

**Council Meeting  
27 February 2012**

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

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

**Visitors:** Lee Koroshes, Jane Koroshes, Ann Wishart, Joe Kozial, Chip Hess, Jack Garner, Marcianne Kimpton, Rick Smigelski, Todd Hicks.

Mayor Fischbach took a moment to recognize the events of today where five students were shot at Chardon High School. Mayor Fischbach offered condolences to all those affected and reported to Council that he had sent a note to Chardon offering the assistance of the Village.

The Mayor noted that he had spent most of the day with Chief Smigelski at the Berkshire schools and assured Council and visitors that the students here were safe.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2012-06, authorizing the Mayor to apply for a Certified Local Government Grant administered by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office and further authorizing the Mayor to accept the grant if awarded and authorizing the Village to expend funds to satisfy local match requirements. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2012- 06 and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Resolution 2012-06 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2012-07, approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended certificate of resources and permanent appropriations from the County Auditor regarding the General and Enterprise Funds. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Motion passed.

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Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2012- 07 and Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Resolution 2012-07 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2238-12, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hess and Associates, Inc. for professional services commencing February 29, 2012 and ending February 28, 2014, on second reading. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Jeff Coleman – No, Dianne Lillibridge – No, Charles Hauser – Yes. Motion fails for lack of five yea votes. Ordinance 2238-12 is placed on second reading.

**Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Coleman moved to approve payment and Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked for approval of the 13 February minutes. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to adopt the minutes of Council from 13 February as written. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Fischbach asked Ms. Swaney to update Council on the lease for the log cabin with the Burton Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Swaney explained that Mr. Hicks had drafted a proposed lease between the Chamber of Commerce and the Village for use of the Log Cabin in what is hoped to a collaborative effort culminating in a win win situation; be that monetary or otherwise.

Mayor Fischbach reported that he and several Council members had inspected the Battles building on Spring Street and found that a lot of work had been done to update the structure since Council had last looked at it. Mr. Hess is looking into obtaining a quote for the cost of an ADA upgrade to the building. Mrs. Lillibridge expressed her thought that between the cost of the building and the cost of upgrades and rehab the building was no longer a viable option for the Village. Council discussed and all agreed to go no further with this particular building. Council discussed the option of adding on to the Library, a building the Village owns and leases to the Burton Public Library for \$1.00 per year on a 99 year lease.

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Jennell Dahlhausen is attending a meeting for the upcoming Chautauqua event.

Mayor Fischbach presented Council a memo revising time card procedures in the Village. To standardize time, the Street Department and the Utilities Department will have a start time of 7:00 AM and a standard eight hour day ending at 3:00 PM.

**Police Report:**

Chief Smigelski updated Council on the events of today. The Berkshire School District took precautionary steps to ensure the safety of students immediately after learning of the shooting in Chardon. The Schools were all placed on a "soft" lockdown meaning the students could move between classes during the day but while class was in session any student needing to leave a class room was to be escorted by an adult. A full complement of officers will be at the schools for the next few days.

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of January that officers worked 614 hours, made two arrests, answered 161 incident calls and put 2,336 miles on the police cars.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Coleman suggested that he introduce legislation recommending employees of the Village contribute 20% of the cost of their health care. Council will discuss at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Mr. Coleman told Council about the Berkshire Baseball fund raising event. Contact Mr. Coleman for details.

Mr. Hauser reminded Council and visitors about the start of pancake season.

Ms. Swaney asked Council if there was any interest in collecting scrap tires with a grant this season. Council discussed. Ms. Swaney moved to apply for the grant to collect scrap tire in the Village. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mr. Koroshes asked about the CERT program in the Village. Ms. Swaney stated that she had just spoken to Chief Smigelski about it and more information would be forthcoming.

Ms. Swaney moved to adjourn and Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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