

**Council Meeting
23 June 2014**

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

Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes, Charles Boehnlein- Yes.

Visitors: Jack Garner, Carol Weikart, Chuck Weikart, Pat Hauser, Jim Croup, Jim Wohlken Joe Kozial , Josh Echt, Marcianne Kimpton, Todd Hicks, Chief Rick Smigelski.

Mayor Fischbach called to order a Public Hearing to review the 2015 Tax Budget at 7:01 PM. Those present were offered a chance to comment or ask questions about the 2015 Tax Budget. There were no comments. Mayor Fischbach closed the hearing at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Pat Hauser. Mrs. Hauser made a short prepared statement summarizing the purpose of the Historic District Review Board. She asked Council about their support for the Penalty phase of anything within the Historic District Ordinance that is not being followed by residents and businesses. Mayor Fischbach stated that he and Council back the Historic District Review Board. Mrs. Hauser noted that some specific cases require Council action, with one in particular outstanding at this time. This particular case (resident) will be offered one more chance before being referred to Council for implementation of a penalty.

Mr. Wohlken noted that penalties in two prior cases were referred to Council and no action was taken. Mr. Johnston noted that in one of those cases, the Fire Department was sanctioned with a letter of reprimand but he added that the Fire Department is difficult to penalize. Mr. Hicks offered a solution whereby the Council could hold a public hearing on those cases referred to it by the Historic District. Mr. Wohlken asked who would issue a stop work order on those cases. Mr. Hicks suggested that the Chief of Police or the Mayor would issue the order.

Mr. Croup pointed out at least one home in a dilapidated condition that needs attention. Maintaining homes in the Village is very important.

Dr. Carolyn Weikart stated that she was here in support of the Historic District Review Board.

Mr. Garner asked why Rapids Road needed an alternate to finish paving from Carlton to south Village limit. Mayor Fischbach deferred to the

engineer, adding that it should have been added in the beginning, but that the money is available to complete it. About a month of time was lost due to the soil contamination.

Mr. Wohlken talked about poor work on Hickox Road in early 2000's and how it had to be redone. In addition his property pins were removed. Chief Smigelski will contact Mr. Hess to see about having the pins replaced.

Fire Department:

Chief Lewis was not available to report.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of May. There were 141 calls, 11 reports, 3 arrests, and 51 traffic stops. 2600 miles were put on the police cars and officers worked 883 hours. Memorial Day went well. There were no complaints regarding the closure of East Park/West Park around the square.

Safety Town is getting ready to go for early August. AAA Safe Driving for Seniors is being followed up on. Mr. Croup thanked the American Legion for Memorial Day events and the closing of the road.

Chief Smigelski, as Street Commissioner, reported that the Cemetery took more time than anticipated due to rain. The Street Department has picked up more responsibility with the addition of planting and maintaining flowers around the park. Sinkhole repairs on Indian Ridge and Carlton were completed.

Solicitor Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2014-14, declaring it necessary to levy a special assessment for the improvement of various streets within the Village of Burton by supplying said streets with electric lighting pursuant to O.R.C. §727.12 and O.R.C. §727.14, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes. Resolution 2014-14 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Resolution 2014-15, requesting tax advances for the second half real estate tax collection on July 3rd and July 11th and declaring an emergency, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles

Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes. Resolution 2014-15 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2268-14, adopting a tax budget for the year 2015 and declaring an emergency, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Brian Johnston – Yes. Ordinance 2268-14 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer

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

Mr. Paquette asked for comments or approval of minutes of the 9 June 2014 meeting. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mr. Paquette requested a Capital Improvement Plan meeting at the Mayors convenience.

Mr. Paquette reported that he was working on increased appropriations. Appropriations could increase by \$200,000 this year to cover expenses.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach reported that Mr. Ronyak met with the Burton Volunteer Fire Department to recover more parking from the lot on the south side of the Shibley building. Mayor Fischbach asked if Council had any problems with changing the parking from Fire Department only to public parking. Council had no problems. Mayor Fischbach directed Chief Smigelski to remove the Fire Department only signs.

Marcianne Kimpton complained about US flags being flown in non-traditional flag poles in front of and around Mary Briggs home on Spring Street. Chief Smigelski will investigate tomorrow.

Marcianne Kimpton brought up the fact that the Cemetery Board will be replacing a brass military plaque that was damaged by mowing. Future plaques will be placed on an angled foundation to prevent damage. On June 18 a preliminary Strategic Planning meeting was held at the American Legion with representatives from Village businesses and residents. The speaker was Kirby Date from Cleveland State University. Mayor Fischbach asked for a motion from Council giving permission to proceed with a comprehensive plan for the Village. Mr. Preston made a promise of \$10,000 to help draft the strategic plan for the Village. Mr.

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Hicks stated that there was a process necessary to go forward and he will prepare legislation for the next meeting.

Old Business:

Mayor Fischbach reported that the ODOT Burton Garage Repurposing meeting will be held 25 June at 9:00 AM at Berkshire Board of Education.

New Business:

No new business was introduced.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn and Mr. Johnston seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer