

**Council Meeting
28 September 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 – No, Jennell Dahlhausen – No, Charles Boehnlein – Yes.

Visitors: Jack Garner, Marcianne Kimpton, Ann Wishart, Judy Beaumier, Joe Kozial, Lisa Hernandez, Holly Lynn, Dianne Lillibridge, Richard Chambers, Tom Erickson, Craig Swenson, Patricia Hauser.

Mayor Fischbach invited Mr. Craig Swenson, Administrative Director of Geauga JFS. Mr. Swenson spoke to those present about passage of Issue 30, a .5 mill additional levy specifically for Children’s Services. One half a mill will bring in approximately \$1.5 million, that is \$17.50 per \$100,000 value of a home. Currently JFS Children’s has a staff of approximately 30 investigating around 502 cases last year in regards to child abuse, neglect and dependence. Services include support to families and preventative services like Help Me Grow and Ravenwood. 66 children are in the custody of JFS and JFS is always actively seeking foster families. Right now the department is losing \$66,000 a month in expenses out of its reserve fund. Failure of the levy would push the Children Services division back to strictly statutory duties.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. M. 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 14 September. Mr. Paquette reported that Ms. Dahlhausen had suggested corrections on page 4, third paragraph to correct Ms. Swaney introducing and seconding Resolution 2015-21 by adding Mr. Boehnlein as making the motion to waive readings; corrections on page 5, remove the Mr. at the end of the first paragraph; and add Cardinal declined to take Ledgemont in the fourth paragraph. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept as amended. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2015-20, requesting the County Auditor to certify to the taxing authority the total tax valuation of the subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by an additional levy of 2.25 mills and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading.

Mayors Report:

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Mayor Fischbach noted that Strategic Planning Survey would be a valuable tool for the next Mayor but is postponing the vote until the next Council meeting. Mayor Fischbach stated that he is seeking a yes or no vote on the survey.

The Planning Commission was scheduled to meet on 29 September but only two members were available so it is rescheduled for 13 October at 7 PM.

Mayor Fischbach reported that he had heard that the Village sign on the west end of the Village is broken. Mr. Paquette reported that he also reported it to the Police Department.

Old Business

Mayor Fischbach asked Council to hold off discussion of the revision to the Historic District Ordinance, Chapter 159 until next meeting. Mayor Fischbach mentioned that he wanted the Planning Commission to look this over also.

Mayor Fischbach asked Council to prepare to decide on one half percent increase or one quarter percent increase of the income tax at the next meeting.

New Business:

No new business was introduced.

Ms. Swaney moved to adjourn and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Mayor/President Pro Tempore

Fiscal Officer