

25 April 2011 Council

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

Roll Call: Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Rick Smigelski, Marty Motil, Todd Hicks, Chip Hess, Chad Eldridge, Judy Beaumier, Newell Beaumier.

Police Report: Chief Smigelski

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of March 2011. Police responded to 360 activity calls, made 3 arrests, and 42 traffic stops. Officers worked 761 hours and put 3605 miles on the police cars.

Chief Smigelski reported that two officers were assigned to patrol during the Easter egg hunt on Saturday 23 April.

Chief Smigelski stated that he had successfully completed police leadership training.

Solicitor:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2011-13, amending Section 5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Welton Cemetery Board concerning foundation requirements and placed it on first reading.

Ms. Swaney introduced Ordinance 2217-11, amending Section 913.02 of the Burton Village Codified Ordinances to revise the Tree Commission member requirements and placed it on first reading.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2220-11, amending Ordinance No. 1113.05(A) to increase the zoning permit fees in the Village of Burton, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2221-11, amending Chapter 565 of the Codified Ordinances in order to revise notification procedures, on second reading.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2222-11, amending Chapter 135 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Burton to direct the allocation of interest earned in exception to ORC 135, on second reading.

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Fiscal Officer:

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mr. Ronyak so moved. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of 11 April 2011 as presented. Mr. Ronyak moved to adopt the 14 March minutes as written. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Paquette reported to Council that the preliminary Tax Budget for 2012 in their packet. Burton has not yet received an expected tax revenue amount from the County so things are still up in the air but the basic amounts are available.

Mr. Paquette noted that following:

Personal Property and SB3 (electric income tax refund) have been done away with amounting to a loss of approximately \$15,000 annually
Local Government funds drop 33 to 50% next year and another 50% in 2013. In terms of dollars its \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The Estate Tax may be going away. Over the last seven years the Village has received more than \$249,000 from estate taxes.

2012 is the last year for the admissions tax, a sum of approx \$11,000 per year.

Senate Bill 5 as written could save the Village \$8,500 to \$11,400 in health care costs. The Village could save an additional \$6,370 if the proposed decrease in PERS contributions goes through.

Mr. Paquette also presented a five year forecast taking into account the lost funding. Mr. Paquette answered questions from Council and visitors concerning all aspects of the projected budget including possible areas to be cut and changes to future levies. Mayor Blair noted that this is a projected budget and intended to allow Council to be proactive in prioritizing and funding future operations and projects. Council will meet as a committee of the whole to discuss this in the near future.

MAYORS Report;

Mayor Blair noted that there were approximately 500 kids and adults at the Easter Egg hunt which went very well.

Old Business:

Mr. Hess reported to Council on his projections for Rapids Road improvements from Rt. 87 to Hotchkiss Road, including digging up the old road and installing concrete curbs and sidewalks. Mr. Hess noted that this

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was an all inclusive proposal and could be scaled back as needed. The price was estimated at \$600,427.75. Mr. Hess also presented a project plan for replacing the water lines on Seco and Elmar in the amount of \$182,987.50.

The 2004 estimated cost to repair Rapids Road was \$196,100.00 but was designed around a mill and fill with a 2 inch overlay and only extended from Rt. 87 to Carlton Street. The longer distance combined with more extensive planned repairs and higher material costs results in the much higher number now.

Council discussed what funding would be needed. Mr. Hess stated that typically the Village would have to pay at least 20 percent of the project. Mr. Hess was unsure if the Village could use a revolving loan to pay its share. Mr. Hess will talk to Mr. Phillips at Geauga County to get that answer. The Mayor and Council decided not to hold the April 26 meeting to discuss Issue funding. The meeting will be rescheduled upon Mr. Hess' research being completed.

New Business:

Ms. Swaney gave an update on the prospect of residents keeping chickens in the Village. Through research by Ms. Dahlhausen, Ms. Swaney found that several residents already keep chickens in the Village. Ms. Swaney recommended that a change to the Zoning Ordinances be drafted to allow chickens to be raised for personal consumption of eggs within the Village. Ms. Dahlhausen asked Council to consider a minimum lot size on those wishing to raise chickens. If Council declines to act to change the zoning then all the chickens will have to be removed.

Mr. Paquette reported to Council that the Burton Public Library needed to excavate the south east corner of the library building to solve a leaking foundation issue. The contractor, Mr. Dave Patton, was unsure how to go about tying the existing drains, or adding drains, to the Village storm sewer system. Mr. Paquette asked if Mr. Hess could contact Mr. Patton and provide some guidance. Mr. Hess recommended including Mr. Motil and that he would be happy to assist. Mr. Paquette will forward Mr. Patton's number to Mr. Hess and Mr. Motil.

Mrs. Beaumier asked if Council intended to take action to require landscapers to get permits for work in the Village just like snowplowers. Council took the suggestion under advisement.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

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Mayor

Fiscal Officer