

**Council Meeting
13 April 2015**

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

Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Charles Boehnlein- Yes.

Visitors: Jack Garner, Joe Kozial, Debbie Palmisano, Ben Larson, Rick Gruber, Rick Smigelski, Ann Wishart, Holly Lynn, Judy Starr , Marcianne Kimpton, Jesse DeWeiss, Ben Berkowitz.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Holly Lynn. Ms. Lynn, representing the Burton Public Library, informed Council that the foundation of the Library building was being waterproofed this summer. Work will start the third week of June. There should be no problems effecting parking. Ms. Swaney asked about permits. Ms. Lynn will check on it. Ms. Dobay mentioned the Historic District Permit needed for new windows. Ms. Lynn will contact the Village office for those permits. Mayor Fischbach directed Chief Smigelski to coordinate the Village's assistance with the project as needed.

Fire Department Report:

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mr. Jesse DeWeiss. Mr. DeWeiss is a board member on the Burton Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. DeWeiss presented a contract from the Burton Volunteer Fire Department to the Village of Burton accepting the Villages proposal of a total contract increase of 2.5% from all three participating entities along with an agreement that the three municipalities pay for the purchase of new compressor unit. Mayor Fischbach thanked them and stated that Council would review the contract. Mr. DeWeiss went on to report that the Fire Department responded to 31 call in Burton Township last month, 15 in Burton Village, and 10 Claridon Township along several calls to adjoining areas for mutual aid.

Zoning:

Mr. Gruber reported that Mr. Taylor had been granted a variance for porch setback on West Spring Street. Ms. Carlene Exline was granted a conditional use permit for a child in care business in a highway business zoned area. Mr. Gruber approved a sign permit for a softball scoreboard at the elementary school field. Realtors from Keller Williams called requesting zoning information for a property at 14848 South Cheshire. Mr. Freilling, a business owner also in 14595 Baird Street, has been asked to apply for a conditional use permit with the Board of Zoning Appeals because the nature of his business, light manufacturing, does not fit within the permitted uses of highway business zoning.

Arborist Report:

Ms. Palmisano, Village Arborist, stated that The Tree Commission had deferred her report to Mr. Larson. Mr. Larson informed Council that a potential candidate, Sharon Wolf, had been approached about filling the open seat on Tree Commission. Mr. Larson will provide the information to the Mayor. Mr. Larson restated the desire of the Tree Commission to have a small fine levied against a home owner who incorrectly trimmed a tree in the Village right of way. The Tree Commission had asked Council for a decision and has called the Solicitor. The Solicitor referred the question back to the Council. The Mayor will call the Solicitor for the Tree Commission to find out about the fine. Mr. Larson went on to promote the importance of Ms. Palmisano to efforts of the Village urban forest. Mr. Larson noted that trees are a valuable asset to the Village. Ms. Palmisano presented the Master Tree Planting Plan to Council. First, the tree plan is not a beautification project. It is a blueprint canopy enhancement and species diversification. Ms. Palmisano has created a spreadsheet with the names, both common and scientific, of all the tree species in the Village. The Master Plan detailed location, soil type and growing conditions along with recommended planting. Mayor Fischbach asked her about maple trees in the park and how the maples might be interspersed along streets like East and West Center. Mr. Blair noted that there were approximately 100 maple trees in the Park. Ms. Palmisano stated that how they were planted in the park depended on growing conditions needed. Along side streets species might be in groups. Ms. Palmisano reported that the Tree Commission had voted to accept the Master Tree Plan. Council thanked her for her service.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported that Ronyak Paving is completing the final items on the punch list for Rapids Road. Final grading and seeding is proceeding.

Mr. Hess reported he and Mr. Johnson and Mr. Koster attended a meeting with Ohio EPA concerning funding for the expanded waste water treatment plant. BPA concluded that if the State of Ohio offered a 30 year zero interest loan to the Village the entire project might be covered, depending on Village water sewer finances.

Easton Leasing has submitted the low bid for construction of the holding tank/wet well at the water plant. This tank will hold waste water from flushing operations at the water plant. The water will be sent to the wastewater treatment plant for processing. Cost of the construction bid was \$82,950. Mayor Fischbach asked if this included engineering. Mr. Hess indicated that it did not but that approximately \$5000 was set aside for construction engineering.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of March 2015. There were 91 calls, 7 arrests and 29 traffic stops. 3117 miles were put on the police cars. The School Resource Officer is doing well. Eventually the department would like to start handling the DARE duties in the future. A question was raised about on street parking. Mayor Fischbach asked Chief Smigelski to conduct a survey of which

street have cars on the street and at which times. Chief Smigelski stated that he will have each shift take data on who is parking on the street, where and when.

As Street Commissioner, Chief Smigelski reported that the Street Department will be cleaning storm sewers and preparing to place picnic tables in the park. Mr. Wozniak has resigned and given two weeks' notice. Chief Smigelski will be working with the Village Officer to advertise the vacant position. Chief Smigelski expressed an interest in finding a seasoned individual to fill the position. Gabriel Wilson has been hired as summer seasonal help, not to exceed 30 hours per week.

Mr. Garner asked Council when street lights would be repaired. Chief Smigelski stated that the Village duty officers were noting those that were out and reporting them. Residents are encouraged to report outages using the Illuminating Company web site.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2280-15, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Debbie Palmisano, doing business as Greenwoman, Inc. for professional services commencing 1 May 2015 and ending 30 April 2016, on final reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt Ordinance 2280-15 and Ms.

Dahlhausen seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Ordinance 2280-15 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2015-10, designating active, inactive, and interim funds and setting a date for designation of depositories, and placed it on first reading. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt Resolution 2015-10 and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Resolution 2015-10 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Mayor Fischbach asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Ms. Dahlhausen moved to pay approved bills and Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayor Fischbach asked for comments or approval of the minutes of 23 March 2015. Ms. Dahlhausen moved to accept the minutes of 23 March as written and Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayors Report:

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Mayor Fischbach reported that he would like to reappoint James Koster to the Planning Commission, Paul Emch to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Judy Beaumier to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Swaney moved accept the appointments as proposed. Ms. Dahlhausen seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayor Fischbach asked the Fire Department representatives if they had additional concerns or comments. There were none.

Mayor Fischbach reported on the Strategic Plan, saying he had sent a letter to Linda Stone of the Historic District Association, laying out the hurdles and updating the status of the Strategic Plan. In a meeting with Kirby Date, CSU, he learned that we can resubmit for the Innovation Grant in June or September. The Mayor intends to hold a Strategic Planning Committee meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Council Committees:

BPA and Local Government – C. Ronyak
Mr. Ronyak not available to report

BCPA, Newsletter – J. Dahlhausen
BCPA met on Thursday at Burton Township. Mr. Jared Tudor from Kent Geauga discussed ideas for the new facility in partnership with Berkshire School District. He projected 24 months to get planning in place.
Burton Township reported that their salt costs had tripled.
ODOT has expressed a desire to vacate the Burton garage property.
Suggestions were offered to make a community center on site. Mayor Fischbach stated that he was aware of this effort through the ODOT repurposing grant. The BCPA is meeting at Kent State Geauga Campus on 21 May. Ms. Swaney asked about Cardinal and Newbury joining the consolidation.

Health District Rep, BZA, Finance – C. Boehnlein
Mr. Boehnlein reported that the BZA meeting was covered by Mr. Gruber.
Health District had not met and there was no finance meeting called.

Historic District Association, Grants, Century Village – L. Swaney
The Historic District Association met with the Cleveland Foundation and will be setting up its own foundation. The Historic District has created a mission statement and started working on its own Strategic Plan. No committee has requested assistance for a project grant. Mayor Fischbach asked about the grant received by Pat Hauser. Ms. Swaney stated that the Historic District Association is not a part of the Village and didn't have anything to do with the grant. Ms. Swaney also stated that she did not know anything about that grant.

Cemetery, Trees and Parks – R. Dobay

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Cemetery met and is purchasing new exit and entrance signs. The Cemetery board is not going to replace the older flower urns this year due to cost. This is the last year for Stonehugger to clean monuments in the cemetery. Ms. Dobay deferred her Trees Commission report to Ms. Palmisano's earlier report.

Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission – T. Blair
The Maple Syrup season was short. The Planning Commission has not met.

Old Business:

Council asked for an update on the Burton Fox Inn. Mayor Fischbach stated that it is in foreclosure proceedings through the County.
Ms. Dahlhausen asked that the proposed summer Council meeting schedule be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business:

No new business came before Council.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer