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**Council Meeting  
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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:** James Radziewicz, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Chad Eldridge, Brian Brockway, Judith Beaumier, Lee Koroshes , Joe Kozial, Ann Wishart, Rick Gruber.

**Engineers Report:**

Mr. Eldridge reported that the Cook Street Water Line Replacement project was underway. The company doing the work has installed the new water line and awaits the sanitizing test results. Storm sewers have been installed. The Fairgrounds transfer will take place Friday. Paving should be completed around the end of March. Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Eldridge to have Snavelly Company keep the road as clean as possible. Mr. Hess is still awaiting word on whether funding has been awarded.

**Fire Department Report:**

Chief Sestak was not available to report.

**Zoning Report:**

Mr. Rick Gruber reported that he was working on sign permits for the new pizza shop at 14585 E Park and the spa next door to them. Mr. Gruber has helped get some businesses to move signs back off the tree lawn. Mr. Gruber reported that the Hellegers at 14897 E Center have requested a zoning variance to allow them to have the house become a double versus a single family residence. Mr. Gruber is also working with the Englerts as they construct a new home on South Cheshire near the Red Maple Inn.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

No ordinances or resolutions were brought before Council.

**Fiscal Officer**

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

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Mr. Paquette asked for comments or a motion to accept the minutes of 28 January 2013. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

**Mayors Report:**

Mayor Fischbach discussed with Council the idea of hiring an intern with the Village for the summer through the Geauga Growth Partnership. Mayor Fischbach suggested an intern working three eight hour days a week for six to eight weeks at Ohio minimum wage. The goal is to give an interested student an idea of what goes on in government at the administrative end. The intern would work with the Fiscal Officer, the Admin Assistant, and the Chief of Police doing some of the administrative work that goes into making the Village operate. Mayor Fischbach apologized for springing this idea on Council at the last meeting. It was short notice and complete details were not available at the time. A job description has been developed and will be made available to Council. Mr. Johnston asked why we were paying for an intern when normally interns, for example police or sheriff interns, work unpaid. Mayor Fischbach explained that the Geauga Growth Partnership was seeking to expose students to the business/nonprofit jobs available in Geauga County and to offer students a way to earn some money for further schooling. Mr. Paquette and the Mayor would be conducting interviews with prospective students later this month. Mrs. Lillibridge requested to see the job description as soon as possible. Ms. Swaney moved to allow the Mayor to hire an intern through the Geauga Growth Partnership at \$7.85 per hour. 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 briefly updated Council on the application for Ohio Chautauqua 2014 submitted on the Village's behalf. The application went through and the Village is awaiting a site visit.

**Committees**

BPA, Fairboard, Century Village, Ordinance Review: Mr. Ronyak  
Mr. Ronyak was not available to report.

BCPA, Grants, Cemetery, Local Government: Mrs. Lillibridge  
Mrs. Lillibridge reported that BCPA meets in March to discuss a possible Fire District, Cemetery meets in March. Mrs. Lillibridge reported that Burton Township won't sign a fire contract with Burton Volunteer Fire Department because of questions of equitable division of costs amongst the municipalities using the service. Mrs. Lillibridge also asked if the Village had discussed an electronics collection event with Burton Township

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because the Township announced it at their meeting based upon a fax they received from Ms. Dahlhausen. Council professed to have no knowledge of the event.

Streets, Economic Development, BZA, and Health District: Mr. Hauser  
Mr. Hauser reported that the Street Department was keeping up with the snow and the new truck was working out very well.

Mr. Hauser asked for Council to accept quotes for brush pickup, spring cleanup, and street sweeping. Brush pickup is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Spring Cleanup for May 4<sup>th</sup>, and street sweeping for some time in May. Mr. Hauser moved to accept the quote from Northeast Tree and Stump, using three man crews at \$36 per man hour, for spring brush pickup. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charlie Hauser – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Hauser moved to accept the quote of Universal Disposal for spring cleanup at a rate of \$700 per dumpster load. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charlie Hauser – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Hauser moved to accept the quote of Reilly Sweeping for \$1,040 and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charlie Hauser – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes. Motion passed.

Community Programs, Newsletter, Historic District: Ms. Swaney

Ms. Swaney reported that Historic District Association was developing an award for people or groups working towards improving the historic district of Burton. And the Historic District Association is scheduling a speaker to talk about historic restoration, possibly Mr. Shibley. And the newsletter goes out this week.

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

Mr. Coleman stated that he was unable to obtain recent minutes from the School board. The Tree Commission is holding Arbor Day celebrations on 27 April from 1 to 3 PM in the large meeting room of the Library. A poster contest for Berkshire elementary 4<sup>th</sup> graders is being held in celebration of Arbor Day with the winner awarded at the ceremony. The theme is how trees help the community. The High School environmental science teacher, Sheri Gogin, has her class doing an extra credit project monitoring the Village for Asian Long Horn Beetle. Her class is also applying for grants for a more extensive Arbor Day celebration in 2014.

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

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Mr. Johnston reported the Historic District Architectural Review Board has nothing before it at this time. Mr. Johnston has met with the Police and the Fiscal Officer. Police issues are being handled and finances look good. Mr. Johnston is trying to reach Mr. Burnett of Burton Township to discuss mutual concerns for a Fire District.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Fischbach asked that the Council wait on discussing the Arborist for the Village until the next meeting.

Mayor Fischbach also asked Council to hold off discussing pay raises until the next meeting.

Mr. Coleman reviewed the two possible sources for solar powered flashing school zone lights for the Village. Both companies had equal products. After discussing material sources, placement, cost, and service, Ms. Swaney moved to accept the bid of \$15,500 from Baldwin Sour for four solar powered flashing lights. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes.

**New Business:**

Mayor Fischbach encouraged Council to start considering the development of a strategic plan for the Village. The Mayor suggested Council look to build on the efforts of the Historic District Association, the Chamber of Commerce and tourism in general in the Village. Mayor Fischbach mentioned that Middlefield is moving forward. The Mayor also suggested that an outside consultant may be necessary.

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

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Fiscal Officer