

**Special Council Meeting
22 October 2012**

Mayor Fischbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

Visitors: Judith Beaumier, Marcianne Kimpton, Joe Kozial, Ron Victor, Matt Galemmo.

New Business:

Mayor Fischbach introduced Mr. Matt Galemmo, Superintendent of Geauga County Schools, and Mr. Ron Victor, Chairman of the Shared Services Standing Committee within Geauga County Education Service Center. Mr. Victor is also owner/director of Leadership-Ideas LLC. Mr. Galemmo was asked to comment upon the two Resolutions of Agreement before Council and answer any questions.

Mr. Galemmo explained that as part of the P16 Initiative being undertaken by the Geauga County Education Service Center he had met with members of the Geauga County Township Association, Geauga County representatives including Robert Phillips, and Geauga County School Districts for over a year to determine what kind of services and assistance was needed in the County. A survey of owned and desired equipment was conducted throughout all the municipalities. The result of the survey identified three pieces of heavy equipment as the most requested items; a grade-all, a boom-mower, and a crack sealer. Under the auspices of HB153, Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) a loan could be obtained at zero percent interest for ten years to purchase the equipment. The Geauga County Engineer is applying for a \$500,000 loan from the LGIF to purchase the three pieces of equipment and make it available to municipalities in Geauga County. Mr. Victor wrote the application. In order to make the application more viable in the selection process sixteen townships agreed to sign a Resolution of Agreement and Memorandum of understanding in support of the loan. Mr. Victor and the Geauga County Engineer's Office are asking to have the Village sign a similar Resolution of Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding. By signing the Village agrees to participate in the purchase and payback of the loan. Payback was explained as the rental fee of the equipment. The County Engineer will determine the fee based upon the ten year life of the loan and associated costs. As explained by Mr. Galemmo and Mr. Victor, the Village only pays if and when it uses the equipment. Mayor Fischbach asked about scheduling given that sixteen (and with the Village passage

17) municipalities would want to use the equipment. Mr. Galemmo stated that the Engineer's Office would work that out. Mr. Coleman noted that the cost over ten years for each municipality would be approximately \$3000 per year. Mr. Paquette asked if the Village would be paying a rental rate based upon all three pieces equipment, or just for the piece of equipment borrowed, noting that the cost included maintenance, the loan and an operator. Mr. Paquette expressed concern over the wording of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Resolution of Agreement as it applied to obligating the Village to an unspecified payment. Mr. Hicks stated he was comfortable with the wording of the Resolution of Agreement but not the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Hicks recommended that the Mayor could sign the Resolution of Agreement if Council approved and wait on the Memorandum of Understanding if that met the needs of loan application. Mr. Victor and Mr. Galemmo agreed that would meet their needs. Council asked questions about use of equipment noting that a grade all would probably not be of use to the Village and the boom mower only infrequently. Mr. Hauser noted three areas that could and have needed a boom mower in the past. The Village regular borrows or rents a crack sealer. Mr. Paquette estimated the amount spent last year was a little over \$2000 on crack sealing.

Mr. Galemmo then discussed the second Resolution of Agreement and the Partnership Agreement. Mr. Galemmo stated that the P16 Initiative had also sought ways to collaborate amongst the townships, schools and communities in Geauga County. The first thing identified as a cost/service common among the schools and municipalities was transportation. Looking at ways to collaborate, the P16 committee, the County Engineer's Office, Berkshire Schools and Burton Township saw a possible opportunity in the Burton ODOT garage. The Geauga County Engineer's Office is seeking a grant from the LGIF to conduct a study on the feasibility of trading a parcel of land on Merritt Road owned by the County to ODOT for use a new joint ODOT/County Garage in return for the ODOT Burton garage property on Kinsman Road in Burton Village. The study would look at the garage as a transportation and maintenance facility for Berkshire School, Burton Township and Burton Village Police and include other options. The study has several components including legal review, property appraisals, architectural study, professional facilitator, feasibility study, and soils study. In order to put the grant application in all the local entities must sign off. There is no cost to the Village. All parties to the agreement would agree to work together to determine if the idea is feasible. Mr. Galemmo and Mr. Victor both described the process of determining the savings generated by this collaboration as difficult to determine. Mr. Victor stated that he thought that overall a saving of 25%

might be achieved. Mayor Fischbach stated that in his conversations with ODOT and State Senator Eklund, ODOT had been inclined to offer the garage to Burton first and that even then ODOT would not be looking to move for five to seven years. Mr. Galemmo and Mr. Victor agreed it could be sometime out before the move occurs but that a study to find out its feasibility was needed no matter when the move happened. Mr. Paquette asked if the study was limited strictly to the transportation question or could it be expanded to include the feasibility of using the garage as a Village hall/Police department also. Mr. Galemmo did not answer directly, suggesting that another study could be done also. Mayor Fischbach and Council expressed concerns about traffic on Kinsman Road if Berkshire school used it for buses or if other schools used it also. Mayor Fischbach noted that in his conversations with Mr. Dvorack, multiple school districts and municipalities were suggested users. Mr. Galemmo stated that at this time only Berkshire School, ODOT, Geauga County Engineer's Office, Geauga County Education Service Center, Burton Township and Burton Village would be a party to the study. Newbury Township was about the only other school that might at some point in the future need to put buses there. Mrs. Lillibridge was concerned we were rushing into this. Mr. Coleman thought that at no cost to us, this was a good idea to be involved with.

Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2012-18, authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Burton to enter into a Resolution of Agreement with the Geauga County Engineer's Office in support of the Engineer's Office seeking a loan to purchase equipment as part of shared services and declaring an emergency. Ms. Swaney moved 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 2012-18 and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser –Yes. Resolution 2012-18 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2012-19, authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Burton to enter into a Resolution of Agreement with the Geauga County Engineer's Office in support of the Engineer's Office seeking a grant to explore the feasibility to expand the transportation facility at ODOT's Burton Garage and declaring an emergency. Ms. Swaney moved waive further readings. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2012-19 and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser –Yes. Resolution 2012-19 is adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Mayor/President of Council

Fiscal Officer