

**Council Meeting  
21 December 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- Yes.

**Visitors:** Joe Kozial, Lisa Hernandez, Jim Koster, Charles Blair, Dianne Lillibridge, Jack Garner, Rick Gruber, Mike Sestak, Debbie Palmisano, Chip Hess, Rick Smigelski.

Mayor Fischbach recognized visitors.

**Fire Department Report:**

A representative was not available to report. Mr. Sestak dropped of the Fire Contract for 2016 and but was not reporting for the Fire Department.

Mr. Jack Garner asked about the ODOT refund for the extra work the Village had to do on Rapids Road. Mayor Fischbach stated that he would address it later in the meeting.

**Police Report:**

Chief Smigelski reported for November 2015. There were 139 incident reports and 68 traffic stops. Three arrests were made. The Department assisted the Fire Department 16 times.

One new police vehicle has been outfitted and put on the road. The second vehicle will be sent out for outfitting soon. Council can decide what to do with the vehicles coming out of service in the next year.

Two businessmen from Burton participating in Geauga Leadership did a ride along with Police. Their experience led them to discuss possible monetary support of the School Resource Officer program for the Village.

Chief Smigelski reported on his breakfast with the Chief event. A grade school student and his parent won breakfast with the Chief at JC's restaurant. The Chief then took him to school in the police car.

**Arborist Report:**

Ms. Palmisano, Village Arborist, reported that the Tree Commission had not met in December. She also reported that she was obtaining quotes for stump grinding.

Mayor Fischbach congratulated Charlie Blair, Jim Koster and Lisa Hernandez on their election to Council.

**Zoning:**

Mr. Gruber reported that no permits were issued. Mr. Ebelender is involved in a property dispute. Mr. Wm Miller asked about putting up a split rail fence. The Arnold property on North Cheshire is for sale and a proposal has been made to zoning that would remove the existing building and put up a multifamily structure. The home at 14638 Rapids Road was sold to Mr. Preston. Mr. Preston suggested several options for the property and Mr. Gruber told him the property was zoned residential and needed to be changed to Business or Highway Business.

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**Engineers Report:**

Mr. Hess had nothing to report.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Ms. Swaney noted that Resolution 2015- 20 is tabled.

Ms. Swaney noted that Ordinance 2285-15 is tabled.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2291-15, hiring Thrasher, Dinsmore and Dolan as Village solicitor for the years 2016 and 2017, on second reading. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings. Ms. Dahlhausen seconded the motion. Mr. Blair recommended waiting until the new Council was seated. Ms. Dobay argued for passage now. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Tom Blair –No, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Ordinance 2291-15 and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – No, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Ordinance 2291-15 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Ordinance 2292-15, repealing Ordinance 2278-15 contracting with G-TV and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading. Ms. Dobay moved to waive further readings. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roberta Dobay – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – No, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Ordinance 2292-15 and Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Tom Blair – No, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Ordinance 2292-15 is adopted.

Ms. Dobay was appointed by Mayor Fischbach to present the results to Mr. Jevnikar of G-TV.

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

Mr. Boehnlein moved to pay approved bills and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayor Fischbach asked for comments, corrections or approval of the minutes of 23 November 2015. Mr. Ronyak moved to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

**Mayors Report:**

Mayor Fischbach had nothing to report. The Mayor thanked everyone for working with him over the years.

**Council Committees:**

BPA and Local Government – C. Ronyak

Mr. Ronyak reported that BPA is accepting applications for assistant water/wastewater treatment plant operator to fill Jerry Rose's vacated position.

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BCPA, Newsletter – J. Dahlhausen

Ms. Dahlhausen reported that a newsletter went out in December. At the BCPA meeting Burton Township reported that they will be putting a Street levy on again. Feb 11 is the next meeting and will be held at Burton Village.

Health District Rep, BZA, Finance – C. Boehnlein

Mr. Boehnlein reported that the Health District Committee and Board of Zoning Appeals had not met. No change in finances.

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

Ms. Swaney stated that the Historic District Association met with Mr. Fred Green of the Geauga County Historic Association. Ms. Swaney reported that the grant request to Walmart for next year's Safety Town will be reviewed in the spring.

Cemetery, Trees and Parks – R. Dobay

Ms. Dobay reported that neither the Tree Commission nor the Cemetery Board will be meeting in December or January.

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

Mr. Blair reported that Mr. Ken Butler of Whitehouse Chocolates is now Chamber of Commerce president. The Planning Commission met in December to make recommendations for zoning adjustments to property being used for purposes not really within permitted zoning uses.

Mr. Blair deferred to Mr. Koster for a report on schools. Mr. Koster reported that the Ledgemont Berkshire consolidation is going smoothly.

### **Old Business:**

In response to Mr. Garner's question about a refund from the state on Rapids Road, Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Hicks to explain. Mr. Hicks noted that the Village request for reimbursement of approximately \$80,000 was dismissed by ODOT. ODOT did make a counter offer at a significantly lower amount. Mr. Hicks will bring up possible options with the next Council.

Mrs. Lillibridge asked why, if the Village residents are paying for street lights, didn't the street lights get repaired in a timely manner. Chief Smigelski explained that monthly the police department collected information about street light outages and reported it the Illuminating Company. Residents have the ability to do the same thing through a link on the Village website. Reports are submitted at a rate of about three a week.

### **New Business:**

Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Paquette to send the Fire Contract to Village Council. Ms. Dahlhausen asked if there was a clause in the Contract that directed the Fire Department to provide the next years fire contract proposal to the Village by the end of October. Mr. Paquette stated that there was something in the contract but it could negotiate. Mr. Sestak agreed, saying the 2016 contract called for the next contract to be presented by November 1, 2016.

Ms. Dobay reminded Council that the Foundation Center in downtown Cleveland was a great resource for grant research. Ms. Dobay recommended that the Village send a grant person to the Center to see what is available.

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Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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Mayor/President Pro Tempore

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Fiscal Officer