

**Council Meeting
12 December 2011**

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

Roll Call: Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

Visitors: Marcianne Kimpton, John Spisak, Chad Eldridge, Jack Garner, Pat Linn, Nick Fischbach, Joe Kozial, Marty Motil, Newell Beaumier, Judy Beaumier, Vicki Kotwica, Chief Richard Smigelski

Recognition of Visitors:

Engineers Report:

Mr. Eldridge reported that Mr. Hess offered to review the ODOT plans for repairs to East Center (Route 87) scheduled in 2012. Mayor Blair asked Mr. Eldridge to have Mr. Hess talk to ODOT about the concrete base in the road.

Mr. Eldridge also reported that the manholes on West Center had been repaired and that ODOT had recently supplied thicker manhole covers to reduce the final bump.

Fire Report:

Chief Sestak was not available to report.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Spisak reported that he had met with a resident concerning furniture in the tree lawn and was working with Century Village on approval of two signs.

Mr. Spisak asked Mr. Rougé if the Architectural Review Board had given the go ahead to Karen Braun, at 14404 North Cheshire, to replace her roof. Mr. Rougé thought they had but was not sure.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported on the month of November. Officers worked 747 hours, answered 168 calls, and made 46 traffic stops and 2 arrests. There were 2129 miles put on the police cars. Ms. Swaney asked if the department was fully staffed. Chief Smigelski answered by saying they had hired auxiliary officers and part time officer Lew Pettit. Officer Pettit is the designated IT manager for the department. Chief Smigelski went on to explain the importance of IT support as it relates to computer backups and security of information.

Mrs. Beaumier asked about the cause of the electrical problems in the Village earlier in the day. Chief Smigelski explained that a transformer failed at the substation on State 322 causing the brown out.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2231-11, amending section 1135.03, use regulations; section 1109.01, definitions, by adding the definition of "computerized internet sweepstakes cafes" and "computerized sweepstakes device"; section 1151.02, supplementary conditions for conditional uses; and section 1143.02, off-street loading and parking requirements, of the planning and zoning code of the Village of Burton, final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Ordinance 2231-11 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2233-11, amending section 1169.08 of the Burton Village codified ordinances concerning temporary construction signs in the Village of Burton, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Ordinance 2233-11 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2236-11, ordinance authorizing the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan, a legal professional organization to serve as the village's solicitor for calendar years 2012 and 2013, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Ordinance 2236-11 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2011-19, amending section 5 of the rules and regulations of the Welton Cemetery Board prohibiting sandstone monument, on final reading.

Mr. Rougé asked if the Cemetery Board had considered that there were different varieties of sandstone, some harder than others. Mrs. Kimpton stated that the Cemetery Board made its decision based on the recommendation of local monument manufacturers.

Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Resolution 2011-19 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2011-20, in support of a moratorium upon conducting hydraulic fracturing pending the issuance of a report thereon by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, on final reading and

moved to adopt. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Resolution 2011-20 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2011-23, reserving the principal sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Village's 2011 Inheritance Tax proceeds for purposes of acquisition of property and/or other improvements for a village hall, on second reading.

Mr. Rougé offered the following comment.

"I would like to clarify this last time the purpose of reserving a sum of \$200,000 for our future.

This sum is not restricted by any time limitation nor that it ever mandated to be used. It is an option available should an opportunity arise that would benefit the village. We've seen nearby communities purchase property although there is no immediate plan to use that property. These are visionary leaders that realize that new land is not going to be created. These leaders look to the future and find a way to secure that property. The leadership of this village has a unique opportunity to make future decisions practical and fiscally sound. Had such a resolution been in effect several years ago the village might have purchased a two and a half acre parcel located on high ground in the village, land that would have been ideal to meet our future needs.

This resolution indicates that our leaders have the vision to be prepared for the opportunities that will determine the direction of Burton Village."

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Hauser moved to approve payment and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked for approval of the 28 November minutes. Ms. Swaney moved to accept and Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette informed Council of Mayor elect Fischbach's recommendation to change one meeting date in January from 23 January to 16 January. All other meeting dates would remain as scheduled. Council had no objections.

Committees

BPA, Architectural Review and Planning Commission; Mr. Rougé
Mr. Rougé explained to Council that the Architectural Review Board has been very active this year and expressed a desire that Council continue

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to support them starting with following through on the suggested fine to the Fire Department for failure to procure the necessary permit from the Historical Review Board before significantly altering the Fire Department building roof with a seamed metal roof.

BZA, Board of Review. Mr. Ronyak
Mr. Ronyak was not available to report.

Finances, BCPA: Mrs. Lillibridge
BCPA meets on Thursday January 12 at Burton Township.
Mrs. Lillibridge noted that finances for the village looked good, mainly as the result of the 2011 inheritance. Mrs. Lillibridge felt that Council would be well advised to consider more spending cuts. To that end Mrs. Lillibridge moved to stop paying G-TV in fiscal year 2012. Council discussed. Ms. Swaney suggested that before Council stops using G-TV, a survey be conducted through the newsletter that seeks to find out who uses G-TV in the Village. Council was split on who watched G-TV and who found it less than useful. The motion on the floor, Mr. Rougé seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Jeff Coleman – No, Linda Swaney – No, Charles Hauser – No. Motion failed. Ms. Swaney will follow-up on surveying residents.

Trees and Parks, Historic District: Ms. Swaney
Ms. Swaney reported that the Ohio Preservation Office (OHPO) sent the grant funds to the Village for the completed Historic Burton Walking Tour in the amount of \$6,642.00.
The Tree Commission has divided up the Village into quarters, with each person on the board responsible for a quarter.

Fire Department and Cemetery: Mr. Coleman
Mr. Coleman had nothing to report.

Streets and Health District: Mr. Hauser
Mr. Hauser reported that Jan Blair was the new chairperson for the Geauga County Health District Board.
Street is finishing up the year with 90% of the planned projects completed. The Street Department is ready for winter.
Mr. Motil noted that those tree stumps in the Village that were recently ground out by the Tree Commission will be filled in and seeded in the spring.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blair informed Council that Ms. Dahlhausen had health issues and would be returning to work soon.

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Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Mr. Coleman congratulated Mr. Fischbach, Ms. Swaney and Mr. Brian Johnston on their successful campaigns. Mr. Coleman also thanked outgoing members Gerald Rougé and Tom Blair for their work in the Village.

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer