SUMMARY

Mayor Doug Heitman called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees and guests.

Approval of Minutes
Mayor Doug Heitman called for the approval of the March 8, 2012.

Motion: City Manager Joe Scherer  
Second: Mayor Gary Goosman

Financial Report
Mayor Wiehl reported $2,304.36 remains in the bank account.

Presentations/ Discussion

Local Government Innovation Fund Information Session
Thea Walsh, Deputy Chief of the Office of Redevelopment, passed out copies of a PowerPoint presentation titled Local Government Innovation Fund. The following are highlights from that presentation:
The LGIF program preferences include projects that promote collaboration, merger, and shared services among local governments, as well as, projects that facilitate improved business environments and promote community attraction.

Funds being allocated for this project total $45 million. Walsh stated, “Grants are for thinking and our loans are for doing.” There is $9 million set aside for grants and 36 million for loans (revolving loan fund). Grant funding may not exceed $100,000 per project. Loans funding: exceed $100,000 per entity with a maximum award of $500,000 per project.

The Local Government Innovation Council provides oversight. Their meeting dates are 6/1/12 and 9/4/12. Selection awards will be announced at these meetings.

Grant agreements have contractor performance based payment terms and are biannually awarded. Loan agreements are:

- 0% interest
- 11 year term
- Amortized over 10 yrs.
- 1st year grace period
- Awarded quarterly

Listed are Round 2 Dates and Deadlines:

- Applications can be accepted today
- Feasibility Study Due by **May 16, 2012**
- Deadline for loan applications **June 1, 2012**
- Application cure period **July 2nd – July 31st**
- Round two award notifications made in **September, 2012**

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**Old Business**

**2012 Benchmark Survey**
Mayor Heitman announced that the Benchmark Surveys have been sent out to all members either electronically and by mail. They are due by May 10th and should be sent to the following address:  
Robert Gordon  
Building 22, The Ridges  
Athens, OH 45701

**Report of Committees**
There were no committee reports.
New Business

May Meeting
Mayor Heitman announced that the next meeting for the Mayors’ will be in Jackson, OH at Cardo’s pizza at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged members to outreach to villages that do not normally attend specifically, mayors that work during the day.

Information Roundtable
Mayor Heitman opened the up for a roundtable discussion of current projects, interest and concerns.

Announcements

Next Meeting:
Mayors’ Partnership for Progress Meeting
May 10, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
Cardo’s Pizza
19 W. South Street
Jackson, OH 45640

The meeting was adjourned.