

**Council Meeting
19 May 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, Jane Koroshes, Josh Echt, Marcianne Kimpton

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Jane Koroshes. Mrs. Koroshes, as part of the American Legion Post in Burton Village, offered Poppies In Memoriam for veterans of America's armed forces. Council members and the public were offered a Poppy and the opportunity to make a small donation to help veterans through the American Legion. All donations go directly back to veterans and their families. Mrs. Koroshes invited everyone to open house and parade on Memorial Day.

Fire Department:

Chief Lewis was not available to report.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski was not available to report.

Solicitor Report:

Mr. Hicks was not available to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2014-13 declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation and placed it on final reading. Ms. Swaney moved to adopt and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes. Resolution 2014-13 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2014-14, declaring it necessary to levy a special assessment for the improvement of various streets within the Village of Burton by supplying said streets with electric lighting pursuant to O.R.C. §727.12 and O.R.C. §727.14, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2014-15, requesting tax advances for the second half real estate tax collection on July 3rd and July 11th and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading.

Ms. Swaney introduced Ordinance 2268-14, adopting a tax budget for the year 2015 and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading.

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Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Ms. Swaney 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 12 May 2014 meeting. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mr. Paquette asked Council if they had any questions about the tax budget. Mr. Paquette recommended a public hearing at the second meeting in June. Mr. Johnston had a question about the five year projected, specifically why the carry over balances were declining and were the revenues being received adequate to offset this decline. Mr. Paquette responded that he would provide access to the five year spreadsheets used to calculate the balances. The revenue coming into the Village from outside sources was estimated as remaining the same for the purposes of estimating the carry over. With future expenditures estimated to remain constant for the purposes of the five year budget, Mr. Paquette felt that the balances calculated were optimistic at best. The Village income tax was flat in that it will not be growing unless more businesses or people move to Burton or the economy picks up. With the loss of inheritance tax and half of the local government support, the Village revenue has to work harder to cover the amounts transferred from the General Fund to Operating Funds. The Village annually transfers \$140,000 to \$150,000 to Street Operations, \$230,000 to Police Operations and \$40,000 to \$50,000 to Fire and rescue. And this year, income tax collections are falling below projections. The estimate of \$460,000 is looking more like \$457,000.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach reported that the flower beds in the islands around the Park are being planted by the Street Department along with the Gazebo. The flower baskets have been hung around the Village. Mrs. Koroshes asked about assistance from the Village hanging flags. Mr. Boehnlein will get in touch with Chief Smigelski to see about help setting the flags. The parade is scheduled for Monday 26 May.

Old Business:

Mayor Fischbach mentioned the formation of a Strategic Planning Committee prior to the planned meeting with Ms. Kirby Date on 18 June. The Mayor made clear that he had misspoke at the last meeting and that Ms. Date was being asked to assist with creation of a strategic plan in the Village. Mrs. Lillibridge was asked to be on the committee. Mayor Fischbach will be asking others from the Planning commission, local business and interested citizens to participate. Ms. Swaney and the Mayor recognized the contributions made by Mr. Paquette in obtaining the services of Ms. Date. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Boehnlein also expressed interest in the committee.

New Business:

Returning to the subject of the 2015 Tax Budget, Mr. Johnston asked Mr. Paquette to provide a more detailed breakout of the revenue and expense projections in the General Fund and the other Operating Funds.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer