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

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

Visitors: Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Chip Hess, Judith Beaumier, Lee Koroshes , Jane Koroshes, Joe Kozial, Ann Wishart, Rick Gruber, Sue Wayman, Rick Smigelski, Mike Sestak.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Kimpton who pressed her cause as member of the Cemetery Board to have the Cemetery Board appropriations increased in order to have the new cemetery section graded and seeded. Mrs. Kimpton stated that stumps have been removed. Mrs. Kimpton added that the Village Street Department does not have equipment to do it.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Wayman of the Burton Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Wayman asked for a \$1,000 donation from the Village to the Chamber of Commerce to offset the \$4000 cost of hanging baskets and gazebo flowers in the Park. The Chamber of Commerce also asked for permission to use the park on the last Saturdays of the month during the summer for events including Burton Uncorked wine event and the Ox Roast in October that will have a beer garden. Mrs. Wayman suggested that the Village, Century Village and Chamber of Commerce join together to pay for a more expensive band, Sophisticated Swing, at the Burton Uncorked. Sophisticated Swing charges \$1200 for two hours. Council discussed. Mayor Fischbach asked Mrs. Wayman if other companies had been considered for the flower baskets and flowers around the park. Mrs. Wayman stated that the flowers and baskets had already been ordered. Mayor Fischbach mentioned that two other companies local to the area had expressed interest to him in supplying the baskets. Council will decide at the next meeting on providing a \$1,000 donation.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported that Snavely Company was cleaning up on Cook Street in preparation for paving, driveways, seeding and grading. Right now paving is expected to begin close to the end of April. Rapids Road project planning is continuing. Actual bids cannot be let until after 1 Jul. Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Hess and Mr. Paquette to coordinate a meeting to discuss the project as soon the initial plans are

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ready. Mr. Paquette was directed to get the big library meeting room for a meeting of Council and BPA with the engineer to discuss the project when ready.

The Issue II request is due around May 5. Mr. Hess will provide pertinent details to Council so that a Capital Improvement Plan meeting can be scheduled.

Ms. Swaney arrived at 7:12 PM

Fire Department Report:

Chief Sestak did not have a report available. All reports will be provided at the BCPA meeting on 11 April 2013. Chief Sestak insisted that the Fire Department needed to have an increased levy because the last levy was put on in 2002. Chief Sestak mentioned that the Fire Department master plan was conducted in 2005 and that a new consultant was not needed. Fire Department felt it wasn't contacted enough concerning a possible fire district. Pancakes went well. There is a trustees meeting on 10 April 2013. Mrs. Lillibridge mentioned that the Fire Department was informed about the BCPA meeting at least a week in advance. Chief Sestak complained that the various entities in the fire area don't agree on the way the costs are apportioned. Mrs. Lillibridge stated that the Village couldn't do it alone. Mr. Johnston asked about the Middlefield Fire Department. Chief Sestak stated that Middlefield is a private company. Chief Sestak commented that the Fire Chief had the right to take water as necessary without cost.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Rick Gruber reported that he completed zoning approval on new construction at the Englert Residence, got the unlicensed vehicle near the park licensed and had sign issues at Franco' Pizza. Mr. Gruber reported that he is working on a zoning variance request for the Helleger's property on E Center. The BZA will meet on April 18 to take up this matter. Mr. Gruber is in the middle of a property line dispute on Huff Avenue regarding a shed possibly on a neighbor's property. There is also a home addition going on at 14815 Indian Ridge Trail. Mr. Koroshes commented that the property line dispute might be the result of the use of GPS to mark the lines. Mr. Gruber noted that he is comparing surveys and other factors.

Mr. Koroshes asked if Huff should be a one way road given the recent decision by Chardon concerning Tilden Street. Mr. Hess was asked about the width of Huff Avenue and he felt that it was something to look into. No problems have been reported.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

No ordinances or resolutions were introduced in Council. Resolutions to increase the Tree Commission budget and the Cemetery Operating budget were discussed. Mrs. Lillibridge stated that she disagreed with increasing budgets this early in the fiscal year. Council questioned those Tree Commission members present as to the purpose of the increase. Mrs. Beaumier noted that the Arborist and the tree software were done to start improving the condition of trees in the Village. Mr. Paquette noted that the Arborist and almost \$5000 in tree trimming have already been obligated this year. Council discussed budgets, appropriation and reserve money. Mayor Fischbach asked Mrs. Beaumier to have Ms. Palmisano to the next meeting. Mr. Johnston asked about tree removal work being done on South Cheshire well away from the Street. Mr. Paquette will ask Ms. Dahlhausen to confirm. Ms. Swaney asked if a tree was cut down by mistake. Tree Commission did not do it. A resident on Cook Street complained about the damage done to a tree on her property by the construction company working on Cook Street for the Village. Mr. Hauser noted that the tree might be in the right of way. Mr. Hess reported that Snavelly had to repair some damaged laterals. Mr. Ronyak commented that the Village needed to obtain a professional appraisal. Mr. Ronyak felt that we should not pay for the tree cut down by mistake.

Mr. Garner commented that he had heard at several meetings that the money for the Tree Commission was available in the budget but now they were asking for more. Mayor Fischbach noted that the Council was just trying to determine what was being spent.

Fiscal Officer

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

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 25 March council meeting. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to accept the minutes of 25 March as written and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach did not have a report.

Committees

BPA, Fairboard, Century Village, Ordinance Review: Mr. Ronyak

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Mr. Ronyak corrected his previous report; the loss of funds by the Fairboard attributed to Governors budget yet to pass was incorrect. The legislation taking 5% from the Fairboard has already passed. BPA discussed how well the Cook Street job went and talked about Mr. Hauser's driveway and Mr. Ronyak reported that BPA decided to replace asphalt with asphalt and the homeowner would have to pay the difference for concrete if desired. The plan for Cook Street was to replace each drive apron for \$1277 each. Mayor Fischbach asked if BPA was going to replace in-kind, if concrete was there wouldn't they replace with concrete. Mayor Fischbach felt the driveway should be replaced as it was. Mr. Ronyak noted that the BPA discussion did not talk about concrete in the contract. Mayor Fischbach felt that the BPA needed to review again. Mr. Ronyak stated that the BPA had already decided. Mrs. Beaumier, when asked, could not recall the exact details of the conversation except that the valves would not move as much in concrete. Mr. Hess was asked to contact the contractor and see if the apron was concrete. Mr. Hauser commented that he poured the concrete for the apron in front of his driveway and that someone from the Village put extra asphalt over it.

Mrs. Beaumier asked Mr. Ronyak if the Century Village had a permit for the wine event last weekend. Mrs. Wayman assured Council that they did.

BCPA, Grants, Cemetery, Local Government: Mrs. Lillibridge
Mrs. Lillibridge reported that BCPA meets 11 April at Claridon Township Hall to discuss a possible Fire District. Mrs. Lillibridge reported that Burton Township is working with Ohio Moving Forward to obtain funds to demolish the Lawrence house and get funds to tear down two other dilapidated houses in the Township. Cemetery Board is getting the Adventure Scouts to paint the Welton Cemetery fence. The Township also signed a three year contract with the Fire Department, reviewable annually. There was a 5% increase in the cost of the contract.

Streets, Economic Development, BZA, and Health District: Mr. Hauser
Mr. Hauser reported that the Economic Development Committee of Burton Chamber meets Friday to discuss economic development and figure out how many buildable lots were in the Village. Health District met last month and approved a budget. Mr. Hauser met with Mr. Motil about upcoming work this summer. Board of Zoning Appeals meets on 18 April to discuss the Helleger property zoning variance.

Community Programs, Newsletter, Historic District: Ms. Swaney

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Ms. Swaney reported that Historic District Association is looking into a program for honoring people in the Village who contribute to the restoration and protection of historic buildings in the Historic District. The newsletter is going out this week.

Trees and Parks, Berkshire Schools, Planning Commission: Mr. Coleman
Mr. Coleman was not available. Ms. Swaney reported for him. Berkshire Schools extended the contract of the superintendent and the high school principal for three years. Arbor Day is 27 April. Poster contest winners will receive awards. Ceremonial Bricks will be done on Founders Day.

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

Mr. Johnston had nothing from the Historic District Review Board. Mr. Johnston questioned Mr. Gruber about the temporary signs at Franco's Pizza and the difference between those signs and the open/sale signs. Mr. Gruber explained that open and other temporary signs are allowed four times a year. Mr. Johnston wanted the Village to do everything it could to promote business. Mr. Johnston will meet with Fire Department at the trustee meeting tomorrow. Finances are in good working order. Mr. Johnston asked Chief Smigelski to speak about his presentation at the School Board and a request for funds.

Chief Smigelski informed Council that he had made a presentation to the Berkshire School Board about the potential School Resource Officer. The School board will review before their next meeting.

Chief Smigelski also asked Council to approve spending \$1000 to install the updated radio and camera gear in the police vehicles. The funds would come from money obligated but not spent in School Resource Officer line item. Mr. Ronyak moved to allow the Police Department to have the radios installed and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed. A collaborative board from the Police Department and School will decide on the selection of the School Resource Officer.

Chief Smigelski received an email from Travis Bonnet, ODOT District 12, about painting badger paw prints on the pavement in the Village. Mr. Bonnet noted that home rule allowed the Village to make this determination.

Mrs. Lillibridge asked how many officers were on this weekend. Chief stated that there was an additional volunteer reserve officer on duty.

Old Business:

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Mayor Fischbach setup a meeting for interested Village elected officials to discuss a comprehensive strategic plan on 15 April 2013 at 7PM in the large meeting room of the Library.

The issue of painting badger prints on the roads in the Village was postponed until the next meeting.

New Business:

Mrs. Koroshes asked if the Athletic Boosters couldn't donate the money going to the badger prints back to the families.

Mr. Paquette explained to Council about the change in electric and natural gas utility plans that were taking place including the loss of the choice plan for natural gas at our offices in the township and higher electric prices in the future. Mr. Paquette recommended joining a natural gas pool and switching the electric supplier to the lowest provider for two years. Mrs. Lillibridge moved allow the Fiscal Officer to enroll the Village in a natural gas pool and start the process of contracting for two years with an electric supplier. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked council to approve the purchase of a new multifunction copier, printer, fax, scanner for the Village. After reviewing submissions from eight vendors, Mr. Paquette recommended the Kyocera CS 205c from IGM Company based on lowest initial price and best cost to operate. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to allow Mr. Paquette to purchase the Kyocera CS 205c from IGM for \$3,492.00. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed. Mr. Paquette stated that the funds to purchase the unit will come from the savings in this year's audit.

Mr. Paquette reminded Council that there will be an orientation ceremony on 18 April 2013 at the ASM International Building at 6:30 PM for the Partnership Geauga Interns. Mr. Ronyak asked if the job description was completed. Mr. Paquette gave a list of possible duties including scanning the ordinances and resolutions of the Village into electronic format.

Mayor Fischbach stated that the Geauga County Township Association meeting is Wednesday at 7 PM at the Legends Golf Course.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn and Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer