

**Council Meeting
15 October 2012**

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 – No.

Visitors: Mike Sestak, Joe Kozial, Ann Wishart, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Marty Motil, Joe Schellentrager, Chip Hess

Recognition of Visitors:

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mr. Joseph Schellentrager. Mr. Schellentrager is the chairman of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery. Mr. Schellentrager spoke to Council about the services provided by the Board of Mental Health and the need to pass a .5 levy renewal and a .25 new levy in the next election. Mr. Schellentrager asked those present to participate in a survey and a drawing for a Kindle. The survey was left with the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Schellentrager went on to state that the Board of Mental Health currently has 3000 residents receiving care. Last year some 12,000 members of the community sought assistance. According to Mr. Schellentrager, one in four people in the County could experience events significant enough to lead to the need for mental health services. The Board of Mental Health has lost around 1.7 million dollars in funding. The Board is reducing services but has seen a rise in claims of almost 50 percent. Mr. Schellentrager urged everyone to vote yes on issues 29 and 30 in the upcoming election. Mr. Hess asked if Metzenbaum was part of this funding. Mr. Schellentrager stated that it was not. Mayor Fischbach asked how much Federal or State funding went into the Board of Mental Health's budget. Mr. Schellentrager thought perhaps as much as half came from state or Federal funding.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Kimpton. Mrs. Kimpton asked if the issue of the log cabin lease had been settled. Mayor Fischbach stated that it would be done in December. Mrs. Kimpton then asked if anything further had been done to set aside \$200,000 for a new building. Mayor Fischbach stated that this would also be discussed in December.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported that the Rapids Road Issue I request would be completed by the November deadline. The amount of the request is \$805,000. The local share of the Village is \$305,000. Mr. Paquette will supply a certification of Local funds available out of the General Fund, Admissions fund and Water Distribution Fund along with a copy of the

resolution passed by Council. Mayor Fischbach asked for clarification as to why the estimate was so high. Mr. Hess, after reviewing the questions, stated that some of the original estimates were made without a walk through and did not take into account the driveways that needed to be replaced. All the other changes were made to reflect a change in prices of work to be performed.

Mr. Hess reported that the Cook Street Water Line Replacement project was almost complete and would be ready to go out to bid soon with a probable bid opening at the December BPA meeting. The costs are to be split between Street Capitalization and Water Distribution, with the latter handling approximately 80% of the costs.

Mr. Hess also reported that the Board of Public Affairs wanted the Village Council to know that Preston Motors wanted to complete its sewer tap in to the church property outside the Village as agreed to in 2007. Mayor Fischbach noted that prior Councils had approved the tap in and the Mayor felt the Village should honor that agreement. No further discussion.

Fire Report:

Chief Sestak reported for the month of September including the County Fair. There were 37 EMS calls for the fair and a total of 53 EMS calls for the month. There were 2 fire calls in the Village. The Department responded to 15 EMS calls and 1 Fire calls in Burton Township during the same period. Total calls for the year is 539.

Chief Sestak noted that the Fire Department has provided a one year contract to the Village for 2013 at the same rate as 2012. Mayor Fischbach asked why not two years as in the past. Chief Sestak stated that the Fire Department needed to raise rates by 5% each of the next three or four years to meet expected needs but allowed that the Village did not really have the money to do it now. A one year contract allows the Village time to put a new levy on or find some other funding solution. Chief Sestak noted that the former Odd Fellows Hall next door to the Fire Department will be demolished on Tuesday 16 October at 2 PM. The Fire Department is holding its annual turkey raffle for those interested in purchasing a ticket. The Fire Department will be holding a Halloween party this year at the Fire Station. Chief Sestak invited Council to drop by.

Zoning Report:

Copies of resumes from applicants for the Zoning Inspector position will be distributed to Council members before the next meeting. Mayor Fischbach proposed filling the position at the next meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

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Ms. Swaney introduced Ordinance 2247-12, accepting the HCC Public Risk of Ohio property and liability insurance contract and authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Pease Kerr Canfield Insurance Partners as agents for HCC Public Risk of Ohio in an amount not to exceed \$12,663 and declaring an emergency and moved to waive further readings. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman - Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Ordinance 2247-12. Mrs. Lillibridge seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Jeff Coleman - Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Ordinance 2247-12 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Paquette noted that the Village has received \$13,072.50 from the Fair Admissions Revenue Sharing Agreement. Under the prior agreement the amount would have been \$9,960.

Mayor Fischbach has the proposed five year budget.

Mr. Paquette noted that the Village will have to contribute \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year to the Fire and Rescue Fund starting in 2014, to cover proposed increases to the Fire contract unless costs were contained or a different levy was made. Mr. Paquette also noted that providing money from the General Fund for the Fire contract took dollars away from other projects. When combined with the \$190,000 to \$210,000 required for Police operations and \$145,000 to \$155,000 needed for Street Operations, capital improvements and other smaller projects in the Cemetery, Park and tree commission go unfunded. Mr. Coleman asked about the Police Levy. Mr. Paquette stated that it was due to expire in 2013 and the options were to renew the 2 mil levy, which brings in approximately \$39,000 per year, replace the 2 mil levy, which will bring in approximately \$56,000 per year, or put on a new levy. The Fire levy expires in 2013. Council discussed possible funding options for the police levy. Mr. Paquette stated that the entire budget will be dependent upon what Council wants to fund with the money remaining after operational budgets are met and determined. Mr. Garner asked what the Council intended to spend the money saved from the levy on. Mr. Paquette, Mayor Fischbach and Mr. Coleman offered explanations of various projects and expenses required to operate and maintain the Village. Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Ronyak moved to pay approved bills and Mrs. Lillibridge 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. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach had nothing to report.

Committees

BZA, Board of Public Affairs: Mr. Ronyak

Mr. Ronyak reported that BZA had not met and that BPA is meeting with Arcadis on 16 October in the Village Office to discuss at 1 PM to discuss future plans for the infrastructure replacement at the wastewater treatment plant.

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

Mrs. Lillibridge reported that at the September BCPA meeting on Thursday, 13 September Troy Township reported that most of the township can receive internet. Claridon Town hall received a new roof. Mr. Koster reported on the Berkshire school district's enrollment and the fact that they are leasing two buses for five years and two vans for special needs. Burton Township added Robert Varga as the Zoning Inspector. Along the lines of shared services, the Fairboard has a bucket truck that the Village can borrow. Scott Hildebrand will be invited to the next BCPA meeting, 8 November at the Burton Township hall to discuss fire districts. The Cemetery Board met 2 October and accepted prices for next year's burial and foundation contracts and discussed projects for 2013 and beyond included continued stone marker rehab and tree removal.

Streets and Health District: Mr. Hauser

Mr. Hauser was not available to report. Mr. Motil reported that he needed to replace the gutters on the Street Department garage. Custom Siding quoted \$1530 for the job and BD Gutterworks quoted \$1295. Council discussed. Mr. Ronyak moved to accept the BD Gutterworks quote of \$1295 and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Motion accepted.

Mr. Motil also indicated that he needed a ballast box for the back of the sidewalk tractor to add traction while plowing snow. The cost of a Kubota box is \$245 from Middlefield Farm and Garden. Council discussed. Mr. Ronyak moved to allow the Street Department to purchase a ballast box as described by Mr. Motil from Middlefield Farm and Garden for \$245. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff

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Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Motion accepted.

Mr. Motil reported that both dump trucks have been serviced for the winter and the leaf vac is ready to go.

Community Grants, Historic District: Ms. Swaney
Ms. Swaney had nothing to report. Mr. Paquette added that the survey of historic properties was underway but had no specifics.

Trees and Parks, Berkshire Schools, Planning Commission: Mr. Coleman
Mr. Coleman stated that he received a quote for school zone flashing lights from JSF Technology but has not received a call back from another potential supplier. Council and Mr. Motil discussed the flashing light on Route 87. The light has rotted out and needs to be repaired. Mr. Motil will obtain a quote from the company Middlefield uses to service their lights to repair the existing light and the possible use of the Claridon school lights down at the shop.

The Tree Commission has investigated another source for their tree software and found that the original quote is still the lowest. Mr. Coleman will contact Mr. Paquette for a Purchase order.

Finances, Police representative, Historic District Architectural Review Board: Mr. Johnston
Mr. Johnston was not available to report.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

Mr. Paquette noted that the Village is required to obtain two hours of training for one employee in safety related areas. The upcoming chain saw safety training seminar in Munson Township may qualify. Mr. Paquette will follow up.

Mr. Motil commented that the company cutting down trees for the Village has not started stump grinding so removal of the grindings maybe delayed as it will coincide with leaf pickup.

Mayor Fischbach recommended to Council that they think about ways to make Burton more tourism friendly.

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Ms. Swaney moved to adjourn and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer