

**Council Meeting  
10 March 2014**

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

**Roll Call:** Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Boehnlein- Yes.

**Visitors:** Jack Garner, Chip Hess, Rick Smigelski, Lee Koroshes, Jane Koroshes, Joe Kozial, Josh Echt, Judy Beaumier

Mayor Fischbach recognized visitors.

**Solicitors Report:**

Not available to Report.

**Engineers Report:**

Mr. Hess reported that the residences on Seco and Elmar are being connected to the new water line. Due to condition issues with the existing water line saddle taps, work is proceeding slowly because of leaks. The storm drain located while digging the water line will have to be repaired with most of the work going to the Village Street Department. The gas company is finalizing plans to move the existing gas line on Rapids to make way for construction. Work on the gas line is expected to begin in two weeks, weather permitting. Because weather has drug out the work, Mr. Hess expects inspection costs to rise.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Ms. Palmisano. Ms. Palmisano invited Council and Tree Commission members to attend an Introduction to Tree Commissions and Urban Forestry in Independence Ohio on Saturday 15 March from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Mr. Paquette will have the registration form. The cost is \$25. Mr. Alan Siewert will be conducting. The Tree Commission had a work session with Mr. Siewert last month and learned that the Tree Commission is not an enforcement agency along with other interesting aspects of their job. Ms. Palmisano noted several problems recently with residents removing trees in the Village right of way. Ms. Palmisano asked that some sort of announcement or flyer be sent all residents with the rules applying to trees in the Village and how to handle. Ms. Palmisano noted that a neighboring community put the flyer in with water bills. Council discussed. Ms. Swaney suggested putting an article or a flyer in the newsletter. Mayor Fischbach liked the idea of an insert in the newsletter to keep costs down and suggested using colored paper. Mr. Boehnlein affirmed the idea of going with an insert. The Council in general was in favor of the idea.

**Fire Department Report:**

Chief Lewis was not available to report.

**Zoning Report:**

Mr. Gruber was not available to report.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Ms. Swaney read ORDINANCE 2263-14, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Debbie Palmisano for professional services commencing March 1, 2014 and ending February 28, 2015, noting that it was tabled. Mr. Boehnlein moved to return ORDINANCE 2263-14 to active. There was no second. ORDINANCE 2263-14 remains tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Swaney placed RESOLUTION 2014-10, designating Jennell Dahlhausen to attend mandated Ohio House Bill 9 Public Record Training for elected council members as their representative, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes. RESOLUTION 2014-10 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed RESOLUTION 2014-12, approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended certificate of resources and permanent appropriations from the County Auditor regarding the Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds, on second reading. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes. Motion passed

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt RESOLUTION 2014-12 and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes. RESOLUTION 2014-12 is adopted.

**Fiscal Officer**

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

Mr. Paquette asked for comments or approval of minutes of the 24 February meeting. Mrs. Lillibridge presented a change on the last page; in the paragraph at the top of the page, change building to buildings.

Mrs. Lillibridge moved to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

**Mayors Report:**

Mayor Fischbach presented an invitation from the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary concerning their fund raising event on 12 April beginning at 5PM. The event raises money for scholarships. Donations of service and gifts for auction are welcome. Admission should be accompanied by nonperishable food stuff for the church food pantry. Mrs. Beaumier mentioned that she was holding tickets for sale for the annual ham raffle, known as oink and squeal, at the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mayor Fischbach read a letter from the Geauga County Auditor noting that the GIS system was now under the responsibility of the County Engineer.

Mayor Fischbach announced that Wadsworth Ohio will be holding Tree City USA Ceremonies this year, dates to be provided later. Mayor Fischbach encouraged someone from the committee or Council to attend.

Mayor Fischbach thanked the Street Department for their work keeping the streets clear this winter. Chief Smigelski reported on plans for the Street Department to do more projects this year rather than subcontract for them. Chief Smigelski and Mr. Johnston explained to Council their desire to raise Mr. Hansel to a rate even with Mr. Wozniak. They are both laborers and do roughly the same job. Council discussed. The Mayor recommended going into executive session after committee reports to discuss pay raises for employees.

**Committees**

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

BCPA, Local Govt. , Cemetery, Grants- Dianne Lillibridge  
Mrs. Lillibridge reported that BCPA is scheduled for 13 March at Troy Township. Mrs. Lillibridge asked council if they supported having a tire pickup this year. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to accept the rates quoted by Liberty Tire for removal of tires and to apply for the tire recycling grant. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion Passed.

Planning Commission, Board of Education, BZA – Tom Blair

Mr. Blair reported that Berkshire Board of Education was meeting tonight and possibly discussing the school consolidation. A published work group meeting of the two school boards is scheduled for 18 March and will be open to public comment. An information letter will be released after the meeting date. Planning Commission met before the last Council meeting but had no new business.

Historic District Assoc., Newsletter, Safety Town, Community Programs – Linda Swaney

Ms. Swaney reported that the Historic District Association had come up with the criteria for two awards; one is the paving brick and the other is the award historic preservation /restoration in the Village.

Ms. Swaney mentioned getting together with Chief Smigelski concerning Community Programming. Specifically Ms. Swaney mentioned Laurie Cook off AAA Northeast Ohio in regard to a senior driving safety program that can help reduce the cost of car insurance. Several audience members provided testimonials.

The Newsletter is a few weeks away from completion.

Ms. Swaney, Mrs. Patricia Hauser, Mrs. Lillibridge and Mr. Paquette traveled to Columbus for Statehood day which mainly stressed historical preservation and restoration. The group met with the staff of Senator Eklund who was very receptive to our ideas.

Health District, Finances, Trees and Parks– Charles Boehnlein

Mr. Boehnlein had nothing to report.

Historic District Architectural Review Board, Police/Fire, - Brian Johnston

Mr. Johnston reported that the Historic District Architectural Review Board (HDRB) will meet tomorrow to discuss Mr. Shibley's building. Mr. Johnston had nothing to report on the Fire Department.

**Old Business:**

No old business presented.

**New Business:**

Nothing presented.

Ms. Swaney moved to enter executive session to discuss pay raises and employee evaluations. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Council entered executive session at 8:10 PM.

Ms. Swaney moved to leave executive session at 8:49 PM. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Council returned to session.

Mayor Fischbach reported that evaluations have been reviewed and he is recommending an across the board pay raise for all employees of 1.5% retroactive to 1 January. And Mayor Fischbach recommended a pay raise for Mr. Hansel to bring him even with Mr. Wozniak. Council discussed. Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Paquette if he supported a pay raise. Mr. Paquette stated that he did not at this time due to funding concerns in the five year projection. Without spending any extra money for raises or capital improvements or considering inflationary costs, the Village general fund would dip below a one hundred thousand dollar carryover threshold by 2019.

Mrs. Lillibridge moved to provide a pay raise to Mr. Hansel bringing him equal to Mr. Wozniak. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion adopted.

Mr. Johnston moved to provide a pay raise of 1.5% to all employees, exempting Mr. Hansel and Mr. Wozniak, effective with the next pay period. Motion failed for lack of a second. Council reserved the right to revisit the issue in June.

Mr. Johnston moved to adjourn and Mr. Blair seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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Mayor/President Pro Tempore

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Fiscal Officer