

**Council Meeting
8 March 2010**

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

Roll Call: Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

Visitors: Mike Miller, Marcianne Kimpton, Jennell Dahlhausen, Joe Kozial , Joyce Blair, Jack Garner, Mike Sestak, Frank Gliha, Stephen Decatur, Josh Echt, Jesse Louis.

Mayor Blair opened the floor to Mr. Frank Gliha, Geauga County Auditor, to speak. Mr. Gliha introduced Mr. Decatur as the IT Director for Geauga County. Mr. Gliha went on to present to Council the services available through the County for consolidated telephone, data, and internet and backup services. Mr. Gliha and Mr. Decatur gave an overview of these services and the possible savings associated with group purchasing power. Mr. Decatur will send a spreadsheet to the Village so that costs and savings can be evaluated. Chief Sestak asked if the Fire Department could become a part of this savings. Mr. Gliha indicated that he thought so but he would consult with Mr. Decatur and get back to the Chief.

Engineers Report: Hess and Associates
Not Available.

Fire Department:

Chief Sestak presented the Fire report for February. The department responded to 15 EMS and 1 Fire call in February in the Village. Total calls this year were 113. The first Sunday Pancake breakfast went very well. Mr. Paquette asked if Burton Health Care was broken out of the Village totals. Chief Sestak replied that the computer generating the report had an error and could not provide that data. Mr. Hauser asked about the status of Fire District talks. Chief Sestak stated that Claridon and Burton Township were ready to talk so all that remained was getting together with Mr. Gliha. Chief Sestak also noted that Troy Township had indicated a desire to join the District.

Zoning Inspector: Mike Miller

Mr. Miller reported that he had discussed the Chuppa property on North Cheshire with a potential buyer. Mr. Miller also met with Mr. Mesarchik about a sign for his business.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Ms. Swaney so moved. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked for comments on the minutes of 22 February 2010. Mr. Rougé mentioned that he had a question about all the resolutions that were passed at the last meeting. In general Mr. Rougé felt that the Village appeared to be using emergency passage of legislation too often. Ms. Swaney asked Mr. Paquette for an explanation of the difference between waiving readings and emergency passage. Mr. Paquette stated that emergency passage meant that the legislation was in full force and effect immediately, whereas all waiving readings did was eliminate the amount of time to passage of the bill. Council discussed. Mr. Rougé asked for more information when waiving readings was asked for. Mr. Paquette will put a short explanation with any request for waived readings. Mr. Coleman moved to adopt the minutes of 22 February 2010. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote all approved.

Mr. Paquette mentioned that the police car on GovDeals was closing at auction this evening and was already past the \$2000 mark.

Mr. Paquette also asked for the remaining Council input on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Committee Reports

BPA, PLANNING COMMISSION and HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD, Mr. Rougé;

Mr. Rougé meets tomorrow with the BPA and the Planning Commission. The Historic District Review Board met and approved a sign for the motorcycle accessory shop on North Cheshire. Mr. Rougé mentioned that he felt that presentations for signs to the Historic District Review Board should be clearer and more professionally presented.

Ms. Dahlhausen presented to Council a draft Ordinance that would remove the necessity for sign requests to go before both the Planning Commission and the Historic Review Board. It would be one or the other depending upon whether it was in the Historic District or not.

BZA, LOCAL GOVERNMENT and BOARD OF REVIEW, Mr. Ronyak;

Mr. Ronyak approved the variance for a garage that was added on bringing it too close to the property line. The garage addition was built without a permit. Mr. Ronyak wanted to know if we are setting precedence by allowing someone to claim ignorance of the zoning requirements of the Village and not enforcing a penalty. Mr. Ronyak

asked specifically if Council wanted to prescribe a penalty in this particular case. Council discussed options and potential penalties. The ordinances state that the penalty is no more than \$100 per day that the violation is open. Mr. Coleman moved to set a penalty for Mr. Jackson of \$1.00 per day from the date Mr. Jackson was notified of being in violation of zoning until the date Mr. Jackson paid the deposit for appeal to the BZA. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Motion passed

FINANCES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BCPA, Mrs. Lillibridge
Mrs. Lillibridge stated that she was unable to attend the BCPA meeting but met with Mr. Fath who recapped the meeting for her. BCPA is leaning more towards working with the Geauga County Economic Development Board to create a plan. The BCPA obtained a grant from the Cleveland Foundation to be applied to a study of economic conditions and solutions for Geauga County. The next meeting of the BCPA is 11 Mar at the Berkshire Board of Education.

Finances look good for the year however Mrs. Lillibridge cautioned Council to withhold spending on any major projects this year and save for the future.

TREES and PARKS, GRANTS, HISTORIC DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, Ms. Swaney;
Ms. Swaney stated that three representatives will attend the Tree City celebration in Hudson Ohio on 17 March.

The Memory Project was presented to the Chamber of Commerce at their last meeting and was well received.

Ms. Swaney and Mr. Coleman are working jointly on applying for a CDBG grant through the County for handicap accessible water fountains and sidewalk extensions in the park.

Mr. Hauser asked Ms. Swaney if the Tree Commission would be discussing trimming the trees in front of the businesses along North Cheshire. Several businesses have complained about their signs being blocked. Council discussed. Ms. Swaney will ask an arborist to look at the trees and provide some suggestions to the Tree Commission.

STREETS and CEMETERY, Mr. Coleman;

Mr. Coleman had nothing to report from the Street Department. Mr. Coleman reported a conversation he had with Mr. Updegraff concerning handicap access grant that Mr. Updegraff had applied for and received. Mr. Hauser and Mr. Ronyak complimented the Street Department on the great job they had done during the recent snow storm. Mr. Coleman noted that there was one incident wherein a resident claimed that the

sidewalk snow plow struck their dwelling. Mr. Motil is investigating and will meet separately with the owner. Mr. Paquette asked that an incident report be filled out each time an accident occurs, whether it involves just Village equipment, infrastructure, or personnel or a resident and their personal items/structures.

HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE, FIRE DEPARTMENT, Mr. Hauser; Mr. Hauser reported that he was unable to attend the Health District meeting. Mr. Hauser recapped the Fire District information presented by Chief Sestak. Mr. Hauser also noted that the Fire Department has hired a grant writer and that she could be available for the Village to hire also.

MAYORS Report;

Mayor Blair officially noted that he has moved Mr. Rougé to the Architectural Review Board and Mr. Ronyak now has the Board of Review. Mayor Blair asked everyone to be tolerant of the Pancake Breakfast signs during this season.

Old Business;

Mr. Coleman noted that the Council had chosen to hold off the Ordinance reducing the speed limit in the business district until a traffic study is complete. Mr. Coleman stated that he understood this but he intended to introduce the legislation at the next meeting because that section of road should be 25 MPH regardless of the study. Most business districts are 25 MPH. Mr. Paquette was asked by Council what constitutes a business district. Mr. Paquette replied that Ohio code defined a business district in a township as 300 feet of contiguous businesses along a stretch of road. It is not defined for a Village or City however using that definition, the area along North Cheshire from the park to Goodwin/Ford would qualify. In that area the ORC puts the speed limit at 25 MPH. Council forcefully argued the merits of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Hauser asked what the current speed limit is and whether it was ever 25 or 35 MPH.

Mr. Coleman asked if the proposed ordinance changing the requirement for the Planning Commission to review a sign in the Historic District needed to be passed as an emergency. Ms. Dahlhausen stated that the new ordinance would not affect the current sign review process. Mr. Coleman concluded that there was no need to pass the ordinance as an emergency.

New Business;

Mr. Rougé asked Council to consider putting a small, tasteful, directional sign at the corner of North Cheshire and Goodwin pointing the way

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toward Welton Cemetery. Council thought this was a good idea. Ms. Dahlhausen will speak to Mr. Motil.

Ms. Swaney reported that she had received a fire grant application from the County and would be getting together with Mr. Coleman to coordinate the request.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Blair asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rouge moved to adjourn. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Mayor

Fiscal Officer