

**Council Meeting
8 June 2015**

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

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

Visitors: Jack Garner, Joe Kozial, Debbie Palmisano, Rick Gruber, Rick Smigelski, Marcianne Kimpton, Lee Koroshes, Jane Koroshes, Ann Wishart, Kristin Dornback, Judy Beaumier.

Mayor Fischbach recognized visitors.

Mr. Garner asked for an update regarding the Village's efforts to obtain a refund from ODOT for money spent on Rapids Road at the reported contamination site. Mayor Fischbach stated that the Village was still pursuing reimbursement.

Zoning:

Mr. Gruber reported on the following:

Mr. Belhobek complained about tall grass on the Arnold property at 14352 North Cheshire. A violation letter was sent. No response to the letter but the grass was cut.

Chief Smigelski stated that there is a management company keeping up the property as it goes through probate court. Mr. Gruber will be provided with the information.

Mr. Taraba requested zoning for an above ground pool. No zoning required.

Geauga County Fairboard requested to replace and move the main entrance sign at the fairgrounds. The initial request was refused and sent to the Board of Zoning appeals on a variance request. BZA allowed the variance on 28 May.

Violation letters for tall grass and weeds were sent to the owners of 13757 Carlton, 14733 Rapids, and 13956 East Center. Some have been taken care of by concerned neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are building a home at 13569 Colony Lane. Their initial zoning request was denied and they are in the process of revising the plot plan for submission to the engineer.

A potential buyer for Belle's Colonial Restaurant, 14608 West Park Street, asked about zoning for a restaurant in front and offices in the back. Zoning allows for this configuration.

Jerry and Jo Ann Hiscox are considering a lot split at 14685 Elmar Blvd.

BZA approved a conditional use for light manufacturing in a Highway Business zone for Mark Freiling at 14557 Baird Street. BZA set some conditions on the approval as they relate to the neighboring day care.

Mr. Charles Caputo of 14835 South Cheshire requested information on zoning requirements for solar panels. There are no zoning requirements in place at this time.

Mr. Charles Boehnlein arrived at 7:08 PM.

Fire Department Report:

No representative from the Fire Department was present to report.

Ms. Wishart introduced Geauga Group Partnership intern Kristin Dornback, interning with the Geauga MapleLeaf.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of May 2015. There were 100 calls, eight arrests and 44 traffic stops. The Police Department participated in the Relay for Life event held at the Geauga County Fairgrounds in a variety of ways.

The Ohio Cyclers will be staging out of Historic Village for bicycle events beginning at 6:30 AM on Sunday 14 June.

Preston Motors paved the berm on West Center near Rapids Road to facilitate the car haulers. Preston eventually will be moving vehicles to the south side of West Center on the Sugar property but is not sure at this time which dealership it will be.

Memorial Day went well. Mr. Boehnlein thanked the Police Department on behalf of the American Legion, for stopping traffic during the Memorial Day ceremony.

Mr. Koroshes asked about traffic control at the Antiques Show at the Fairgrounds on 13 June. Chief Smigelski explained that it would be covered.

Chief Smigelski discussed with Council his plan to replace the two Chevrolet Impala police cars with new vehicles. The Impala's are from 2007 and each has over 110,000 miles on it. The Impala's have exceeded their projected life cycle as police vehicles and are starting to fail. New police Impala vehicle will not be made or supported after 2016 meaning that a purchase of the same vehicle will run into problems getting parts in the future. Ford makes an all-wheel drive sedan and utility vehicle for police use that are under government contract. The sedan has insufficient room for officers and gear in the passenger compartment and the trunk space is limited. The Utility vehicle meets all the needs of the Village for trunk space and room in the passenger compartment. Nationwide, the utility police vehicle is out selling the sedan two to one. Most of the equipment will transfer from the current vehicles. Cost of the new utility vehicle is \$25,000 each with an additional \$5000 each for installation and equipment. Council asked how to proceed. Mr. Paquette asked Council for a motion to authorize him to prepare lease documents for a three year term and Chief Smigelski to arrange purchase of the vehicles. Final lease approval will require Council authorization. Mr. Boehnlein moved to have Mr. Paquette prepare lease documents and have Chief Smigelski order the vehicle in preparation of the lease. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Motion passed.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess was not present to report.

Arborist Report:

Ms. Palmisano, Village Arborist, stated that she and Mrs. Pikus attended the Tree City Ceremony in Sandusky. Street Department will be working with Ms. Palmisano to remove smaller dead trees and limbs in the Village on 9 Jun. Ms. Palmisano was not sure if the removal program using Village employees will continue after this year because of the time and cost to rent equipment and setup.

Tree Commission met and finalized 26 September 2015 as the date for Arbor Day celebrations in the Village. Arbor Day here will coincide with Saturday in the Park promotion. The Tree Commission suggested that Ms. Palmisano attend BPA meetings to receive notice of work that may impact tree trees.

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Ms. Palmisano asked the Mayor if he had heard from the Prosecutor or Solicitor about the ability of the Tree Commission to Levy fines. Mayor Fischbach stated that he did not have answer yet but would get one for the next meeting.

Ms. Dobay mentioned an ordinance in the Village requiring companies doing business in the Village that might impact trees to have an arborist review the work. Ms. Dobay will investigate.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2282-15, adopting the tax budget for fiscal year 2016 and declaring an emergency, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2283-15, adding Section 521.12 to Chapter 521 of Part V of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Burton defining waste disposal in the Village, on second reading. The audience asked for an explanation of this ordinance. The ordinance contains prohibitions against dumping waste into deep wells as a disposal method. Ms. Dahlhausen asked for another copy of the ordinance in the next Council package. Mr. Paquette will provide.

Fiscal Officer Report:

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

Mayor Fischbach asked for comments or approval of the minutes of 26 May 2015. Ms. Dahlhausen moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach passed out a flyer for Liberty Camp Geauga. The camp, sponsored by Geauga County Tea Party is for kids entering the first through sixth grade to learn about the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights and US history.

Council Committees:

BPA and Local Government – C. Ronyak

Mr. Ronyak reported that a flyer was presented to Council that explained the remote read meter currently being installed by the Board of Public Affairs. BPA also discussed building a larger water tower to meet demand sometime in the future. Mayor Fischbach mentioned that Punderson Park was still interested in purchasing water from the Village. A discussion arose about cost of the project and if the state would pay for water tower and plant improvements as well as the water line extension. Mrs. Beaumier remembered an ordinance or something that stated the Village would only extend water outside the Village if the person wanting the water agreed to be annexed into the Village. Mr. Paquette was asked to research this ordinance.

BCPA, Newsletter – J. Dahlhausen

BCPA met on Thursday 21 May. No specific discussion. Troy Township has a fire truck out of service. Burton Township is down a worker. And Burton Township intends to put a 3 mill street levy on the ballot. Burton Township is also working on a website. Thompson Township was represented. Mr. Koster reported that the Berkshire School District consolidation is moving ahead. The next meeting is 17 August in Claridon Township.

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Please submit all newsletter articles to Ms. Dahlhausen or Mrs. Pikus.

Health District Rep, BZA, Finance – C. Boehnlein

Mr. Boehnlein reported that the BZA meeting that took place on 28 May was covered by Mr. Gruber. Health District has not met. Mr. Boehnlein suggested to Council that they plan on discussing consider strategies and ideas for the police and fire levies at the next meeting. Police Chief and Fire Department representatives will be invited to attend.

Historic District Association, Grants, Century Village – L. Swaney

The revitalization district project is planning on meeting soon to review materials in the development of the district. Ms. Swaney spoke with Mr. Wheelock about the possible interest of the group investing in Belle's. No Council member has asked for assistance finding a grant.

Cemetery, Trees and Parks – R. Dobay

Ms. Dobay apologized for not attending the last Tree Commission meeting. Ms. Dobay reported to Council that she and Ms. Pikus had met with an instructor at Kent State Geauga for website development. Kent State could assume its implementation as a class project. Ms. Dobay foresaw various events being recorded and streamed over the internet on the Village website. Kent State suggested that grants were available to purchase equipment. Mr. Boehnlein moved to have Ms. Dobay continue her project and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission – T. Blair

Mr. Blair stated that schools consolidation was on track as previously reported. Chamber of Commerce held its annual steak fry. The Planning Commission has not met.

Old Business:

Mayor Fischbach mentioned that the Strategic Planning Committee meets 15 Jun 2015 at 9 AM in the library.

Mayor Fischbach noted that a renter for Joel's restaurant was still in negotiation; however Ms. Swaney was able to update that information saying an agreement has been reached. No new information on the situations at the Finnerty or Briggs properties.

New Business:

Mr. Boehnlein asked if anyone had received a letter from Neptune Equipment asking residents to make an appointment to have their meter replaced or risk interruption of service. Mr. Boehnlein was troubled by the fact that there were no office contact numbers.

Mr. Koroshes asked if he could remove one of the flags on the flagpole prior to the Founders Day flag service to facilitate lowering and raising the flag. Mayor Fischbach said to go ahead.

Ms. Dahlhausen moved to adjourn and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer