

**Burton Village Council  
26 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, Craig Ronyak, Charlie Hauser, Marcianne Kimpton, Joe Kozial, Josh Echt, Jennell Dahlhausen, Holly Lynn.

**Police Report:**

Chief Smigelski reported that in April the Department had 220 calls, worked 830 hours and made 15 traffic stops and one arrest. Easter Egg hunt went well.

The "Click it or Ticket" campaign to increase public awareness of seatbelt safety is underway through the month of May. Participation in the event will result in a free radar unit for the police department.

Safety Town is scheduled for August at the Berkshire Elementary School. If the new gymnasium is complete, the Department will mark out a Safety Town on the pavement in the school yard.

Mr. LaForce asked how training was going and Chief Smigelski replied that it should be completed by mid July.

The new Police Tahoe has been ordered.

Mr. Paquette asked Chief Smigelski if he had a Traffic Control Map in the Police Office. Chief replied that he had a hand drawn one used by the Police. Mr. Paquette will coordinate with the Chief.

Ms. Dahlhausen reminded Council that National Incident Management System training was mandatory for elected officials in order for the Village to receive FEMA money if needed. Once training is completed an Ordinance certifying compliance must be passed. The deadline is 31 December 2009. Geauga County EMA has offered to provide the training to the Village officials as a group in order to meet this goal. Council discussed. Mr. Coleman moved to have the required training on a Monday in place of a second meeting in June. Mrs. Beaumier seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Judy Beaumier – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes. Motion passed.

Council discussed the possibility of meeting only once a month during the summer. Mr. Hicks noted that a change of schedule would require an ordinance to be adopted. Mr. Paquette will prepare for the next meeting.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Mrs. Beaumier placed Resolution 2009-10, stating a necessity to levy a special assessment for the improvement of various streets within the Village by supplying electric lighting, on second reading.

Mrs. Beaumier introduced Resolution 2009-16, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to request an amended certificate of resources and appropriations regarding capital improvements and special revenue funds, and placed it on first reading.

Mr. Coleman introduced resolution 2009-18, requesting tax advances from the second half real estate tax collection on 6 and 20 July 2009 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Coleman moved to waive further readings. Mr. LaForce seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Judy Beaumier – Yes.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2009-18. Mr. LaForce seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Judy Beaumier – Yes. Resolution 2009-18 is adopted.

Mr. Coleman introduced Ordinance 2181-09, adopting the tax budget for Fiscal Year 2010 and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading.

Mr. Paquette requested a motion to pay approved bills. Mrs. Beaumier moved to pay approved bills. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mrs. Beaumier moved to adopt the Council minutes of 27 April 2009 as written. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mrs. Beaumier moved to adopt the Council minutes of 30 April 2009 as written. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mrs. Beaumier moved to adopt the Council minutes of 11 May 2009 as written. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mr. Paquette stated that a public hearing will be needed at the next meeting to allow public comment on the Tax Budget.

Mr. Paquette is obtaining quotes for employee health insurance and requested permission to have all full time employees fill out a health care release form to obtain quotes.

Mr. Paquette noted that he is working with the Mayor and Mr. Johnson incorporating Mr. Hicks proposed changes to the draft Personnel Manual. Ms. Dahlhausen asked if the job descriptions were included. Council discussed. The Mayor felt that a Council member needed to be involved. The Mayor will coordinate.

**Mayors Report:**

Mayor Blair reported that the Memorial Day Celebration went very well and the Park and Cemetery looked great.

**Old Business;**

Ms. Lynn of the Burton Public Library asked permission from Council to hang 5 or 6 banners in the area of the Library Garden to commemorate the Library's centennial. The banners will go up in the fall. Mr. Rougé moved to allow the Library to put up the banners as requested. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mayor Blair asked Mr. LaForce if he had any discussion on the bidding policy. Mr. LaForce reported that he had only just received the Cemetery suggestions and comments and nothing from anyone else. The matter was deferred until the next meeting.

**New Business;**

Mayor Blair asked if anyone in the audience was interested in filling the post of Ms. Humbert as Council member. Mr. Craig Ronyak volunteered. There being no others, Ms. Swaney nominated and moved to appoint Mr. Craig Ronyak to the unfilled term of Ms. Humbert. Mr. LaForce seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Gerald Rougé – No, Judy Beaumier – Yes. Mr. Ronyak immediately tendered his resignation as Village Zoning Inspector. Mayor Blair accepted his resignation and swore Mr. Ronyak in as a Council member.

Mrs. Beaumier asked the Mayor about the business map at the log cabin and whether the Chamber of Commerce had taken steps to update it. Mayor Blair suggested some alternatives that he is working on and asked that a Council member follow-up. No further discussion at this time.

Ms. Lynn noted that Founders Day is 20 June with a rain day of 21 June.

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

The Mayor reported that there are 10 people interested in Garden plots in the Century Village.

The Garden Tour is moving forward.

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn and Mrs. Beaumier seconded the motion. By voice vote all approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

**Mayor** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fiscal Officer** \_\_\_\_\_