

**Burton Village Council
11 May 2009**

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

Roll Call: Judy Beaumier, Yes, Gerald Rouge, Yes, Linda Swaney, Yes, Darren LaForce, Yes, Jeff Coleman, Yes.

Visitors: Jack Garner, Dianne Lillibridge, Charlie Cadwallader, Marcianne Kimpton, Joyce Blair, Lee Koroshes, Joe Kozial, Chad Eldridge, Jennell Dahlhausen.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Eldridge of Hess and Associates reported that the North Cheshire plans and drawings were substantially complete and the bid was going out to advertisement on 15 May and 22 May with bid opening on 3 June. In a small change to the decision made at the 30 April meeting, paving will be a three inch mill with three inches of fill to accommodate existing catch basin drain levels.

Fire Report:

Fire Department representative was not available to report. Mr. LaForce reported that the Fire Department had 23 EMS calls in the Village in April and 6 Fire calls. During the same period Burton Township had 11 EMS calls and 2 Fire. To date the Department has responded to 237 calls, comparable to 283 by this date last year.

Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Ronyak was not available to report.

Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Paquette reported that the Capital Improvement Plan was still being developed, awaiting further input. Council had no nomination to the District 7 OPWC Integrating Committee. A ballot will be forthcoming from the District Chairman for voting by the Village Council. The 2010 Tax Budget is being prepared and will be presented to Council at the next meeting. A Public Hearing will need to be advertised and scheduled. Mr. Paquette is preparing an amended appropriations request to cover the OPWC grant for North Cheshire. T-Mobile Cellular has started paying the Village again for use of the water tower for their antenna. T-Mobile had held payments to compensate for the cost of removing the antenna while the tower was painted.

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Mr. Paquette is obtaining quotes for employee health insurance. The renewal date is August.

Mr. Paquette requested a motion to pay all approved bills. Mr. Coleman moved to pay all approved bills. Mrs. Beaumier seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance and Grants: Mr. Rougé

Mr. Rougé reported that finances are in order. Nothing further to report.

Board of Zoning Appeal and Fire Department: Mr. LaForce

BZA has not met. The Fire Department report was given earlier.

Local Government and Cemetery: Mrs. Beaumier

The Cemetery Board will meet this Wednesday. Mrs. Kimpton planted flowers in the urns. An address sign is being added to the Welton Cemetery sign. The Cemetery is being prepared for Memorial Day. Drainage issues are being discussed.

Mrs. Beaumier attended the Burton Township meeting and reported that the Township discussed zoning and the road plan, the Township Cemetery is contracting for foundations. First Energy Solutions made a presentation.

Streets and Board of Public Affairs: Mr. Coleman

Mr. Coleman reported that the Park was being spruced up with mulch around the trees. The flower beds around the square are being prepared. Trees for Arbor Day were picked up and will be planted in the park and cemetery. Cemetery maintenance is underway with attention to making it look good for Memorial Day. Some street signs were vandalized and are being replaced. Brush Chipping and Spring Clean up were completed without problems. The Storm Sewer cleaner is in the shop being repaired. Storm Sewers will be cleaned out later this month. Street sweeping is scheduled for 18 May 2009.

Council and visitors commented on how nice the new pedestrian crossing signs looked. Mr. Coleman asked for permission to purchase 5 more. Council discussed. Mr. Coleman moved to purchase 5 single sided pedestrian crossing signs to be paid for from Contingency in the General Fund. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Judy Beaumier – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes. Motion carried.

Mr. LaForce mentioned that BPA was looking for an explanation about use of water to fill non BVFD trucks when there was no fire.

Forestry, Parks and Architectural Review Board: Open
Arbor day is on May 16, Memorial Day is May 25.

Planning Commission, Economic Committee and Historic District

Association: Ms. Swaney

Ms. Swaney reported that the Planning Commission has not met. Mr. Rougé is taking over the duties of reporting on the Economic Development Committee. Mr. Rougé noted that he is getting up to speed and looking over the information.

Ms. Swaney will be handling the Berkshire Community Planning Association meetings in the future for Mr. Rougé.

The Historic District Association, with the help of Mr. Motil, is prepared to receive the brass plaque for the cannon in the Park. The cost is expected to be approximately \$1,000.00. Council discussed. Ms. Swaney moved to have the General Fund pay \$500.00 towards the plaque. Mr. Rougé seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Judy Beaumier – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blair reported that Ms. Humbert has stepped down as a Council member and the open seat is being advertised by Ms. Dahlhausen. Candidates may be interviewed by Council as soon as the next meeting. The BPA meeting has been moved to May 19.

The Mayor ended his report by encouraging Council and visitors to attend the Arbor Day and Memorial Day celebrations in the Village.

Old Business:

Ms. Swaney requested the Council take another look at bidding and policy procedures. Ms. Swaney commented that she was interested in a policy but felt that the initial amounts were too low. Council discussed. Mr. LaForce agreed to coordinate the gathering of data from departments. Mr. Paquette will draft a memo asking for input.

Mr. Paquette asked who to make the check out to for the flower beds being put in. Mrs. Blair and Council stated that it should be the Burton Chamber of Commerce.

New Business:

Ms. Swaney stated that she received a donation from Wal-Mart Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to go toward Safety Town. Mayor Blair commented that it was a great program.

Ms. Swaney reviewed the Village news letter and will give a draft copy to Council as soon as it is ready.

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The Mayor recognized Mrs. Blair. Mrs. Blair congratulated Council on the way the new pedestrian crossing signs looked.

Mrs. Blair spoke to Council about a volunteer project happening at Century Village. In the style of the Victory Garden of World War II, the Century Village has agreed to provide several 10' by 10' plots to be used by Village residents on a first come first serve basis to grow vegetables. Max Motil Inc. has agreed to till and prepare the soil for as many plots as required. Mrs. Blair asked Council to help determine the amount of interest there might be so that the number of plots could be determined. Mrs. Beaumier asked if there were any stipulations on what could be grown. Mrs. Blair stated that no corn would be allowed. Mr. LaForce asked if some kind of waiver of liability were necessary. Council discussed. The Century Village and Mrs. Blair will be handling the logistics of assigning plots.

Mrs. Beaumier announced that the American Legion post is holding a steak roast to raise money.

Mrs. Beaumier asked Council to come up with a consistent method for selecting a new Council member to fill a vacant seat. In the past it has been done both in executive session and with nominees only asked to leave chambers. Council discussed.

Mr. Coleman asked for an explanation concerning Mr. Wozniak's pay raise. Mr. Rougé explained that the original amount was reduced upon notice that Mr. Wozniak had received a raise in the prior year.

Mrs. Beaumier moved to use executive session to determine the next Council member to fill the vacant seat. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Judy Beaumier – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Darren LaForce – No. Motion carries.

Mrs. Beaumier moved to adjourn and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Mayor _____ **Fiscal Officer** _____