

March 26 2012 Council

**Council Meeting
26 March 2012**

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

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

Visitors: Ann Wishart, Chip Hess, Jack Garner, Marcianne Kimpton, Rick Smigelski, Todd Hicks.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of February that officers worked 759 hours, made two arrests, answered 181 incident calls, made 42 traffic stops and put 1,781 miles on the police cars.

Chief Smigelski reported that he was contacted by Travis Bonnett of ODOT concerning the school traffic zones. Mr. Bonnett informed Chief Smigelski that in order to have an enforceable school for the elementary school crossing on West Center the Village Council must pass a resolution. The School zones around the high school are not properly marked in that signs are only posted on North Cheshire. Chief Smigelski proposed to follow State guidelines and mark school zones on Garden Street, Ford Lane and Goodwin Avenue along with North Cheshire. The new zone would be marked at points no more than 300 feet from the closest corner plot marker of school property. Legislation is needed for this also. Chief Smigelski will meet with Chip Hess to discuss placement of signs and a copy of sample legislation will be forwarded to Mr. Hicks and Mr. Paquette.

Mayor Fischbach asked if Mrs. Kimpton had anything for Council. As a member of the Welton Cemetery Board, Mrs. Kimpton pointed out that there is still a lot of standing water in the Cemetery. The Board will be replacing the footers under two poorly placed markers.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2012-09, designating Jennell Dahlhausen to attend mandated Ohio House Bill 9 Public Record Training for elected council members as their representative, on second reading and moved to waive further readings. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Motion passed.

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Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2012- 09 and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak - Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Resolution 2012-09 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

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

Mr. Paquette asked for approval of the 12 March minutes. Mr. Ronyak moved to adopt the minutes of Council from 13 February as written. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Fischbach reported that he had met with Village retailers and shopkeepers to ask them how the Village can assist them with beautification of their property this summer. Mr. Hauser and the Mayor walked the Business area and noted that the alley behind the businesses on the west side of North Cheshire was in terrible shape. The Mayor stated that in the interest of getting things done the Village will repair the alley pavement by square cutting the potholes and making asphalt repairs. The alley on the east side looks better although there are still a few potholes. Mr. Johnston pointed out that he had learned through the meeting of the Historic District Review Board that there are seven different owners in the block of businesses on the east side on North Cheshire, each one responsible for one seventh of the alley. Mr. Johnston also noted that Dr. Horn has offered to cut down the weeds that grow along the north side of the East block of Business buildings on North Cheshire. Mayor Fischbach talked about how the Village will be mowing tree lawns in front of the businesses this summer and possibly mulching the trees and planting flowers. Mayor Fischbach stated that he intends to contact each owner of the buildings and work with each one to make sure they know what their responsibilities are and ask how the Village can help. Mr. Hauser mentioned that some bids were in for painting the gazebo, sandblasting and painting benches and the water tower fence. More bids were being sought. The Village was also looking for bids concerning the installation of a sidewalk from the water tower driveway to the gazebo and placing bricks in the walkway around the gazebo. Mr. Hauser also reported that the emergency repairs for the Goodwin Peckham washout were completed.

In order to complete the extra mowing and watering the flowers this summer Mayor Fischbach asked Council to approve hiring of two

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seasonal employees for 700 hours each at \$8.00 per hour. The cost will be approximately \$13,200. Mr. Hauser moved to hire two seasonal laborers for no more than 32 hours weekly for a total of 700 hours apiece at \$8.00 per hour. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Hauser – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Ronyak asked if there was enough work for Street Department employees before and after hiring two seasonal laborers. Council discussed. Mayor Fischbach felt that there was enough work to get done especially with Chautauqua coming this summer.

Mr. Hauser added that Marty Motil was attending tree trimming school this week.

Old Business:

Criteria for Arbor Day Bricks

Mayor Fischbach reported that he is working on criteria for Arbor Day Bricks for presentation at the next meeting.

Red Fox Inn

Mayor Fischbach asked Council to go into executive session after new business to discuss this and other properties for sale in the Village.

Payroll Increases

Mayor Fischbach recommended to Council that a discussion of payroll increases be held until the next meeting, after completion of the last two evaluations.

Autism Recognition

The blue ribbons tied around the trees in the park were for Autism awareness. There will be a balloon release at Century Village on 31 March to recognize the event.

New Business:

Ms. Swaney moved to enter executive session to discuss potential property acquisition. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Motion passed. Council is in executive session at 7:50 PM.

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Mr. Ronyak moved to leave executive session at 8:26 PM and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

At Council's request, Mayor Fischbach will talk to Geauga Savings Bank about the possibility of them donating the former Thoreson property (Ford House) to the Village.

Mr. Ronyak noted that the Infrastructure review committee will meet on Wednesday 28 March at 2 PM to discuss Capital improvements in the Village. Council briefly discussed the possibility of joining Burton sewers with Middlefield sewers.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn and Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Mayor

Fiscal Officer