

**Council Meeting
November 9, 2009**

Mayor Blair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call: Judy Beaumier – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes,

Visitors: Dianne Lillibridge, Charles Hauser, Marcianne Kimpton, Joyce Blair, Josh Echt, Michael Miller, Sue Fisher, Jennell Dahlhausen, Joe Kozial, Chip Hess, Newell Beaumier, Bev Fischbach, Nick Fischbach, Sharon Gingerich, Ken Kleve, Curt Johnson, Brian Johnston, David Ronyak, LaQuinn Davis, Jack Garner, Scott Weber.

Recognition of Visitors:

Mayor Blair recognized Ms. Dahlhausen and Ms. Gingerich. Ms. Gingerich advised Council that she was before them as a citizen of the Village, not in her capacity as an elected County Official. Ms. Dahlhausen explained that over time the website host for the Village website has experienced difficulties and had trouble resolving them. Geauga County has offered to host the Village website for free. This would be a savings of \$100 per year for hosting fees and provide access to an IT professional to assist in hosting management issues. Ms. Dahlhausen recommended accepting the offer and asked Council to authorize her to setup the new host. Ms. Gingerich also recommended that Council investigate utilizing the County to handle all telephone, data link (internet) and cell phone service through their system. Ms. Gingerich stated that the savings would be significant. Council asked several questions about keeping existing telephone numbers and terms of service. Ms. Gingerich suggested talking to Mr. Steve Decatur, IT expert at Geauga County.

Mrs. Beaumier made a motion to authorize Ms. Dahlhausen to setup a new website hosting service through Geauga County. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Judy Beaumier – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Blair recognized Mr. Johnston. Mr. Johnston brought to the attention of Council and visitors the fact that a member of BPA and a member of Council approached Sue Fisher after the election and told her that Mr. Craig Ronyak's campaign signs contained an error. Mr. Johnston contended that these two members urged Ms. Fisher to report the matter to the Board of Elections as a possible violation of campaign law. Mr. Johnston explained that he was fully behind the election results putting

Mr. Ronyak in office and felt that it was wrong for these two members to have approached Ms. Fisher and that they owed her an apology and should step down. Ms. Fisher also spoke to the fact that she felt pressured and had no intention of pursuing the matter. Mr. Johnston asked that each Council member go on record as to whether or not they had anything to do with the situation. Council discussed with visitor input. Ms. Swaney, Mrs. Beaumier, Mr. LaForce, Mr. Ronyak, and Mr. Rougé stated that they did not contact Ms. Fisher and/or had anything to do with the matter. Mayor Blair indicated such with a head nod. Mr. Coleman acknowledged that he approached Ms. Fisher and informed her of the error in Mr. Ronyak's signs and of her options should she choose. Ms. Fisher added that Mr. Johnson was the member of BPA who approached her. No further action was taken.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported that his office had walked through the punch list with the Fiber Optic project and found that all items had been addressed. Council asked if anything further was discussed about replacing the orange poles with something lower to the ground. Mr. Hess had not heard anything but would continue to pursue.

Arcadis had provided an update to the flow plan regarding the wastewater treatment plant expansion. Mr. Hess will review and discuss with BPA at the 10 November meeting.

The North Cheshire project is complete and final paper work is with the contractor for release of retainage.

Mrs. Beaumier asked if the drive apron cracks Mr. Koroshes talked about at the last meeting had been looked at. Mr. Hess stated that he would follow up.

Council followed up about the storm grate at Ford Lane and North Cheshire. Mr. Coleman stated that Mr. Motil is planning to purchase a new grate and frame. Mr. Ronyak and Mr. Hess both thought that this would be a problem for the street in terms of settling and cost. Mr. Ronyak thought that Council only authorized the installation of a riser in the existing grate and paving to match. Mr. Coleman discussed Mr. Motil's plans and stated that he would follow up.

Fire Department:

Not available

Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Miller noted that the only thing outstanding was a lot split on Carlton.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mrs. Beaumier placed on second reading Ordinance 2187-09, authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into an agreement with Thrasher, Dinsmore, and Dolan, a professional legal organization, to serve as the Village Solicitor for calendar years 2010 and 2011.

Mrs. Beaumier introduced and placed on first reading Ordinance 2188-09, to approve, adopt and enact the 2009 replacement pages to the codified ordinances; and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Beaumier introduced and placed on first reading Ordinance 2189-09, approving and adopting the 2010 interim appropriation for the Village of Burton.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mrs. Beaumier moved to pay all approved bills and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked Council for a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 26 meeting. Mrs. Beaumier made a correction to the minutes to add Newell Beaumier and Charles Boehnlein to list of visitors. Mr. Ronyak made a correction to page two, noting that Council approved adding a riser and asphalt work only at the Ford Lane storm sewer. Mrs. Beaumier moved to adopt the minutes of October 26 as amended and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette presented the Fiscal Officers report; BJAAM Engineering is sampling water from ground wells around the Burton Gas USA station this week.

Committee Reports:

Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board and Finance: Mr. Rougé Mr. Rougé reported that Mr. Paquette was covering Finances and that neither the Planning Commission nor the Architectural Review Board had met.

Economic Committee and Fire Department: Mr. LaForce Mr. LaForce reported that he was unable to make the Economic Committee meetings because of the time they meet. The Fire Department meets next week.

Local Government and Cemetery: Mrs. Beaumier

Mrs. Beaumier reported that Burton Township has completed acquisition of the annex to Slider Cemetery.

Welton Cemetery Board discussed their budget, had the driveway aprons asphalted and put the flower urns away for the winter.

Streets and Board of Public Affairs: Mr. Coleman

Mr. Coleman reported that due to a conflict with night classes he is unable to attend the BPA meeting. Mr. LaForce volunteered to cover the meetings for the remainder of the year.

The Street department is busy picking up leaves and getting equipment ready for winter. Mr. Motil reports that the older salt hopper is rotting out and may need to be replaced in the near future. Mr. LaForce recommended that consideration be given to fabricating replacement parts for the existing salt hopper. A dry run of the winter equipment is scheduled for the near future. Mr. Motil is obtaining quotes for tree removal in the Village. Two trees on South Cheshire need to be removed as they constitute a hazard to drivers. Ms. Swaney interjected stating that the tree commission was in concurrence and that a motion to do this was needed. Therefore Ms. Swaney moved to have dead trees in the right of way removed along South Cheshire. Mrs. Beaumier seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Judy Beaumier – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. LaForce asked what the hours for work were for the Street Department. Mr. Coleman replied that he thought they usually came in between 6 and 7 AM, no fixed time, and worked until about 3PM.

Mr. LaForce asked if there were controls in the red truck to operate the leaf vac. He noticed that two people were in the truck and only Marty was out with the hose picking up leaves. Mr. Coleman will check into it. Mrs. Beaumier asked Mr. Coleman if a monthly maintenance report was being completed for the cemetery mower. Mr. Coleman stated that he did have it. Ms. Dahlhausen pointed out that the Cemetery Board had received a copy of the report at the last meeting. Mr. Coleman and Mrs. Beaumier noted that the Cemetery is experiencing a savings by doing lawn maintenance in house and the new mower is being fully utilized including use in the park for leaf pickup.

Board of Zoning Appeal and Board of Review: Mr. Ronyak

Mr. Ronyak had nothing to report.

Forestry and Parks, Grants and Historic District Association: Ms. Swaney

Ms. Swaney reported the Tree Commission is sending a letter to a resident at Hickox and East Center directing the removal of a dead tree. The Historic District Association and Grants had nothing to report.

Mr. Rougé made a comment about the tree trimming being done by CEI/Nelson around power lines. Mr. Rougé stated that the trimming looked terrible and that the trees might not survive, backing up the statement with photographs. Mr. Rougé was aware that CEI had been informed about Village rules and requirements. Mr. Rougé asked the Tree Commission to get the County Urban Forester to come through the Village and then send a complaint to CEI about the work being done. Ms. Swaney will follow up.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blair congratulated all those coming to Council and thanked those who ran but did not win.

Old Business:

Mr. Paquette walked through the proposed 2010 budget. The budget as proposed amounted to \$2,170,911.00. The Cemetery, Street Capital, Sidewalk and Water Distribution Funds did not balance however cuts could be made and carry over may increase allowing full funding. In no event will the budget be passed out of balance. Mr. Paquette summarized the presentation by demonstrating graphically the loss of any carry over in the coming years along with the resulting inability to fund any capital projects including the eventual loss of funding for crack sealing, full depth repair, and striping. Council discussed Mrs. Beaumier reiterated her recommendations to cut certain services like the fall brush pickup and seasonal labor. Mr. LaForce was against cutting services but felt that Council needed to seriously consider cuts to projects and make a plan to meet future needs. Mr. LaForce suggested a committee be formed to make suggestions and that Council keep working on the budget at every section. Mr. Paquette was asked to make suggestions to Council and provide funding scenarios.

New Business:

Mayor Blair recognized Mr. LaQuinn Davis. Mr. Davis pitched an idea to Council about hosting a trade show in the Park highlighting pet products and services. Mr. Davis produces designer leashes. Mr. Davis ran through several ideas and proposed inviting vendors, charging \$75 for booth space. Mr. Beaumier asked what the benefit was to the Village. Mr. Davis suggested that it would encourage shopping in the Village. Mrs. Beaumier recommended that Mr. Davis contact a local non profit agency to sponsor his event in the park or he could contact the Century Village or even the American Legion Hall in town.

Mr. Garner asked Council for an explanation of the leak on Seco. Apparently a Township vehicle had a hydraulic oil leak. EPA was contacted and the situation handled.

Mr. Coleman asked if the Village could hire a grant writer to go after some of the grants that are available. A part time grant writer would not be too expensive and could result in considerable dollars for the Village. Ms. Swaney agreed. Mayor Blair stated that he knew of someone who might do it but he would meet with that person first before making any commitment.

Mayor Blair asked if Council was interested in holding the second meeting in December or canceling it. Council discussed with three Council members expressing a desire to meet on the 28th as scheduled and one member suggesting a meeting on the 23rd instead. Without further discussion the matter stands at having the meeting on 28 December as scheduled.

Mrs. Beaumier moved to adjourn and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer