

**Council Meeting
9 January 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 – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes.

Visitors: Lee Koroshes, Jane Koroshes, Chad Eldridge, Marcianne Kimpton, John Spisak, Jack Garner, Judy Beaumier, Newell Beaumier, Jennell Dahlhausen, Cassandra Shofar, Joe Kozial, Curt Johnson, Glenn Bomback, Pat Linn.

Swearing in of new members

Mayor Fischbach swore in Curt Johnson and Glenn Bomback as elected officials of the Board of Public Affairs

Mayor Fischbach recommended Judy Beaumier to fill the open Board of Public Affairs seat. Mr. Ronyak moved to accept the appointment of Judy Beaumier to the open Board of Public Affairs seat vacated by Mr. Johnston and to fill the remainder of his term. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes.

Mayor Fischbach swore in Jeff Coleman as a member of the Planning Commission; Brian Johnston as a member of the Historic District Review Board; and Dianne Lillibridge as a member of the Tree Commission.

Election of President of Council

Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Hauser to make a nomination for President Pro Tempe of Council. Mr. Hauser nominated Ms. Swaney. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Mayor Fischbach called for a vote. On the nomination of Ms. Swaney, Roll Call: Charles Hauser – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Linda Swaney – Abstain. By majority vote, Ms. Swaney is elected President Pro Tempe of Council.

Mayor Fischbach recommended Mr. Hauser to position of Street Commissioner. Mr. Coleman asked if Mr. Motil had been informed of this decision whether Mr. Motil's position would change. Mayor Fischbach stated that Mr. Motil had been informed and that he would remain as Street Foreman. Mayor Fischbach asked Council to approve the appointment. Mr. Ronyak moved to accept the appointment of Mr.

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Hauser as Street Commissioner. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – No, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Hauser – abstain.

Assignment of Committees;

Mayor Fischbach made the following Committee assignments for 2012.

Craig Ronyak – Board of Public Affairs, Board of Zoning Appeals and Infrastructure Review Committee.

Dianne Lillibridge – Berkshire Community Planning Association, Cemetery Board, Local Government, Tree Commission

Charles Hauser – Economic Development Committee, Health District Advisory Council, Street Department (Street Commissioner)

Linda Swaney – Safety Town, Historic District Association, Community Grants, News Letter

Jeff Coleman – Berkshire School District, Burton Fire Department, Planning Commission

Brian Johnston – Finance, Historic District Architectural Review, Police Department Representative

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach discussed the reasons behind his committee assignments and emphasized the team effort he was looking for within the Village. Mayor Fischbach stated that the prestigious Ohio Chautauqua event was coming to Burton this summer and that it would require a cooperative effort from the Village, the Burton Chamber of Commerce, and the Century Village. The event is a program focused on the historic Western Reserve time frame and will feature education and entertainment. The Geauga Historical Society worked for two years to get this program here.

Recognition of Visitors:

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mr. Koroshes. Mr. Koroshes asked Council for use of the south east end of the park for the annual Easter egg hunt in April. Council discussed giving its annual donation to the Easter egg hunt at this time. Mr. Coleman moved to provide a donation of \$450 to the Easter egg hunt. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes. Motion passed.

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Mr. Paquette asked if this also covered use of the park. Mayor Fischbach said it did.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Eldridge reported that the contractor doing the Wastewater treatment blower replacement has signed the bid book and now the book needs to be signed by the Mayor and Fiscal Officer. Mr. Hess would like to hold a preconstruction meeting with Mr. Eaton, BPA and Mr. Paquette in the near future.

The Cook Goodwin waterline replacement is up for consideration. The Village and Mr. Hess are providing extra information as requested. A letter from the Fire Department was requested.

Fire Report:

Chief Sestak was not available to report.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Spisak had nothing to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

None scheduled.

Fiscal Officer

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

Mr. Paquette asked for comments or a motion to accept the minutes of 12 December. Mr. Coleman moved to adopt. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette noted that the Fire Contract ends in 2012 and that the Fire tax levy in the Village expires in 2014. With five percent contract price increases per year, the cost will exceed the income generated by the current levy.

Mr. Paquette asked if Council had any corrections or additions to the 2012 proposed final budget as presented. Council did not have any changes at this time. Mr. Paquette will draft resolutions covering amended appropriations, advance of taxes and transfer of funds for presentation and approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Paquette noted that the Certificate of Fund Balances is complete and will be presented to the County Auditor on Tuesday 10 January 2012.

W-2's will go out with in the next week.

Mr. Paquette is getting together with Mr. Hauser and Ms. Swaney to discuss a Community Development Block Grant application for the rehab of the public restrooms at the Log Cabin to meet ADA requirements. Mr. Coleman asked if the plan could include an ADA approved drinking water fountain. Mr. Hauser and Ms. Swaney will add the fountain to the project plan.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Beaumier. Mrs. Beaumier asked if the Council would proceed with developing a Fire District. Council discussed the option. Mrs. Lillibridge stated that the BCPA has been discussing this at their meetings. The next BCPA meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12 January 2012. Mr. Coleman noted that the Council had discussed this option in the past. A tax district as proposed would mean leveling the tax imposed on everyone in Burton Township, Burton Village and that portion of Claridon Township covered by the Burton Fire Department. In the past this has created a sticking point as the suggested tax will evidently go up for Burton Township and Claridon Township and down for Village residents. Mr. Coleman offered that Burton Township sees a higher amount of usage than the Village. Mr. Coleman stated that the Fire department reports staffing issues related to the low pay of its employees and the resulting exodus for higher paying jobs after two or three years. Mayor Fischbach stated that the Council will consider the issue.

Committees

BZA, Board of Public Affairs: Mr. Ronyak
Mr. Ronyak had nothing to report.

BCPA, Trees, Cemetery, Local Government: Mrs. Lillibridge
Mrs. Lillibridge noted that BCPA meets on Thursday. Tree Commission next meets on February 6. The Cemetery board meets as needed. Mrs. Lillibridge noted that the community growth partnership grant fund has provided local internships for businesses to try and keep young people in the County.

Streets and Health District: Mr. Hauser
Mr. Hauser reported that the Health District Committee meets in March for the budget meeting. No problems in streets at this time. Mr. Koroshes asked if something could be done about the asphalt curb on the corner of Goodwin and North Cheshire. The snow plows have broken it up. Mr. Hauser will have the Street department look into it. Mr. Koroshes recommended concrete curbs over asphalt.

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Community Grants, Historic District: Ms. Swaney
Ms. Swaney had nothing to report.

Fire Department, Berkshire Schools, Planning Commission: Mr. Coleman
Mr. Coleman had nothing to report.

Finances, Police representative, Historic District Architectural Review
Board: Mr. Johnston
Mr. Johnston had nothing to report. Mr. Johnston will meet with Fiscal
Officer to go over the budget.

Old Business:

Mrs. Kimpton, representing the Cemetery Board, asked the Council to
consider providing additional funds to the Cemetery to complete the
preparation of the new Cemetery property including clearing of the land
and a road. Mayor Fischbach suggested the Board meet and get some
firm numbers for Council to consider.

New Business:

No new business was presented.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn and Mr. Hauser seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer