

**Council Meeting
22 June 2015**

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

Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Charles Boehnlein- Yes.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Fischbach called to order a public hearing to take comments about the 2016 tax budget for the Village at 7:05 PM. Mr. Paquette addressed those present and asked for questions. There being none, Mr. Paquette reminded those present that a copy of the Tax Budget is available for review in the Village Office. Mayor Fischbach closed the public hearing at 7:07 PM

Visitors: Jack Garner, Marcianne Kimpton, Ann Wishart, Todd Hicks, Marilyn Ferrara, Jesse DeWeese, Ken Lewis, Rick Smigelski, Linda Stone, Mike Sestak, Ken Berkowitz, Jonah Rosenblum, Brian Donaldson

Minutes:

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

Mayor Fischbach asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 8 June. Ms. Dahlhausen asked that Chief Smigelski's report be amended to include the quotes he provided. Ms. Dahlhausen moved to adopt the minutes as amended. Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2282-15, adopting the tax budget for fiscal year 2016 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, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Ordinance 2282-15 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2283–15, adding Section 521.12 to Chapter 521 of Part V of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Burton defining waste disposal in the Village, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Mr. Ronyak expressed reservations. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – No, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No. Ordinance 2283-15 is adopted.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach passed a copy of Chardon Ordinance 1319 to Council for them to read over and consider for discussion at the next meeting. The

Ordinance relates to standards governing the maintenance of structures in the Village.

Old Business:

Mayor Fischbach asked Mr. Paquette to explain the information provided to Council regarding Police and Fire Levy renewal. Mr. Paquette started by stating that the baseline financial information provided to Council in spreadsheet and chart form basically reinforced the need for Council to find other sources of revenue and/or reductions in expenditures or risk having the general fund become insolvent within four years. The baseline financials project out over the next five years. They do not include any funding for street or sidewalk capital improvements, vehicle purchases, salary increases, or facility maintenance. Nor does it include any inflation for health care, electricity, vehicle fuel, or parts. And it assumes that existing revenues remain constant including passage of police and fire levy renewals at current rates, on time.

Mr. Paquette offered five options to start discussion. Council could opt to replace the existing 2 Mill Police levy with a current 2 Mill levy. This would net approximately \$56,000 per year versus the current \$39,000 per year. Or Council could replace the existing 2 Mill Police levy with a new 3 Mill levy bringing in approximately \$86,400 per year. The Village could replace the 4.75 Mill Fire levy with a current 4.75 Mill Levy. This would bring in approximately \$136,800 per year. Or Council could request an increase in the income tax by a quarter to one half percent.

Council discussed some options. Mayor Fischbach asked the representatives of the fire department for their input. Mr. DeWeese recommended that the Village put on a replacement 7 Mill Fire levy. Council discussed. The Mayor asked Chief Smigelski for his input on the Police levy. Chief Smigelski recommended a replacement 2 Mill Police levy. Chief Smigelski also felt that the half percent income tax increase was the best overall option for the Village as it allowed for the most flexibility in the use of funds. Council discussed these two options. Mr. Paquette noted that any replacement levy would increase the cost to residents as the 10% rollback offered by the state will no longer be in effect. Mr. Hicks clarified for Council that any request for an increase in income tax above 1% had to be a vote of the residents. Mr. Paquette asked the Fire Department if they were recommending that the 7 Mill Fire levy be put on the ballot this November. They indicated that they would prefer that. Council also indicated that it would be worthwhile to include the replacement Police levy at the same time. Both would be early on their timeline.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to draft a resolution to request a certificate of need to replace the existing 4.75 Mill Fire levy with a 7 Mill Fire levy for a term of four years. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to draft a resolution to request a certificate of need to replace the existing 2 Mill Police levy with a 2 Mill Police levy for a term of three years. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes,

Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Motion passed.

New Business:

Mayor Fischbach briefed Council on the discussion of the revitalization district. Mr. Hicks was presented with a copy of the application letter from Mr. Craig Bednarek sent to the Mayor requesting the formation of a revitalization district. Mr. Hicks explained the process of requesting and setting up a revitalization district. This included the need for an application from someone requesting to be in the revitalization district. Once receiving this application the Mayor has a specific number of days to make a recommendation to Council. Then a public notice must be made in a local newspaper once a week for two weeks notifying the public of a requested formation of the district and a location to inspect the boundaries of the district. Council must pass an ordinance creating the district after holding a public hearing. Mr. Bednarek's letter acts as application and Mr. Hicks is reviewing for completeness. Mr. Paquette was directed to draft a public notice and advertise for the public hearing.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer