

**Council Meeting
9 May 2011**

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

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

Visitors: Joe Kozial, Chad Eldridge, Marcianne Kimpton, Cady Hutchinson, Dan Mix, Jennell Dahlhausen, Curt Johnson, Josh Echt, Marty Motil

Recognition of Visitors:

Mr. Dan Mix made a presentation on behalf of the Geauga County Health Department. Mr. Mix discussed the need and tools to conduct a local public health status assessment in the County and the benefits of this assessment. The information will be made available to the public. The Health Department is asking for a \$500 donation from each municipality in Geauga County. Council and visitors discussed the options and possible results of the assessment. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to pay \$500 to the Geauga County Health Department from the Community Activities line item in the General Fund. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Charlie Hauser – Yes. Motion passed.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Eldridge reported that Hess and Associates is still working on the bid documents for the NOPEC sewer blower grants.

Mr. Eldridge presented to Council a report from Mr. Hess on the status of engineering projects in the Village. They are

1. AT&T is requesting permission to install a new fiber optic line from the east side of the park to the fenced area below the water tower and has submitted plans to the engineer for review.
2. Work continues on sewer blowers project
3. Rapids Road project estimate sent to county engineer who recommends the Village proceed with pre-application.
4. GasUSA contractor met with the Village engineer and may request a joint project with the Village for repairing the east drive apron because the parking lot north of the Fox Inn also uses that apron
5. With the Street Department
 - a. Preparing bid package for repair of manholes on West Center. ODOT will pay for materials

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- b. Preparing bid package to install catch basin and reconstruct ditch on Colony lane
- c. Preparing bid package to widen and repair pavement at corner of Cook and Hickox near fairgrounds entrance
- d. Contacted contractor for installing drainage around library and connecting to the storm sewer
- e. Contacted Ronyak Paving to discuss use of the 'in place recycler' for Garden Street.

Ms Dahlhausen asked about ownership of the alley behind the east side commercial buildings on North Cheshire. Mr. Eldridge stated that the question had been passed to the solicitor. Mayor Blair will follow up with Mr. Hicks.

Mr. Paquette reminded Council that even though the projects listed were not bid yet, the planning and bid package cost money. Council did not object to Mr. Paquette charging the preparation of bid packages to the Street Capitalization Fund.

Zoning Report:

Ms. Hutchinson reported that she had approved a fence permit on South Cheshire and that she is responding to some general nuisance complaints around the Village. Ms. Hutchinson mentioned that she is working to set up a meeting with the Mayor and the Fire Chief to address these complaints. Mr. Rougé mentioned the need to hear from Mr. Imars concerning the Red Fox Inn property. Ms. Hutchinson is sending a letter to the Fire Chief for inspection of dilapidated buildings.

Ms. Hutchinson reported that she had sent a letter to the owners of JC's Restaurant to remove the sign boards on the front face of the building but the owner has not yet complied. Council agreed that a letter should be sent explaining the fact that a penalty was accruing until the signs were removed per agreement.

Ms. Hutchinson noted that she is asking the Police Department in a letter to pull signs in the right of way during weekends.

Geauga Savings now owns the home at 14585 E Park and will work with the Village to see that it is maintained until sold.

Fire Report:

Chief Sestak was not available to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

No legislation to present at this time.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

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

Mr. Paquette asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of 25 April 2011. Mr. Rougé asked whether anything was being done to address the loss of the Admissions tax in 2012. Mr. Ronyak explained that the committee formed at the last meeting was going to meet with the Fair Board on 10 May 2011 and that he was welcome to attend. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to adopt the minutes of 25 April 2011 as written. Mr. Rouge seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette reported that the Village Office will be closed on 11 May 2011 because both Ms. Dahlhausen and Mr. Paquette have meetings all day.

Mr. Paquette reported that he is seeking quotes for a new copier for the Village Office and would report on a final recommendation at the next meeting.

Committees

BPA, Architectural Review and Planning Commission; Mr. Rougé
Mr. Rougé had nothing to report.

BZA, Board of Review. Mr. Ronyak
Mr. Ronyak had nothing to report.

Finances, BCPA: Mrs. Lillibridge
Mrs. Lillibridge reported that BCPA meets on Thursday 12 May 2011. Mrs. Lillibridge commented that a finance committee meeting has not been held yet to discuss the 2012 budget.

Trees and Parks, Historic District: Ms. Swaney
Ms. Swaney reported that Arbor Day is being combined again with Founders Day this year, 19 June at 3PM. Commemorative Bricks are going to be dedicated to Marcianne Kimpton and Robert McCullough. The Tree Commission has decided to concentrate its efforts on tree maintenance this year rather than planting new trees.

Fire Department and Cemetery: Mr. Coleman
Mr. Coleman was not available to report. Mrs. Kimpton had nothing to add about the Cemetery.

Streets and Health District: Mr. Hauser

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Mr. Hauser noted that the Council had passed the Health District Committee request for \$500. The Health District Committee would also like an alternate from the Village. Mayor Blair volunteered.

Mr. Hauser reported the Street Department wanted to know who was going to water flowers this summer. Council discussed. Mrs. Lillibridge pointed out that the Street budget did not have any money budgeted for seasonal labor. Council recommended that Mr. Hauser interview the person he has in mind to do flowers and come back to Council at the next meeting with a recommendation.

Mr. Motil asked Council for permission to have the Storm Sewer Vac and the 10' Boss plow sandblasted and repaired. Council reviewed two quotes. Mr. Ronyak moved to accept the quote from Newbury Sandblasting for sandblasting and repair of the Storm Sewer Vac and the 10' Boss plow, not to exceed \$3,000. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Motion passed. Council opted to fund this purchase through Street Operating funds maintenance.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blair asked Council if they wanted to attend a NOPEC Energy Grants Symposium meeting on 8 June 2011.

Mr. Motil asked Council for their thoughts concerning the shrubs around the gazebo in the Park. Mr. Motil stated that a local arborist recommended pruning the shrubs in the fall. Mr. Motil also recommended that the top two or three bushes be removed so that the podium could be seen in the gazebo. Council agreed to allow Mr. Motil to pull the top shrubs now and trim back the bottom in the fall.

Old Business:

Mayor Blair asked if Council had any questions on finances or the 2012 tax budget. Mr. Paquette stated that the tax budget is essentially complete except for the County's input on how much tax money to expect. Three readings will be needed. Mr. Paquette reiterated the need to review the budget with an eye toward the reduced revenue and prepare to make cuts in areas like payments to G-TV, association and subscription dues, health care and others. Mr. Paquette also presented some potential funding scenarios for Issue II. Although not needed to do the pre-application for Issue II, Council needs to know how much potential grant money is available in order to properly allocate funds. An 80/20 split would have District 7 contributing over \$626,000 in grant money on the

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combined project, \$548,000 in a 70/30 split and \$470,000 in a 60/40 split. The Village will need to make cuts to come up with the required matching funds including taking out a revolving loan if our contribution is greater than 20%.

New Business:

Mr. Ronyak and Mr. Hauser asked about the Fire Department and why they had not been making a report to Council. Council noted that the Fire Services Contract required them to report monthly. Mr. Paquette was directed to send a letter asking for the report along with the next payment.

Mr. Rougé moved to adjourn and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer