

**Council Meeting
12 January 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, Lee Koroshes, Jane Koroshes, Pat Hauser, Nate Ullman, Ann Wishart, Debbie Palmisano, Lisa Hernandez.

Mayor Fischbach welcomed everyone to the opening meeting of Council in 2015. Mayor Fischbach reviewed the coming year's rules of Council. Public input will only be allowed at the first Council meeting of the month with the second being reserved for legislation approval. Discussion of upcoming legislation and committee reports will be at the first meeting of the month.

Mayor Fischbach asked Council to elect a Council President for the current year. Mr. Ronyak nominated Mr. Boehnlein and moved for a vote. Mayor Fischbach asked for other nominations. There being none, Mayor Fischbach called for a second. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen - Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Mr. Boehnlein is Council President.

Mayor Fischbach made committee assignments for Council as follows:
Linda Swaney - Historic District Association/Century Village /Grants
Craig Ronyak – BPA/Local Government
Tom Blair –Planning Commission/School/Chamber of Commerce
Roberta Dobay – Tree Commission/Cemetery Board
Charles Boehnlein – Health District/Board of Zoning Appeals/Finance
Jennell Dahlhausen – Berkshire Community Planning Assoc./Newsletter
A table of organization was provided to Council and filed with the Village Office. Mayor Fischbach will represent Fire and Police.

Ms. Swaney asked if it was understood that many of the Committee assignments were just as representatives. Mayor Fischbach agreed. Ms. Swaney also reminded Council that if they wanted a grant they needed to contact her and let her know what they wanted.

Mayor Fischbach recognized visitors.
Nate Ullman, a senior attending Notre Dame Cathedral Latin, was attending the Council meeting as a school project.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Debbie Palmisano. Ms. Palmisano reported as Village arborist. The tree city application was completed. A quote was requested for stump grinding. Street Commission will be working with Ms. Palmisano on brush trimming at the gazebo in the park.

Mayor Fischbach recognized Mr. Koroshes. Mr. Koroshes requested use of the park for the Easter Egg Hunt on 5 April. Mr. Koroshes also asked if Police were looking into street lights that are out in front of the Library and at Elmar and 87. Mayor Fischbach will pass it on.

Mr. Garner asked if the Village could take advantage of the price break for road salt that the County receives by combining with the state. Mr. Paquette explained that the Village purchases salt from Morton Salt Company at a contracted price. The Village stores salt at the ODOT salt dome but can only put salt in the bin if there is room. The group contract done by the County was only offered to a few townships early in the year. The Village and Claridon Township are looking into joining the group next season.

Mrs. Hernandez asked about the recent robbery at the gas station. She stated that she never received a call about the danger of a criminal on foot in the area although that information later turned out to be erroneous. Mayor Fischbach assured her that had there been a situation that required the notification of residents, the police would have done so.

Mrs. Hauser asked about Burton Fox Inn repairs and Mr. Imars appeal. Mayor Fischbach reported that Mr. Imars lost his appeal to halt the County order of repair. Mr. Imars has the ability to appeal that decision to the courts. The Village is awaiting the County's next move to enforce the action.

Fiscal Officer:

The minutes for 8 Dec 2014 were not made available to Council at this meeting and will be reviewed at the Council meeting of 26 Jan 2015.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2015-01, requesting tax advances for the first half real estate tax collection on January 28th and February 6th and declaring an emergency. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney

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– Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2015-01 and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Resolution 2015-01 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2015-02, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from A01 General Fund to B01 Street, B03 Cemetery Operating, B05 Police, B08 Fire and Rescue Fund, D03 Equipment Capitalization, and D06 Facilities Capitalization and declaring an emergency. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2015-02 and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Resolution 2015-02 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2015-03, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from E01 Water Operating Fund to E13 Water Distribution and E15 Water Replacement Funds and declaring an emergency. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2015-03 and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Resolution 2015-03 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2015-04, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from E02 Sewer Operating Fund to E6B Sewer Bond and Interest Fund and declaring an emergency. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2015-04 and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein –

Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Resolution 2015-04 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2015-05, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to advance appropriated funds from A01 General Fund to D04 Street Capitalization and declaring an emergency. Ms. Swaney moved to waive further readings and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2015-05 and 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. Resolution 2015-05 is adopted.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Fischbach reviewed the proposed budget summary with Council. Mr. Paquette noted that the highlighted items were changes in the original proposed budget to include covering costs associated with work not completed at the end of 2014. The Rapids Road project punch list is a work in progress along with increased planned purchases for tree removal and water meters.

Mayor Fischbach discussed the current status of the Strategic Planning group. Mayor Fischbach spoke to Ms. Kirby Date and learned that we can expect to know the results of our grant request by the end of January.

With regard to the school consolidation, there are discussions taking place to consolidate Ledgesmont, Cardinal, Berkshire and Newbury School districts to include building a new junior senior high school on property at Kent State Geauga. Mayor Fischbach recommended annexation of the property into the Village and has asked the Solicitor to look into the process. Ms. Swaney asked if a JEDD was being considered. Mayor Fischbach would bring it up as an alternative although it hadn't worked before. Mr. Blair stated that this was a good opportunity to do something for the advanced students of Berkshire and other area schools. Ms. Swaney asked if the water and sewer plant designs would accommodate the new school. Mayor Fischbach stated that he would follow up with BPA.

Old Business:

Mayor Fischbach asked Council if they had looked over the proposed rules and regulations suggested for Council. Ms. Dahlhausen stated that she had received 2 comments. Ms. Swaney and Mr. Ronyak indicated that they would send their individual comments to Ms. Dahlhausen later this week.

Mr. Boehnlein asked about the ordinance on final reading in December 2014. Mr. Paquette stated that he would advertise the public hearing for the ordinance to take place at the next Council if there were no objections. Council had no stated objections.

Mr. Blair discussed the proposed fire and rescue services contract with Council. Burton Township and Claridon Township agreed to an overall increase of 2.5% for the 2015 contract year. The Village portion of the contract would remain the same as 2014. Mr. Blair moved to accept an overall contract increase of 2.5% with the Village share of the contract remaining the same. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes.

Mayor Fischbach stated that after discussing matters with Mr. Boehnlein he would propose a 3.5% pay increase across the board for all employees. With consideration for Mrs. Pikus' mid turn review, Mayor Fischbach recommended a 3.5% increase and a separate 1% increase. In the future raises will be merit based. Ms. Dahlhausen asked to see the employee evaluations before voting. The discussion will continue at the 26 Jan meeting after Council review of evaluations.

New Business:

Mayor Fischbach asked Council to approve a donation of \$500 and use of the park for the Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Boehnlein moved to allow Mr. and Mrs. Koroshes use of the Village Park and a donation of \$500 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Jennell Dahlhausen – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn and Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer