

Village of Garrettsville Council Minutes

August 12, 2026

7:00 pm

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Richard Patrick with Council President Tom Hardesty, Rich Beatty, John E. Brachna, Sheri Johnson, Fred Ahrens, Jeff Kaiser, William Mason, Donna Love, Keith Whan, and Brian Cain in attendance. Tom Hardesty read and describe the intent of **ORD 2026-16 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTANCE OF ANY ZONING APPLICATION FOR DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GARRETTSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading.**

There was no discussion.

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Richard Patrick with Council President Tom Hardesty, Rich Beatty, John E. Brachna, Sheri Johnson, Fred Ahrens, Jeff Kaiser, William Mason, Donna Love, Keith Whan, and Brian Cain, in attendance. Also in attendance were two representatives from Equitable Advisors, Cameron Shank and Sydney Woolard.

This meeting is being recorded to facilitate the written minutes. Once the minutes are approved, the recording will be erased.

Moved by Beatty, seconded by Kaiser to approve the meeting minutes from July 8, 2026.

VOTE AYES – Unanimous

Cameron Shank and Sydney Woolard of Equitable Advisors talked to Council about offering the employees another option for retirement. They would like the opportunity to meet with employees and to set up payroll deduction for employees. Equitable Advisors has had James A Garfield School District as a customer for over twenty years. They will offer retirement strategy for employees getting close to retirement. Council approved the meeting with employees and Mason will look at the law for setting up payroll deduction.

Moved by Beatty, seconded by Johnson to accept the financial reports and bills paid for July 2026.

VOTE AYES – Unanimous

LEGISLATION:

Moved by Beatty, seconded by Johnson to enact **ORD 2026-16 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTANCE OF ANY ZONING APPLICATION FOR DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GARRETTSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading**

VOTE AYES – Unanimous

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

At the July 8, 2026, Council meeting, Lt. Keith Whan supplied Council with a handout that had ORC traffic laws about the operation of low-speed, under speed, utility vehicle or a mini-truck and copies of other communities' laws regarding traffic laws for off-street vehicles. He and Mason are still working on the new ordinance and Whan hopes to present it to Council at the September Council meeting.

ROUNDTABLE:

Brachna – The flashing pedestrian light for the Headwaters Trail and State Route 88 is scheduled to be installed in September.

Brachna had supplied to the Council packets quotes to have a traffic study done at the intersection of Main, Water and Center Streets. Woolpert's quote was \$14,950.00, EMH&T quote was \$13,000.00. Brachna stated that due to the increased foot traffic from the amphitheater, the study needs to be completed. Ahrens stated that the intersection of Maple and Center should be included in the study. Beatty said that the study is solving a problem that does not exist.

Moved by Brachna, seconded by Hardesty to move forward with the study and accept the bid from EMH&T for \$13,000.00.

VOTE AYES – Hardesty, Brachna, Kaiser

VOTE NAYES—Johnson, Ahrens, Beatty

Mayor Patrick broke the tie with AYE

Hardesty – Stated he applied for a \$5000.00 grant for Park Cemetery. It would be used at the Veteran's Memorial. He is waiting to hear if the Village will receive it.

Hardesty would like approval to bid on curbing on the streets that are set to be paved in 2027, Harris, Crestwood and French. The curbing will help to preserve the paving on the streets. The estimated cost is \$300,000.00.

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by Brachna to take bids for curbing on Crestwood, Harris and French streets and allocating \$300,000.00 for the project.

VOTE AYES – Unanimous

Ahrens -- Stated he heard from business owners that they are appreciative of the Mayor letting them know of the activities on Main Street. Ahrens also stated that he and Gary Haney have met to discuss the Christmas Parade. The amount of liability insurance ranges from \$1800 to \$3000. Sponsors might need to be gathered or donations to offset the cost.

Mason – nothing to report.

Patrick – The Peach Social Car cruise is Saturday, August 15th at the fire station. The Zach Peterson Memorial Car Show is Labor Day at the Nelson Racetrack.

Love – The date of the shred event is Saturday, October 3, 2026, 9:00am to noon. It will be held at Village Hall.

Johnson – nothing to report.

Beatty – Supplied Council with an updated quote from Heritage Roofing for a standing seam metal roof. The new quoted amount is \$17,000.00.

Moved by Beatty, seconded by Ahrens to accept the quote from Heritage Roofing for \$17,000.00 to replace the roof at Village Hall.

VOTE AYES – Unanimous

Kaiser – Asked why the new paving on Routes 82 and 88 was ground in certain spots? Patrick stated the grounded spots needed to be inspected. Kaiser also said he will supply Council with a quote for a new flashing light at Brosius Road and Center Street at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Beatty to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.
VOTE AYES – Unanimous



Mayor

ATTEST:



Fiscal Officer