

**Council Meeting
9 March 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.

Visitors: Jack Garner, Joe Kozial, Debbie Palmisano, Rick Smigelski, Chad Eldridge, Lisa Hernandez, Judy Beaumier, Marcianne Kimpton, Jesse DeWeiss, Ben Berkowitz, Dan Murdock, David Jevnikar.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mr. Jevnikar. Mr. Jevnikar, representing Geauga TV, addressed on Council as they prepared to decide whether to renew the Village contract with Geauga TV for two years. Mr. Jevnikar reported that he had good feedback from Berkshire school on their programming, and that G-TV has the capability to televise Council meetings if Council wants to. G-TV is providing on demand video service for all programs in its archives. Some content is available on the internet at no cost, but that means some communities not paying for the service have access. Ms. Swaney asked if the Village could decide to return to G-TV, in the event they decided against renewing the contract. Mr. Jevnikar acknowledged that there was no fee involved for the Village leave and restart service. Mayor Fischbach asked how many residents received G-TV. Mr. Jevnikar offered a guess of 60% but was not really sure, but Time Warner protects its subscribers' privacy. Ms. Dahlhausen asked if the internet service was an extra fee. Mr. Jevnikar stated that there was not an extra fee. Video on demand is available now, however full time streaming was too expensive. The Mayor thanked Mr. Jevnikar for his information.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mrs. Kimpton. Mrs. Kimpton asked why the fire hydrants were not marked in the deep snow. Mrs. Beaumier added that in the past Lynn Rose had procured some markers and put them up. Could the Fire Department do the same? There was some question as to whether it was the duty of the Fire Department, Street or Utilities departments. Mr. Boehnlein asked if the color coding for hydrants was a requirement for the marker flags. He was told that color coding was optional. Mr. Boehnlein suggested the Village look into marking hydrants in the future.

Mrs. Kimpton had another question/comment. Mrs. Kimpton felt that parking on the street is questionable when snow is piled high. Chief Smigelski replied that under code 351, as long as the street has been plowed, vehicles are legally able to park in the street.

Mrs. Beaumier followed up on the earlier conversation about the marking of hydrants in the snow. Mrs. Beaumier asked if the Village should pursue marking the hydrants. The Fire Department representatives offered to install markers if the Village purchases them.

Arborist Report:

Ms. Palmisano, Village Arborist, stated that she had provided to Council a report on trees in the Village. The Tree Commission met and approved the work to be done on Mr. Lon Miller's tree. Independent Tree will be contracted to do the work. Ms. Palmisano reported that she had two prospects for the empty Tree Commission seat. Ms. Palmisano and Mr. Larson (Village Tree Commission) will be presenting the Village Master Tree Plan to Council in April. Street Department and Chief Smigelski will be assisting with in house tree removal in April. Mayor Fischbach noted that the Village had received accreditation as a Tree City for 2014.

The Mayor recognized Joe Kozial. Mr. Kozial acknowledged that he had attended the Berkshire School Board meeting prior to coming here and learned that the Berkshire and Ledgesmont School systems had made official their merger.

Fire Department Report:

Present were Jesse DeWeiss, Ben Berkowitz, and Dan Murdock, representing the Fire Department. They reported that pancake breakfasts were picking up as weather improved. Mayor Fischbach asked how things were going at the Department aside from the Fire Contract. Mayor Fischbach also asked if there were any items that needed to be purchased. The Fire Reps mentioned that they had sent a list of items to the Village. The main item requested is a compressor for filling air tanks. The cost to replace the compressor is \$21,000. Other items included replacement boots for \$5000 and helmets for \$3700. Ms. Dobay asked if every department had an air compressor. The Fire Reps stated that they did however a compressor is used very often by each department. Mayor Fischbach asked how many medics were on duty. Mr. Murdock replied one. Mayor Fischbach asked for total calls last month and was told those numbers would not be out until later this month.

Mrs. Beaumier asked if the Fire Department applied for grants. They replied that they did. Most recently the Fire Department applied for and received money to purchase a power cot.

Mr. Ronyak recommended that the Fire Department canvas local businesses for donations and suggested **that they stop in and see Mr. Ronyak.**

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of February 2015. There were 91 incidents, eight arrests and 26 traffic stops. 3685 miles were put on the police cars. Chief Smigelski noted that he is gathering information to lease two new

police cars. Chief Smigelski explained a little more about the parking issue on Spring Street.

As Street Commissioner, Chief Smigelski reported that the snow was handled with the minimum amount of salt necessary. The Village received 36 inches of snow. There were no large equipment breakdowns.

Mr. Boehnlein asked about the back hoe and its wiring problems. Chief Smigelski reported that a technician had isolated the problem to a fuse box and the wiring harness. Chief Smigelski will be consulting with Case, the manufacturer, about costs to repair the problem.

As mentioned earlier, the Street Department will be working with the Tree Commission to remove some trees in house.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Eldridge reported the following items.

The engineer is working with Ronyak Paving to complete the final items on the punch list for Rapids Road. Expecting final grading and seeding as weather permits. All other improvements complete.

The new eight inch water line on Memorial Drive is installed, tested and approved. The final clean up, grading and seeding will be done when weather permits.

The plans for the water treatment effluent pump tank are complete except for electrical. The plans are currently being reviewed by Ohio EPA. Expect bidding by the end of the month and construction in May or June.

Mr. Hess is working with Arcadis and BPA to review WWTP scope of project and budget. A meeting with OEPA will take place in the next week or two to discuss this.

Ronyak's are planning to install a drive out on to Colony Lane to allow their trucks to have direct access to west bound Route 87. A lot split and zoning change is being contemplated.

Mayor Fischbach reviewed the plans of BPA with regard to the Wastewater Treatment plant. He noted that BPA was concerned with the cost of the plant and attempting to scale back the design. Mr. Garner asked if this could handle a new school. Both Mayor Fischbach and Mr. Boehnlein stated that this plant would not be affected by the new school and that the new school was at least five years away.

Mr. Paquette asked Mr. Eldridge if he knew the cost of the pump tank construction including engineering. Mr. Eldridge did not but thought that Mr. Hess would have the information. Mr. Paquette will speak to Mr. Hess at the BPA meeting on 10 March.

Zoning:

Mr. Gruber was not available to report. Mayor Fischbach asked Chief Smigelski if he had worked with Mr. Gruber on charges against residents not in

compliance with Village code. Chief Smigelski stated that he had and the information about the hearing is available on line with Chardon Municipal Court.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2278-15, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Geauga Cable Access Corporation to provide local cable television programming for a period of two years, on second reading. Mayor Fischbach noted that the programming seemed to be favored by seniors. Mayor Fischbach reported receiving a call from Charlie Caputo specifically asking him to maintain the contract with G TV. Mr. Ronyak moved to adopt Ordinance 2278-15 and Mr. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – No, Roberta Dobay – No, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Linda Swaney – No. The vote being tied Mayor Fischbach was obliged to cast the tie breaker. Mayor Fischbach voted Yes. Motion passed. Ordinance 2278-15 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Ordinance 2280-15, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Debbie Palmisano, doing business as Greenwoman, Inc. for professional services commencing 1 May 2015 and ending 30 April 2016, and placed it on first reading.

Fiscal Officer Report:

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

Mayor Fischbach asked for comments or approval of the minutes of 23 February 2015. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the minutes of 23 February as written and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach noted that the WWTP had been reported on earlier. Mayor Fischbach reported that the grant for the strategic plan do not go through. Mayor Fischbach is meeting with Kirby Date next week to talk about a plan utilizing the \$10,000 donation. The Historic District Association president, Linda Stone, sent a letter to Mayor Fischbach stating their support of the Village's Strategic plan.

Council Committees:

BPA and Local Government – C. Ronyak

Mr. Ronyak noted that the Mayor had already covered the WWTP. Mr. Ronyak reported that the Village is continuing to install remote read meters that can be read by a handheld device. BPA meets on 10 March at 6 PM. Mr. Ronyak reported that he attempted to attend the Burton Township meeting but it was cancelled.

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BCPA will be meeting on Thursday at Burton Township. Anyone with an article or input for the newsletter should contact Ms. Dahlhausen or Mrs. Pikus.

Health District Rep, BZA, Finance – C. Boehnlein

Mr. Boehnlein reported that there is a BZA meeting on 19 March.

Historic District Association, Grants, Century Village – L. Swaney

The Historic District Association is a stand-alone nonprofit, separate and distinct from the Village. The Historic District Association is meeting with the Cleveland Foundation for help in possibly setting up its own foundation. No committee has requested assistance for a project grant. Ms. Swaney noted that nothing was going on at Century Village requiring her attendance at this time.

Cemetery, Trees and Parks – R. Dobay

Cemetery met and is discussing new exit and entrance signs. The Cemetery board is also looking into the cost of replacing the older flower urns. Ms. Dobay deferred her Trees Commission report to Ms. Palmisano's earlier report.

Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission – T. Blair

The merger of Ledgemont and Berkshire schools was finalized tonight according to Mr. Kozial. Chamber of Commerce meets on 12 Mar and the Maple Syrup season looks to be a late one due to snow. The Planning Commission has not met.

Old Business:

No old business was brought before Council.

New Business:

Ms. Dahlhausen asked the Mayor when the last Capital Improvement Plan meeting was held and if one was planned. Mayor Fischbach stated that he would first need to meet with Mr. Boehnlein and Mr. Paquette about finances before calling that meeting.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn and Ms. Dahlhausen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer