

**Burton Village Council
23 November 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, No, Craig Ronyak, Yes.

Visitors: Dianne Lillibridge, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Josh Echt, Richard Smigelski, Charles Hauser, Charles Cadwallader, Jennell Dahlhausen, Newell Beaumier, Kurt Updegraff, Chip Hess.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski presented to Council the report for the month of November.

In November officers responded to 224 activity calls and put 3779 miles put on the police vehicles. The Police participated in the Apple Butter Festival and three other functions.

Chief Smigelski reported that Bryan JAG grants were likely to be made available to Police Departments next year for help in purchasing digital radios. A 50/50 match is possible. The Chief discussed the requirements the Village must meet in order to qualify for the Grant. Next years budget includes some money set aside for the purchase of these radios. Mr. LaForce asked if the inclusion of NIMS training was important. Chief Smigelski stated that it was.

Mr. Rougé asked the Chief to keep an eye on the stop signs at Goodwin and Hickox. Many cars have been seen to roll through the area without stopping.

Solicitor Report:

Mr. Hicks was not available to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mrs. Beaumier placed Ordinance 2187-09, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into a two year agreement with Thrasher, Dinsmore and Dolan to act as Village Solicitor on final reading and moved to adopt. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Judy Beaumier – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Gerald Rouge – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Ordinance 2187-09 is passed.

Mrs. Beaumier read Ordinance 2188-09, authorizing and adopting the changes to the 2009 Codified Ordinances of the Village, and placed it on second reading.

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Mrs. Beaumier read Ordinance 2189-09, authorizing and adopting the 2010 interim budget, and placed it on second reading.

Mrs. Beaumier introduced Ordinance 2190-09, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Hess and Associates as the Village engineer for two years, and placed it on first reading.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Mr. Paquette asked Council for a motion to pay all approved bills. Mrs. Beaumier so moved. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion- by voice vote motion approved.

Mr. Paquette asked Council if there were any comments or changes to the 9 November minutes. Mr. LaForce included a change to the minutes on page 4, under Streets and BPA committee report in the second paragraph, after the second sentence add the sentence "Mr. LaForce recommended that consideration be given to fabricating replacement parts for the existing salt hopper". Ms. Swaney included a change at the top of page two in the sentence beginning "Ms. Swaney, Mrs. Beaumier, Mr. LaForce, Mr. Ronyak, and Mr. Rougé stated that they did not contact Ms. Fisher" and adding "and/or had anything to do with the matter. Mayor Blair indicated such with a head nod". Mrs. Beaumier moved to adopt the minutes as amended. Mr. Rougé seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mr. Paquette deferred his report until old business and the discussion of the 2010 budget.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blair and Ms. Swaney introduced Mr. Kurt Updegraff as the newest member of the Architectural Review Board and expressed their gratitude at his participation. Mr. Updegraff's credentials are essential for the Village to obtain Certified Local Government status. Ms. Swaney moved to appoint Mr. Updegraff as a member of the Architectural Review Board. Mrs. Beaumier seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Judy Beaumier – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Motion passed
Mayor Blair swore Mr. Updegraff into the Board.

Mayor Blair informed Council that the Planning Commission has approved a lot split in the Village.

Mayor Blair informed Council that the 14 December Council meeting will be a joint meeting with the Board of Public Affairs. The primary objective

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of the joint meeting will be to discuss the Wastewater treatment plant and the recent inflow/infiltration study.

Mayor Blair pointed out that the Village has Holiday lighting and decorations in place but there have been repeated acts of vandalism included destruction of lights and attempted burning of the Christmas tree display.

Old Business;

Mr. Paquette asked Council to discuss the recommendations he provided to cut the 2010 budget. Mr. Paquette started out with proposed adjustments to the Capital Street and Sidewalk budgets. Mr. Paquette recommended cutting \$65,000 from the 2010 budget. Mr. Paquette also presented Mr. Coleman's more modest cuts of approximately \$30,000. Mr. Ronyak asked why we didn't go after Issue II funding in 2010. Mr. Paquette explained the procedures for obtaining the funding, focusing on finding the Village share and the need for a Capital Improvement Plan. There were no projects offered in 2009 when Mr. Paquette approached Council and BPA. Ms. Swaney asked about how funding takes place. Mr. Paquette explained that the Village has to certify the availability of its portion of the funds for any project. The last project required 70% participation from the Village to get 30% grant funding from the State. Council discussed.

Mrs. Beaumier made some specific suggestions for reducing the budget including doing away with fall brush pickup, stopping overtime use for clearing sidewalks and possibly doing away with clothing allowances. Mr. Ronyak suggested reducing personnel. Council discussed these options briefly. Mr. Paquette asked that Council mark up the budget with their suggested corrections, deletions or additions and send them to the Village Office for incorporation into a master summary.

Ms. Swaney updated Council on tree removal and trimming in the Village. Mr. Motil is obtaining two quotes for trimming and removal of certain trees and will present those quotes at the next Tree Commission meeting. There are some emergency removals near Hickox Street that will be taken care of immediately.

Ms. Swaney reported that she met with Mia Moore (The Illuminating Company), The Illuminating Company director of Forestry and an Illuminating Company arborist along with the CEO and supervisor of Nelson Tree Trimming company regarding the power company's trimming of trees along power lines in the Village. The Village, through Ms. Swaney, has expressed their concern to The Illuminating Company about the apparent over aggressive cutting performed on the trees in the Village. Ms. Swaney reported that while the Illuminating Company and Nelson Tree listened, they do not intend to change anything. Ms. Swaney

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mentioned that they failed to contact the Village Office or Tree Commission as required. As The Illuminating Company/Nelson saw it, they talked to the Mayor and that was enough. Mrs. Beaumier suggested that the Tree Commission draft a letter to The Illuminating Company and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio expressing the Village's concerns. Mr. Newell Beaumier recommended that a copy of the letter be sent to the National Arbor Day Foundation (TREE CITY USA). Ms. Swaney will take this recommendation to the Tree Commission.

Mr. Hess mentioned that the new riser for the storm sewer at North Cheshire and Ford will be arriving soon and that Ronyak Bros. had submitted a quote. The grate and riser will only come up an additional two inches.

Mr. Rougé suggested that the Council reconsider the final meeting in December as it is a very busy time of the year.

New Business;

Ms. Swaney described to Council the work done raking leaves around the Village and the Park by the local Cub Scout Pack. Ms. Swaney suggested inviting the boys to Council on December 14 and thanking them for their work. The scouts will be given certificates of appreciation and asked to lead the pledge of allegiance. Council agreed. Ms. Swaney will make the necessary invitations.

Mrs. Beaumier notified everyone that the American Legion Auxiliary is holding a Breakfast with Santa next weekend. There will also be a craft show on 28 November. Proceeds go to the American Legion Auxiliary scholarship fund.

Mr. LaForce asked if the salt program followed by the Village Street Department last year will be in effect again this year. Mr. Paquette stated that he had discussed with Mr. Motil and that is the plan.

Mrs. Beaumier moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor _____ **Fiscal Officer** _____