

12 Sep 2011 Council

**Council Meeting
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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: Marcianne Kimpton, Jennell Dahlhausen, Linda Glassburner, Tom Glassburner, Sharon Moster, Judy Beaumier, John Spisak, Mike Sestak, Chip Hess, Jack Garner, Pat Linn, Judy Gallowan, Roberta Dobay,

Recognition of Visitors:

Mayor Blair asked all the Visitors to introduce themselves.

Mayor Blair read a proclamation recognizing the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers in New York, the Pentagon in Washington DC and Flight 93 in Shanksville Pennsylvania. The Proclamation memorialized the loss of life connected with these tragic events and commemorated the men and women, first responders and uniformed service members who stepped up to serve and help those in need then and continue to do so now. Mayor Blair proclaimed September 12th 2011 to be a day of honor in memory of those lost and those who serve.

Mr. Coleman arrived at 7:07 PM

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported that Hess and Associates will present quotes to repair the manholes on West Center to the Board of Public Affairs on Tuesday 13 September. Mr. Hess also noted that he had met with Mr. Hauser concerning the repair of a storm drain on Evergreen. Mr. Hauser will discuss in his Street report.

Fire Report:

Chief Sestak reported that the Fire Department responded to 80 calls from the Fairgrounds during the Fair. In August the Department had 61 calls. The Chief then stated that he had been informed by the County Auditor that the County will be reducing Fire Levy collections because of the amount carryover held by the Village and other municipalities. The Chief stated that he understood that the Village would be losing its carryover. Mrs. Lillibridge responded that she had met with the County Auditor in August and that our Fire Levy was fine. Mr. Paquette was asked to get a

clarification. Chief Sestak went on to say that he had been asking for the carryover money to be put into the Fire Department funds for use specifically for the fire department equipment. Mrs. Moster asked why the Village did not just give the Fire Department the carry over with specific stipulations. Mrs. Beaumier stated that the Fire Fund of the Village was to pay for the fire contract and firefighting apparatus like fire hydrants. The Chief explained that the contract money from the levy was used to pay for operations. Salaries, new equipment and building maintenance were paid for with soft billing, grants, and fund raisers. Mr. Glassburner asked if the new squad vehicle was paid for by the Levy. The Chief answered no. Chief Sestak went further to explain that soft billing was used for Village residents and hard billing for those who were not from the coverage area. The Chief noted that 85% of all fire and rescue responses were EMS related.

The Chief mentioned that the Fire Department will be trying to lower its ISO rating for the Village from seven to five which should result in lower insurance premiums, especially for businesses.

Council and Chief Sestak further discussed the future of the Village Fire Contract, fire levy and a Fire District. Mr. Coleman asked if the Fire Department had any feedback from the other municipalities on developing a Fire District. Chief Sestak stated that the Township were not that positive about it yet. Mr. Hauser told Mr. Coleman that he had some contact information regarding the Fire District that he would provide after the meeting. Chief Sestak stated that the Fire Department collected the entire amount of the levy for the operating contract with the Village. Mr. Paquette pointed out that the Village was paying more to the Fire Department than the levy took in and at the current rate of increases would have to supplement the Fire fund from the General account unless a replacement levy was put in place or the Fire District was formed. Chief Sestak acknowledged that the Fire Department was charging more than the levy generated in order to recoup the carry over held by the Village.

Mr. Hauser congratulated and thanked the Fire Department for their efforts and assistance during the recent storm that took down so many trees in the Village.

Zoning Report:

Mayor Blair noted that the Village is looking for a new zoning inspector and asked those present interested in the job to stand and introduce themselves. Present were Roberta Dobay, a Village resident and currently on the Records Commission; Tom Glassburner, a Village resident and former zoning inspector; John Spisak, a contractor and non-Village resident; and Sharon Moster, a Village resident and currently on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Coleman asked if the applicants felt there was

any reason that they could not serve for more than a year. Mr. Coleman went on to say that he wanted a Zoning Inspector who would be here for a while. The applicants replied individually to Mr. Coleman that they had every intention of fulfilling the duties assigned for as long as possible but in general could not assure him of a long term commitment. Mayor Blair thanked them for being present and submitting resumes. Council elected to go into to executive session at the end of the meeting to make their selection.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2011-17, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and moved to waive further readings. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rouge – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2011-17. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rouge – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Resolution 2011-17 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

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

Mr. Paquette asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of 8 August 2011. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to adopt the minutes of 25 April 2011 as written. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette reported that the Department heads should have a preliminary 2012 budget request into the office by the 16th and that would be ready for Council review by the next meeting. A capital Improvement plan will need to be developed to coincide with the Budget.

Mr. Paquette reported that the County Auditor had confirmed to him that the Village will receive \$853,400 in inheritance tax deriving primarily from the estates of William Clark.

Committees

BPA, Architectural Review and Planning Commission; Mr. Rougé

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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 Finances were in order. BCPA met on Thursday 8 September 2011. The Fire District was on the agenda but did not get discussed because Claridon Township was not represented. The BCPA also discussed equipment sharing amongst County entities. Mr. Hauser commented that Burton Township and Geauga County Road Department had assisted the Village with clearing brush and grass along Peckham Road approaching the Fairgrounds. Mrs. Lillibridge noted that the BCPA discussed a number of other economic issues.

Trees and Parks, Historic District: Ms. Swaney

Ms. Swaney reported that there is an opening on the Tree Commission with the resignation of Mr. Jim Clarke. Ms. Swaney reported that the Walking Tour Brochure is complete and Mr. Paquette is writing up the final financial grant reports.

Fire Department and Cemetery: Mr. Coleman

Mr. Coleman had nothing to report that the Fire Chief had not already covered. Mr. Coleman apologized for not being able to attend the Cemetery Board meetings but did note that their budget looked to be in order.

Streets and Health District: Mr. Hauser

Mr. Hauser and Mr. Motil thanked the Street Department, Fire Department and Police Department for their response in the recent wind storm.

Chip and Sealing of roads was delayed until last week due to weather but the tar and stone is now on the roadways and the sweep off of excess stone is scheduled. Striping is scheduled to follow chip and seal .

Crack sealing was completed by the Street Department after some weather delays.

Mr. Hauser thanked the Mayor and Mr. Johnson for driving to Missouri and picking up the stainless steel salt hopper. The Street Department is getting it ready for service.

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Mr. Hauser met with Mr. Hess and Mr. Motil about the drainage issues on Evergreen Street. The Village will go out for bids and have the information by the next meeting.

Mr. Hauser presented the best quote received for Fall brush pickup as Northeast Tree at \$94.50 per hour per crew. Council discussed options for a starting date and determined that they would like to move the date to start the pickup to 17 October. Mr. Hauser moved to accept the bid of Northeast Tree for Fall Brush pickup at a rate of \$94.50 per hour per crew. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Hauser – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rouge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Motion passed. Ms. Dahlhausen will call to find out if Northeast Tree can be available the week of 17 October.

Mr. Hauser also noted that the new leaf blower is ready and works great.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blair commented that the Village had made it through another Fair and other than that had nothing further to report.

Old Business:

Mayor Blair asked Mr. Paquette about finances and the 2012 budget. Mr. Paquette replied that the budget would be ready for review at the next meeting but in the meantime he recommended a Capital Improvement Plan meeting. Mayor Blair called upon Council to meet on September 15 2011 at 4:00 PM. For those unavailable, Mayor Blair asked for their written input if available.

Mayor Blair noted that the Fire Tax District was on the Agenda but had already been discussed during Chief Sestak's report.

Mayor Blair asked if Council had any interest in pursuing the "Fracking" resolutions suggested at the meeting of 8 August. Mr. Coleman stated that he was interested and noted that the resolutions were of a nonbinding nature. The resolution suggesting that the Village move to home rule was discussed and Council declined to pursue that particular one. Mr. Paquette will work with Mr. Coleman and Mr. Hicks to draft the resolutions for the next meeting.

Mr. Ronyak mentioned that a fund titled 'Student Safety First Program' had been opened at Geauga Credit Union to accept donations for school crossing signs. Mr. Ronyak asked Mr. Coleman how many signs were needed and what should be on them. Mr. Ronyak suggested six signs and Mr. Coleman agreed stating they should probably just be lighted school crossing signs with the speed limit on them.

Mr. Rouge approached Council and the Mayor to actively enforce laws of the Village regarding illegal parking on tree lawns. Council briefly discussed. The question of the ability and reasonableness of enforcement by the Police Department was deferred to the Village Solicitor.

New Business:

Council looked at potential dates for holding Trick or Treat this year since Halloween falls on a Monday. Residents present asked that the start time for trick or treat be moved from 5:30 to at least 6:00 PM to accommodate working parents. Council decided to wait until the next meeting to make a decision and gather information from other communities as to when they will be holding their trick or treat event. Ms. Dahlhausen will contact local municipalities.

Mrs. Beaumier asked Council for a donation to the American Legion Post in Burton for the purchase of fiberglass flag poles for American flags. Cost per pole is \$9.00 and the total number needed is 25. Council will consider the request at the next meeting.

Ms. Swaney moved to enter executive session to discuss hiring of a zoning inspector. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rouge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Council entered executive session at 8:36 PM.

Ms. Swaney moved to leave executive session at 8:54PM. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rouge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Council left executive session at 8:55 PM.

Mayor Blair explained to those present that Council had decided to take more time to consider the applicants and will decide on a Zoning Inspector at the next meeting.

Ms. Swaney moved to adjourn and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer