

**Council Meeting
24 February 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, Rick Smigelski, Jane Koroshes, Joe Kozial, Brian Davidson, Dan Murdock.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for January 2014. Police responded to 135 calls, filed 10 reports, and made 70 traffic stops and 3 arrests. Full time officers worked 540 hours, part-time officers worked 254 hours and auxiliary officers worked 44 hours. 3667 miles were put on the cruisers.

Chief Smigelski reported that the Village has received a grant from Ohio Department of Justice to fund a School Resource Officer (SRO). An officer on staff will fill the role until another officer can be hired. The job will be part-time approximately 24 hours each week. Chief Smigelski will be meeting with School principals and administrators this week to define job and tasks of the SRO. The Chief also anticipates meeting with the Juvenile Court to coordinate efforts. The cost of the program is approximately \$15,300 with the grant covering \$11,800 and the remainder coming from the Village. This is a single year grant, with renewal for up to four years.

Street Report:

Chief Smigelski informed Council that due to the limited availability of salt, the Village was restricting salt to intersections and hills unless absolutely necessary. Pot hole repair is proceeding when weather permits. Chief Smigelski asked Council to consider hiring Reilly Sweeping for street sweeping this year at a quoted amount of \$1,080. Only one company bid. The purpose of street sweeping was explained to council as the removal of winter debris and dirt that could clog storm sewers and raise dust. Ms. Swaney moved to accept the bid for street sweeping from Reilly Sweeping for \$1,080. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion passed.

Chief Smigelski reported that three companies bid on Spring Brush Pickup. Northeast Tree bid \$125 per hour, Yarnell bid \$120 per hour and Van Curen bid \$120 per hour. Council discussed and chose Yarnell based on past work performance in the Village. Ms. Swaney moved to accept the bid of

\$120 per hour from Yarnell Tree Service. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Johnston reported that he had two complaints regarding limbs in front of the solar collector on Carlton Street crossing sign. Mayor Fischbach reported a pot hole on W Center. Chief Smigelski will look into both of these items.

Chief Smigelski noted a collapse of the pavement in the parking lot near the log cabin. There is no base in the area and the fix is temporary.

Solicitor Report:

Mr. Hicks was not available to report.

Fire Department:

Captain Brian Davidson reported for Chief Lewis. Year to date the department has responded to 106 calls; 34 in the Village, 28 in Burton Township and 17 in Claridon Township. The remaining calls were mutual assistance. This month there were 15 calls in the Village. The Fire Department has instituted a system of stipends to encourage volunteers to respond to call backs. The Mayor asked if the change in leadership had resulted in any change in operations. Captain Davidson answered no. Captain Davidson did note that the Department was responding to more calls to Burton Health Care to assist in those call not handled by Care Source ambulance. Mr. Johnston asked that the Department break out the calls to the Burton Health Care in the future.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed RESOLUTION 2014-08, requesting the County Auditor to certify to the Taxing Authority the total tax valuation of the subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills and declaring an emergency 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 2014-08 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed 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 on final reading and moved to table. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Mayor Fischbach asked for a voice vote. By voice vote all were in favor, none dissenting.

Ms. Swaney placed ORDINANCE 2267-14, authorizing the Geauga County Auditor to assign house numbers and street addresses within the Village of Burton 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. Ordinance 2267-14 is adopted.

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 second reading.

Ms. Swaney introduced 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, and placed it on first reading.

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 10 February meeting. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Authorization of the park use permits by the Chamber of Commerce was deferred until next meeting.

Mayor Fischbach noted that the Village needed to be accountable for its funds and donations. With that in mind the Mayor recommended that in the future, if the Village donated money, the person or organization receiving the money needed to provide a strict accounting of how those funds were spent. Mayor Fischbach addressed Council and asked if they wanted to donate funds to the Burton Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to provide the Easter Egg Hunt with a donation equal to the prior years donation, not to exceed \$450 and to allow the Easter Egg Hunt to take place in the Village Park. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Boehnlein- Yes. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach noted that the Planning Commission met at 6:30 PM tonight and discussed dilapidated buildings around the Village and possible fixes. The also discussed the new Subway Restaurant going in on Main Street noting that it was planning to open on 19 March. The Mayor is attempting to reach the other businesses

Old Business:

Mayor Fischbach asked that pay raises be postponed until he could further research.

New Business:

Mrs. Lillibridge noted that Chief Smigelski needs to be reappointed to Street Commissioner. Council discussed. Mr. Boehnlein moved to reappoint Chief Smigelski as Street Superintendent. Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote motion accepted.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer