

**Council Meeting
26 April 2010**

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

Roll Call: Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

Visitors: Jack Garner, Marcianne Kimpton, Jennell Dahlhausen, Mike Miller, Joe Kozial, Joyce Blair, Todd Hicks, Richard Smigelski, Matt Mesarchik.

Police Chief's Report:

Chief Smigelski reported on the month of March 2010. There were 326 activity calls, 3 arrests, 33 traffic stops, 9 citations and 4836 miles were put on the vehicles. Officers worked a total of 923 hours for the month. Chief Smigelski reported that the Department is pursuing grants with the Department of Justice Byrnes Grant and others as they become available for radios.

Mr. Coleman asked if the Department was stopping drivers for not having their lights on while their windshield wipers were in operation. Chief Smigelski stated that they were not doing that yet but would investigate how to enforce it going forward. Mr. Hauser noted that Carlton received the most traffic stops in March. Chief Smigelski reported that the Department was focusing on school zone safety. Mr. Rougé asked if the Department had determined who ran over one of the new pedestrian crossing signs. Chief Smigelski stated that he had not found out but he had spoken to the runners of Berkshire High School reminding them to leave the signs alone and cross only at designated crosswalks.

Solicitor's Report:

Mr. Hicks noted that Ms. Dahlhausen informed him of Mr. Jackson's failure to pay the fine imposed by Council. Mr. Hicks will contact Mr. Jackson to try and resolve the matter.

Mr. Coleman asked if the Drug Policy could be incorporated into the new Personnel Manual. Mr. Hicks replied that it should be possible. Mr. Coleman went on to state that he had heard from several employees that they had concerns about the new handbook. Council discussed the pros and cons of having more employee input into the Personnel Handbook. Mayor Blair asked Mr. Coleman to meet with the employees to hear their concerns.

Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Miller reported that he had cited several residents for unlicensed vehicles, approved several permits for decks, garage sales, out buildings

and had disapproved one deck permit for being too close to the lot line. That permit went before the Board of Zoning Appeals and was granted a variance. Mr. Miller asked for clarification in the fees assigned to certain permits, specifically as regarded decks. Decks themselves were not specifically addressed in the Zoning Ordinance permit fees structure. Mr. Hicks noted that for right now they could be considered a residential addition but the Planning Commission could consider the issue in the future.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2010-07, requesting a certificate of need from the County Auditor for the Police Levy, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Resolution 2010-07 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2010-08, requesting a certificate of need from the County Auditor for the Fire Levy, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes. Resolution 2010-08 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2192-10, waiving the residency requirement for the Fiscal Officer, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Ordinance 2192-10 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2194-10, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Mr. Dennis Coyne for services as Village Prosecutor for a period of two years commencing 1 Jan 2010 and ending 31 December 2011, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes. Ordinance 2194-10 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Hauser so moved. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mr. Paquette noted several changes in the minutes from April 12 2010. On page 3, under BPA PLANNING COMMISSION and ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, the last word in the second paragraph should be 'restaurant'

vice 'building'. On page 3, under FINANCES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BCPA, in the fourth sentence setting up 'businesses' should read setting up 'zoning'. On page 4, the beginning word in the second sentence should be 'Arbor Day' vice 'Tree Commission'. Continuing on page 4, under STREETS and CEMETERY, second to the last sentence, insert 'to' after 'Mr. Coleman moved'. And on page 5, in the second paragraph, 'palates' should read 'Pilates'. Ms. Swaney moved to adopt the minutes of April 12, 2010 as amended. Mr. Rougé seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mr. Paquette reported that the Bureau of Workers Compensation was going to do a courtesy safety inspection of the Village space.

MAYORS Report;

Mayor Blair introduced Mr. Mesarchik of Geauga Power Sports. Mr. Mesarchik stated that Saturday May 1st is the grand opening of his store and he asked for permission to have two tents up and a static display of a motorcycle and ATV with some of the products Geauga Power Sports handles. Mayor Blair did not think any permit was required and wished Mr. Mesarchik good luck.

Old Business;

The Mayor noted that the Handbook will be reviewed after the employee feedback.

Mr. Coleman reported that the CDBG grant was being expanded to include remodeling of the bathroom for handicap access along with the water fountain.

New Business;

Ms. Swaney moved to appoint Mrs. Kimpton to the Tree Commission. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice voted the motion was adopted. Mayor Blair swore Mrs. Kimpton in.

Mrs. Blair provided information to Council about the Community Garden. This year the Century Village will again be hosting the Community Garden. There are approximately 12 plots going on a first come first served basis. Max Motil Inc. has donated time and material to the preparation of the gardens. 15 May is the deadline to get a plot.

Mr. Mesarchik asked if the Village had considered anything more regarding trimming the trees along North Cheshire in front of the businesses. Ms. Swaney reported that the Tree Commission had met with Mr. Allen Siewert, the local Ohio Urban Forester. Mr. Siewert

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recommended that the trees be trimmed up by a professional arborist. The Tree Commission is in the process of meeting an arborist and Mr. Siewert to get the trimming accomplished. Mayor Blair noted that entire process may take a number of years to get the correct trim back.

Brush pick up started today.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Blair asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Mayor

Fiscal Officer