

**Council Meeting
24 November 2014**

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

Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen - Yes, Charles Boehnlein- Yes, Roberta Dobay- Yes.

Visitors: Jack Garner, Joe Kozial, Dianne Lillibridge, Lisa Hernandez, Ann Wishart, Judy Beaumier, Newell Beaumier, Jim Wohlken, Gayle Wohlken, Rick Smigelski, Marilyn Ferrara, Fred Welty, Todd Hicks.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mr. and Mrs. Beaumier on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mayor Fischbach read a proclamation to Judy and Newell congratulating them on the event.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported on the month of October. The office responded to 92 calls for assistance, wrote 16 reports, made 6 arrests, 17 traffic stops and put 3685 miles on the police cruisers. Officers worked 871.5 hours for month including 112 hours for the school resource officer.

Ms. Swaney asked about reported break-ins on Shannon Court. Chief Smigelski stated that the break-ins appeared to center around unlocked vehicles. Little was taken however an investigation will continue.

Mrs. Beaumier asked about the unfinished striping in the Village. Chief Smigelski stated that bids would be sought for a contract to stripe the village streets next year that will include a provision to complete the work in a specific time frame.

Mr. Wohlken asked about restrictions for parking on the street, specifically if anything could be done about having vehicles parking on both sides of the street versus one side or the other. Chief Smigelski stated that he recognized the problem however there are no rules concerning parking on that side street in place except for snow bans. Mayor Fischbach asked if snow plowing was an issue on those streets with cars parked on both sides. Chief Smigelski said no, they just get a notice to move or a ticket if they fail to comply.

Ms. Dobay asked if leaf pickup would continue. Chief Smigelski assured her that it would.

Solicitor Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2271-14, to approve, adopt and enact the 2014 replacement pages to the codified ordinances 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, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay –Yes. Ordinance 2271-14 passed.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2275-14, amending Section 1113.05(a) of the Codified Ordinance of the Village of Burton revising the fee schedule for zoning certificates, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney introduced Ordinance 2273-14, adopting an interim 2015 budget, and placed it on first reading.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor Fischbach asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Blair moved to pay approved bills and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayor Fischbach asked for comments or approval of minutes of the 10 November 2014 meeting minutes. Ms. Dahlhausen made corrections on page two, second paragraph, adding the word 'situation' to the end of the last sentence and on page 3, fourth paragraph, changing the second sentence to read 'adopt as amended' vice 'adopt as written'. Ms. Dahlhausen moved to adopt as amended and Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach reported that BPA was purchasing new remote read water meters for village residents and would be installing them as available.

Ms. Swaney asked about the Burton Fox Inn. Mayor Fischbach stated that Mr. Imars had appealed the decision of the Geauga County Building Department. The appeal will be heard before the Ohio Department of Commerce in Ashland County sometime in December.

Old Business:

Mrs. Lillibridge asked about the ordinance that was drafted to help the Village address home and property maintenance issues. Mayor

Fischbach stated that there was a lot going on in the Village right now and no progress had been made on the ordinance.

New Business:

Ms. Ferrara and Mr. Welty requested the Village Council consider passing an ordinance to prevent injection wells from being placed or used in the Village. Ms. Ferrara commented on the connection between injection wells and the potential for earthquakes as well as contamination of underground water sources. Ohio Department of Natural Resources is responsible for the oversight of injection wells; however, Ms. Ferrara noted that ODNR has a potential conflict of interest in that they also use the fees from well permits for a revenue source. Mr. Welty added that this ordinance is not directed against the oil and gas industry or fracking. The proposal is strictly aimed at injection wells. Ms. Ferrara provided a sample ordinance used by Cincinnati. Mr. Welty noted that in the case of an injection well in Hamden Township, those residents around the well site who were potentially affected by the effects of injection wells did not want their wells tested for fear of lost property value.

Mayor Fischbach expressed his concerns about water pollution from injection wells because Burton sits atop one of the biggest and best aquifers in the County.

Ms. Dahlhausen asked about budget preparation for 2015. Mayor Fischbach stated that he, Mr. Boehnlein and Mr. Paquette would be meeting on Tuesday and would have the budget information available for the next meeting.

Ms. Swaney moved to adjourn and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer