / no contact from owner not in compliance. Property is taped off with no trespassing signs.
- Kayla and her friend came into City Hall and was out of control while speaking with me
- City mowed property **MOTION DEMSKE TO KEEP FINES, SECOND KLEEMAN – UNANIMOUS.**

105 and 107 E Houston St

- 2 appraisals / **MOTION DEMSKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH APPRAISES AND SALE OF PROPERTY ON HOUSTON STREET, SECOND KLEEMAN – UNANIMOUS**
- Gas Station / mow liens, tax environmental liens issues.

Meeting adjourned / **MOTION DEMSKE TO ADJOURN MEETING, SECOND KLEEMAN – UNANIMOUS**

Mayor, Todd A. Fiandt

Clerk-Treasurer, Marcie L. Conkle