

**Council Meeting
23 September 2013**

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, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Boehnlein - No

Visitors: Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Todd Hicks, Rick Smigelski, Josh Echt, Robert Weisdack, Joe Kozial, Chip Hess.

Mayor Fischbach introduced Robert Weisdack, Health District Commissioner of Geauga County. Mr. Weisdack asked Council to pass a resolution in support of a 2 mill renewal levy and a .1 mill new levy for the Geauga County Health District. Mr. Weisdack explained that the health district has reduced staff from 34 to 27 and kept the inside millage for their levies at zero. Thirty Six services are provided by the Health district from monitoring rabies in the county to providing immunizations. Council thanked Mr. Weisdack and agreed to place a resolution of support on second reading this night. Due to missing members, the legislation cannot be passed tonight.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of Aug. The Department responded to 131 incidents, made 52 traffic stops, and wrote 14 reports. Full time Officers worked 574 hours and part time Officers worked 269 hours. Auxiliary Officers worked a total of 127 hours for the month. 3,569 miles were put on the vehicles.

Officer Gary Byers left the Village for Moreland Hills Police Department this month. Chief Smigelski and Mr. Johnston recommended moving forward with advancing Part Time Officer Jamie Barna to Full Time. Council had no objections.

Chief Smigelski reported that Street Department is preparing for winter. Members of the Department will be attending a trenching safety seminar on October 10. Mr. Eaton and Mr. Motil will be attending the Geauga Safety Council meeting on 4 October where the topic will be trenching safety also. The Street Department has been working in the Cemetery to correct a drainage issue. The Department will also become more active with tree removal and trimming.

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Chief Smigelski relayed to Council the facts concerning a motorcycle accident at Peckham and East Center that resulted in a fatality. Neither alcohol nor speed is considered a factor at this time.

Council asked why the new solar signs are so tall. Chief Smigelski replied that it was mainly to reduce vandalism.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Gruber was not available to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Linda Swaney placed Resolution 2013-20, expressing support for the Geauga Health District replacement levy and an additional one tenth new levy, on second reading.

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

Mr. Paquette asked for comments or a motion to adopt the 9 September 2013 minutes. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to adopt the minutes of 9 September 2013 as written and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach reported that the Rapids Road project was held up on the paving side because Dominion East Ohio is unable to complete work moving a pipeline for 3 to 4 months. Mr. Hess noted that the water line replacement on Elmar and Seco can proceed.

Old Business:

Mayor Fischbach reported that a committee to develop the comprehensive plan was struggling to find members so the Planning Commission will be asked to help develop a questionnaire/survey along with Kirby Date from Cleveland State University.

On the subject of the Fire Budget meeting, Mr. Johnston reported that the meeting at the Fire Department is scheduled for 10 Oct 2013 at 7 PM, but only as a fact gathering meeting. A letter and proposed agenda have

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been forwarded to Chief Sestak informing him of this. All Council is invited to attend but need not be there.

Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Hess and Chief Smigelski about the Huff Avenue cross walk. Chief Smigelski explained that the situation was remedied. The resident in question will make other arrangements for transportation of the high school age student. Mayor Fischbach suggested that a cross walk be painted anyway just for safety. Ms. Swaney moved to have a cross walk painted at South Cheshire and Huff Avenue. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

New Business:

Mayor Fischbach asked Council to consider a date for fall brush pickup. Chief Smigelski recommended Northeast Tree and Stump Removal as the company with the lowest bid. Mr. Coleman moved to accept the bid of Northeast Tree and Stump Removal for fall brush pickup. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked Council to consider a joint meeting with BPA on 12 November or hold Council on the 11th of November, a Village Holiday. Council decided on 11 November.

Mr. Paquette reminded Council that the next Council is scheduled for Tuesday, 15 October because of the Monday holiday.

Mr. Paquette also noted that the Library will be using the large meeting room on 25 November for the gingerbread house display; therefore Council will meet in the Village Office.

Chief Smigelski informed Council that they were invited to attend ALICE training, being given to Library Staff on 14 October in the Library.

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn and Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Mayor/President Pro-tem

Fiscal Officer