

**Council Meeting
10 December 2012**

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

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

Visitors: Mike Sestak, Ann Wishart, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Rick Gruber, Chad Eldridge, Brian Brockway, Sue Wayman, Kim Breyley, Rick Smigelski, Todd Hicks.

Recognition of Visitors:

Mayor Fischbach recognized visitors and asked if they had anything they wanted to bring up. All declined or deferred to their appointed time in the agenda.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of November. 112 reports were generated and officers worked a total of 751 hours during the month. There were two arrests and 36 traffic stops. All Officers qualified on weapons and with required training. The Grant for the School Resource Officer will not be finalized until January 1 2013. The truck for the Street Department will be ready for the road and in the Village by the end of the week. Geauga County has put together a Drug (Heroin) Task Force to cope with a growing problem. Mrs. Lillibridge noted that G-TV has covered an interview by a local news channel. Mr. Paquette asked Chief Smigelski how long it would take to get a School Resource Officer on line, noting that the Village could afford to pay for the Officer without the grant given the assistance of the School and townships. Chief Smigelski said that the process wouldn't take more than six weeks. Chief Smigelski talked about the importance of getting the School Resource Officer in place and the need for drug interdiction in the school. Mr. Hauser is working on signs for the School zone.

Mr. Coleman reported that he had received quotes for solar powered flashing signs from two companies. School Zone Safety Supply out of Oregon offered a package costing \$17465 for two sets of signs. Baldwin Signs from Ohio offered two packages costing \$26,000 and \$15940 respectively. Mr. Hauser and Mr. Motil obtained a quote from All Ways Flasher for all the reflective (non-powered) signs in the school zone in the amount of \$3696.81. Council discussed. Mayor Fischbach asked how long the quotes were good for. Mr. Coleman was not sure however he thought it probably was 30 to 60 days.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Eldridge reported that the Cook Street Water Line Replacement project bids would be opened at noon on 11 December. The Wastewater Treatment Plant blower has been installed and training conducted. Rapids Road is being surveyed in preparation for the upcoming Issue I project.

Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Eldridge to explain some aspects of the most recent engineering invoice. Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Eldridge to have Mr. Hess put a little more detail in his bills.

Fire Report:

Chief Sestak reported for the month of November. There were 8 EMS call and 3 fire calls in the Village. Total calls for the year is 650.

Chief Sestak noted that the Fire Department has provided a one year contract to the Village for 2013 at the same rate as 2012.

The Fire Department's annual turkey raffle raised \$7000. A movie night with Santa was held earlier this month. The new rescue squad was hit by a tow truck. Other fund raisers allowed the Department to purchase a piece of gear that performs CPR on its own. The Mayor asked a few questions about staffing and plans for the new building. Chief Sestak reported that there were 23 paid employees but declined to discuss the new building plans with Council yet. Chief Sestak mentioned a program for cost recovery when the Department responded to non-resident accidents/incidents. Mr. Paquette has the information and will forward to Mr. Hicks for review.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Rick Gruber, the new zoning inspector, thanked Council for the opportunity and reported that he was already on a couple of cases including a possible sale of a property as a duplex in an R-1 zone.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

None presented.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Paquette reported that the Council had been provided with Ohio Municipal talking points concerning the proposed HB 601. Mr. Paquette asked if Council needed any further information and whether they wanted to proceed with the legislation. Council asked that he proceed with drafting legislation in opposition to HB 601.

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Mr. Paquette reported that the finance looked good and that the budget is stable over the next five years provided Council follows the plan it has laid out. Overtime concerns are being addressed by the Mayor.

A holiday luncheon for Council, committee members and employees will be held on 19 December from noon to 1:30 PM.

An Organizational meeting will be held on 7 January 2013, with the normal schedule of meetings to follow; Committee meeting 14 January and Regular Council on 28 January.

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mrs. Lilibridge moved to pay approved bills and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mr. Paquette asked for comments or a motion to accept the minutes of 26 November 2012. Mr. Coleman moved to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Lilibridge seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach commented on the fact that he and Mr. Paquette had worked on the five year plan and felt that we are financially sound.

Mayor Fischbach pointed out to Council that the lease for the log cabin has been drafted. It is a five year lease. Section 3.01 has a place for Council to ask for rent for the use of the log cabin. Council has the option to decide the amount. Mayor Fischbach noted that Mrs. Wayman and Mr. Brockway had both received a copy of the lease. Mayor Fischbach suggest going over the details of the lease at the 14 January meeting. The Mayor asked Mrs. Wayman to have someone from the Chamber of Commerce attend. Mayor Fischbach and Mr. Ronyak and members of Council discussed the idea of having a member of Council meet with Mrs. Wayman outside of council periodically and having a chamber member attend a quarterly Council meeting.

Committees

BZA, Board of Public Affairs: Mr. Ronyak

Mr. Ronyak reported that BZA had not met and that BPA is meeting December 11. Infrastructure is in-line with what the engineer is doing.

BCPA, Fire, Cemetery, Local Government: Mrs. Lilibridge

Mrs. Lilibridge reported BCPA meets in January. Mrs. Lilibridge attended the Burton Township meeting and learned that the Township is interested in a Fire District. Sean Thompson of BCPA will arrange for Scott Hildebrand

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to speak on the subject at the next BCPA meeting to be held at the Burton Public Library on 14 March. Mrs. Lillibridge also roughed out the goals of the Geauga County Recorders "Good Deeds Program"

Streets and Health District: Mr. Hauser

Mr. Motil has wrapped up leaf collection and is preparing for winter. Mr. Paquette asked for a motion from Council to allow the Fiscal Officer to purchase the new truck dump bed when it arrives. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to allow Mr. Paquette to purchase the dump truck. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call; Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Motion approved.

Community Grants, Historic District: Ms. Swaney

Ms. Swaney reported that the survey of historic properties was continuing.

Trees and Parks, Berkshire Schools, Planning Commission: Mr. Coleman

Mr. Coleman had nothing to report on Trees and Parks or the Planning Commission. Mr. Coleman will obtain the minutes of the school board meeting and forward them electronically to Council. The School board meets the same night as Council. Mr. Coleman is still working on the Joint Recreation Board and he reported meeting with Troy Township. Troy Township expressed interest and will consider funding if everyone else is on board. Mr. Coleman is still planning on meeting with Burton Township and Claridon Township before the end of January 2013.

Finances, Police representative, Historic District Architectural Review Board: Mr. Johnston

Mr. Johnston was not available to report.

Mayor Fischbach asked Council to go into executive session to discuss possible acquisition of property.

At 8:30 PM Mr. Coleman moved to enter executive session to discuss acquisition of property. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Council entered executive session.

At 8:50PM Mr. Coleman moved to leave executive session. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Council returned to session.

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Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

No new business was introduced.

Ms. Ronyak moved to adjourn and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer