

**Council Meeting
14 July 2014**

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

Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Boehnlein- Yes.

Visitors: Jack Garner, Chip Hess, Debbie Palmisano, Joe Kozial, Marcianne Kimpton, Josh Echt, Judith Beaumier, Rick Gruber, Lee Koroshes, Jennell Dahlhausen, Ken Lewis.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Beaumier. Mrs. Beaumier asked Council to look into the loss of one sign marking a handicap parking space on the north side of Spring Street across from the Congregational Church. In the place where the sign was located is an American Flag. Mayor Fischbach will follow up with Chief Smigelski.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Debbie Palmisano as Village Arborist for a tree commission report. Independent Tree pruned the honey locust trees on Main Street. Some of the trees have seen the mulch piled too high on the trunks resulting in some root problems. Ms. Palmisano will be working with the Street Department to pull back this mulch later this year. A stump was ground out on Carlton and the Street Department followed up to finish the job by removing the remaining stump and leveling the area. Mr. Garner asked why the company who ground out the stump didn't do the whole job. Ms. Palmisano and Tom Blair explained that the Street Department needed to finish the cleanup.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Kimpton. Mrs. Kimpton remarked on a vehicle that parks on the north side of Goodwin in the street. This vehicle blocks traffic and causes problems for motorists trying to go west bound on Goodwin. Mr. Koroshes echoed her thoughts. Mayor Fischbach will have the police look into the matter.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Lewis reported that he was working with Kent State Geauga regarding the filling of ballast with water for stage supports at the upcoming Cleveland Pops concert.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Gruber provided the following report. Approved a deck on Garden Street, determined that a tree removal request was not in the right of way. T-Mobile is changing equipment on the water tower, and Street

Department removed weeds along alley way at Dr. Horn's office. Mr. Gruber recommended that Council address ownership of the alley and entrance to ascertain who should be maintaining. Ms. Dahlhausen offered that in the past the alley was determined to have no listed ownership. Mayor Fischbach will investigate with the solicitor. Work on the cold storage building at Western Reserve Coop was stopped because they did not have the proper permits in place. Mr. Gruber is waiting for them to present a permit request. Mr. Gruber contacted the Neill's on Carlton and USA Gas to remove weeds and clean up yards. Worked with Mr. Caputo and Street department to arrange trimming of a neighbor's shrub that hangs over South Cheshire blocking the view of oncoming traffic. The empty store front on the east side of Main Street has a new occupant, Soul of the Rose Store. The owner is working on applications for signs with zoning and the Historic District Review Board.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported that the Rapids Road project is on track. Curbs are going in this week with asphalt to follow in a week. The project will be done by mid-August.

Mr. Ronyak moved to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel candidates for the positions of Council and BPA. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call Craig Ronyak – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Council entered executive session at 7:17 PM.

Mr. Ronyak moved to leave executive session and return to regular session at 7:33 PM. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call Craig Ronyak – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes.

Mayor Fischbach appointed Jennell Dahlhausen as the replacement member of Council and asked for Council approval. Mr. Ronyak moved to accept Jennell Dahlhausen as the replacement Council member. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call – Craig Ronyak – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – No, Linda Swaney – Abstain. Motion passed.

Mrs. Lillibridge presented her resignation to Council and left the meeting.

Mayor Fischbach swore Ms. Dahlhausen in as Council member.

Mayor Fischbach appointed James Koster as the replacement member of the Board of Public Affairs and asked for Council approval. Mr. Blair

moved to accept the appointment of Mr. Koster to the Board of Public Affairs. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen - Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein - Yes. Motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Fiscal Officer

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

Mr. Paquette asked for comments or approval of minutes of the 17 June 2014 meeting. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mr. Paquette asked for comments or approval of minutes of the 23 June 2014 meeting. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach reported that he had met with Jared Tudor, the new President of Kent State University Geauga Campus. Mr. Tudor lives in the Village and really likes the area, according to the Mayor.

Mayor Fischbach presented the 2014 Christmas album as proposed by Jane Kracker of the Fontanelle Group. The album is sales pitch about the County to the surrounding area. Businesses, trade groups and local schools and governments are being asked to advertise in the album as a way of showcasing the county. A half page ad is \$550. There is a 10% discount for purchase of this size ad. Other ad sizes are a third of a page and a quarter of a page. The Mayor did not have costs for those sizes at this time. The Mayor recommended that Council participate and asked them to think about it. Mr. Boehnlein suggested that it was a good idea and moved to allow the Village to participate in a half page ad. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – No, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Linda Swaney – No.

Old Business:

Burton Family Restaurant is remodeling. The Burton Fox Inn has until approximately 25 July to respond with a decision about repairs to the property. No word at this time. The Strategic Planning Committee met and Ms. Date is preparing a cost estimate for the Village. Mr. Blair asked if

the Planning Commission was being eliminated since it appeared to be redundant. Mayor Fischbach assured him it was not and that members of the Planning Commission were being included. Ms. Palmisano asked the Mayor about putting someone pro urban forest on the committee. Mayor Fischbach stated that he would look into it.

Mayor Fischbach briefed Council on Ohio Department of Natural Resources desire to purchase water from the Village for use at Punderson State Park. The Mayor stated that representatives from ODNR had told him the State would pay for line and any upgrades in the water plant necessary to provide water to Punderson. The Mayor noted that ODNR had \$80 million dollars for projects of this nature. The State also showed interest in a sewer connection. The Mayor indicated that a line to Punderson offered opportunities for additional tap ins along the way. Mr. Garner asked about the prohibition against tap ins without annexation.

Mayor Fischbach noted that the ADA bathroom rehab at the Log Cabin is on hold until the law suit with the Chamber is settled.

Ms. Palmisano and Mr. Boehnlein presented to Council a question about trees in the right of way at Mrs. Hauser's property along Hickox. Mr. Boehnlein noted that there was a question about determining the right of way and a question of tree ownership since a Village employee may have planted one of the trees in question beyond the right of way. Mr. Boehnlein stated that it would be prudent for the Village to start a process of surveying streets to alleviate questions like this in the future. Mr. Koroshes noted that use of Global Positioning Satellite systems has tended to shift property lines from there last platted position. Ms. Palmisano mentioned similar problems on Garden street. On the question of removing the tree on Mrs. Hauser's property that was presumably planted by the Village and the tree at Brigham's property, Mr. Boehnlein moved to have the Village remove them. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer