

10 September 2012 Council

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

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

Visitors: Judith Beaumier, Mike Sestak, Joe Kozial, Ann Wishart, Marcianne Kimpton, Lee Koroshes, Debbie Palmisano, Brien Spangenberg, Jack Garner

Recognition of Visitors:

Mayor Fischbach recognized Ms. Debbie Palmisano. Ms. Palmisano, a member of the Tree Commission, came before Council to recommend the purchase of a software program called Tree Tracker from Knowles Software. The Tree Commission voted to purchase this tree management program to assist in better managing the Village trees and conduct a proper tree inventory. A tree management plan needs to be developed and the software would help with that also. Mr. Coleman asked Ms. Palmisano to elaborate on the need for a Master Tree Plan. Ms. Palmisano stated that after the initial tree survey is done to identify the health of all the trees the survey would help identify areas to plant and keep track of work performed on the trees. In the future, every five years or less, a review of the survey would need to be performed.

Mr. Coleman asked if there was enough money in the adjusted budget to make the purchase. Mr. Paquette ran through the projected revenue and average expenses of the Tree Commission and noted that the proposed amended budget had an additional \$3700.00 in Tree Commission as requested in Mr. Coleman's email.

Ms. Palmisano also stated that this survey is more work than she is able to provide on a volunteer basis. She suggested hiring her company as a part-time or contractual Village Arborist similar to what Chardon has done. Council discussed noting the importance of trees to the Village and the amount of work needed to be done to maintain them. Mayor Fischbach asked her to have a proposal with estimated costs to Council by the end of October.

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Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess was not available to report.

Fire Report:

Chief Sestak reported for the month of August including the first three days of September as part of the County Fair. There were 18 EMS calls and 2 fire calls in the Village along with 24 EMS calls as part of the Fair. The Department responded to 17 EMS calls and 3 Fire calls in Burton Township during the same period. Total calls for the year is 459. The Department responded to 38 calls in August outside of the Fair. Mr. Johnston asked how many calls went to the nursing home. Chief Sestak estimated that there were 8. Chief Sestak reiterated that the relationship with Burton Health Care is very good and that the number of repeat calls there is similar to repeat calls elsewhere in the coverage area.

Chief Sestak noted that the former Odd Fellows Hall next door to the Fire Department is ready to be demolished and that he met with the Historic District Review Board and received a demolition permit.

Chief Sestak handed to the Village 1200 copies of the detailed EMS and Fire calls performed by Burton Volunteer Fire Department as part of a freedom of information request made by an unknown individual. The Fire Department asked for \$.05 per copy. Mr. Paquette has the copies.

Brien Spangenberg addressed Council as citizen of the Village. Mr. Spangenberg stated that he was distressed by the size of his utility bill given the current economy. Mr. Spangenberg felt that these rates were too high and would drive out residents leading to the decline of the Village. Mr. Coleman acknowledged that Council had a part to play in the raising of rates however after serious deliberation the decision was made. Mayor Fischbach referred Mr. Spangenberg to BPA.

Mayor Fischbach, before continuing the meeting, made mention of the passing of Mr. Hauser's brother this weekend.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Spisak has resigned as Zoning Inspector. A request for replacement has been advertised but so far only one applicant has come forward. The due date for receiving resumes has been extended one week.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

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Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2012-14, approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended certificate of resources and permanent appropriations from the County Auditor regarding the General, Special Revenue, and Capital Improvement Funds, and moved to waive further readings. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2012-14. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Resolution 2012-14 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2012-15, authorizing the Mayor and the Village of Burton Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency, and moved to waive further readings. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2012-15 and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes. Resolution 2012-15 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Paquette noted that the Village has received more inheritance money in the sum of \$34,570.07.

Mayor Fischbach has the proposed five year budget.

Mr. Paquette asked Council to pick a time to hold a Capital Improvement Plan meeting. Council discussed and settled on 17 September at 7PM in the Village Office.

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to pay approved bills and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

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Mr. Paquette asked for comments or a motion to accept the minutes of 13 August 2012. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach commented on the work being done by Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration in the Welton Cemetery. The stones look very good and Ms. Wildermuth of Stonehugger commented that Welton Cemetery was the best maintained Cemetery that she had worked on in Ohio. She also commended Greg Hansel for the work and obvious care he takes in maintaining the cemetery.

Mayor Fischbach commended the Tree Commission for the work they do noting that there is a lot to do that may not be noticed by the public at large.

On the topic of Halloween, Council briefly discussed the Mayor's recommendation to hold Halloween on October 31. Mr. Ronyak moved to have Halloween on 31 October between 5:30 and 7:00 PM. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Abstain, Brian Johnston – Yes. Motion approved.

Committees

BZA, Board of Public Affairs: Mr. Ronyak

Mr. Ronyak reported that BZA had not met and that BPA meets on 11 September.

BCPA, Fire, Cemetery, Local Government: Mrs. Lillibridge

Mrs. Lillibridge reported that the BCPA meeting will be on Thursday, 13 September in Troy Township. The Cemetery Board meets in October to accept prices for next year's burial and foundation contracts. The Fire Department has raised more than \$14,000 in their campaign drive. No Village Fire Contract is available yet.

Streets and Health District: Mr. Hauser

Mr. Hauser was not available to report.

Community Grants, Historic District: Ms. Swaney

Ms. Swaney stated that Safety Town was successful but deferred the complete report until Chief Smigelski is available. The intensive level study grant of the National Historic District is waiting for approval of the methodology plan before going on.

Trees and Parks, Berkshire Schools, Planning Commission: Mr. Coleman

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Mr. Coleman stated that he has only received one quote for school zone flashing lights and will investigate more for the next meeting. There are some improved technologies available that may save money. One example was provided to Council. The Planning Commission has not met. Mr. Coleman intends to meet with Claridon, Burton and Troy Townships to get their support for the Berkshire rec initiative. Mrs. Lillibridge suggested attending the BCPA meeting and getting to speak to all of them at once.

Finances, Police representative, Historic District Architectural Review Board: Mr. Johnston

Mr. Johnston reported that the Historic District Review Board met and issued a demolition permit to the Fire Department. Mr. Johnston stated that he listened to all the arguments in casting the deciding vote but ultimately was swayed by the Solicitor's information that suggested should the Village refuse the permit after the Fire Department meets certain criteria, the Village could be held liable for injury or damage associated with the property to be demolished.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

Mrs. Beaumier asked if any headway had been made on the log cabin/Chamber of Commerce contract with the Village. Mayor Fischbach stated that he and Mr. Hicks were still working on it.

Mrs. Beaumier asked if anything was being done about Mr. Rouge's suggestion to set aside \$200,000 for a new building. Mayor Fischbach stated that Council would be discussing it in the near future.

Mrs. Beaumier asked if the Village had any plans on how to deal with the soon to be effective exotic animal protection laws. The Mayor did not have any response at this time.

Mr. Johnston moved to adjourn and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer