

Burton Village Council
Minutes
25 January, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Koster called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Rick Smigelski, Rick Gruber, Chip Hess, Todd Hicks, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Brian Passow, Mike Sestak, Brian Wendl, Ann Wishart, Joe Kozial, Dianne Lillibridge

Roll Call:

Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes,
Craig Ronyak – No, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 11 January 2016. Mr. T. Blair offered a correction; differentiate between Mr. Tom Blair and Mr. Charlie Blair by using T. Blair and C. Blair where applicable. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of 11 January 2016 as amended. Seconded by Mr. T. Blair. By voice vote, motion accepted.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda for 25 January 2016 with corrections to the Mayors report detailing additional training and events. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the agenda as amended and Mr. C. Blair seconded. By voice vote, motion accepted.

Standing Committees

Long Range Planning Committee – Tom Blair

Nothing to report.

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Charles Boehnlein

Nothing to report.

Safety Committee- Mayor on the committee – Craig Ronyak

Not available to report. The 2016 Fire Contract from the Burton Volunteer Fire Department was amended per Council requests and ready for Council to adopt.

Street Committee – Roberta Dobay

Ms. Dobay reported that she had met with the Street Commissioner and discussed putting flowers in around the Village. Ms. Dobay envisioned the need for more lighting in different forms throughout the Village, not just street lights. Ms. Dobay wants to consider consolidating road salt purchases with other Geauga communities in an effort to lower costs. Ms. Dobay discussed the annual appointment of Street Commissioner and nominated Rick Smigelski to continue in the role. Ms. Dobay moved to appointment Rick Smigelski as Street Commissioner and Mr. T. Blair

seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roberta Dobay – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes. Motion adopted.

Council Reports on Boards and Commissions

BPA – Charlie Blair – nothing to report.

BZA – Charles Boehnlein – nothing to report.

Cemetery Board – Roberta Dobay

Ms. Dobay reported that the Cemetery board is getting ready to order flowers and to replace a damaged urn at the cemetery. The Cemetery Board is also seeking cost estimates for placing a road in the cemetery annex.

Historic District Review Board – Lisa Hernandez – nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Tom Blair – nothing to report.

Tree Commission – Charlie Blair – nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. Paquette asked if Council had any questions about the Council Summary of Revenue and Expenses. There were none.

The 2016 proposed final Budget is ready for Council to move forward with in the Resolution 2016-06 with two addition mistakes corrected. Ms.

Dobay expressed some concern with the wording of increase in appropriations, specifically the increase from \$0 to \$80,000 in the capital accounts. Mr. Paquette explained that these were only appropriations of funds as approved in November 2015 for this fiscal year.

Mr. Paquette projected the reserve cost of each retired police car to be about \$2000. Chief Smigelski concurred citing the recent sale of similar vehicles through the Sheriff's Department. Council discussed options and wanted to sell the cars on Govdeals with a reserve price of \$2000. Mr. Paquette informed Council that setting a reserve price that doesn't get sold will still engender a minimum fee from Govdeals for the auction. Mayor Koster wanted Council to consider trading in the cars at Preston and purchasing a single used vehicle in better shape. The Tahoe could possibly be traded in also. Chief Smigelski mentioned that trade in pricing might be lower than auction price and cautioned against this option.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report until executive session.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported for December 2015. There were 46 stops, 3 arrests, and 125 total calls. 4705 miles were put on the vehicles and officers worked 756.5 hours

Fire Department Report:

Mike Sestak reported that the Fire Department had accepted the two corrections suggest by the Village in Article 5 and Article 11. Mr. Sestak introduced Chief Brian Wendl, newly elected Fire Chief for the Burton Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Sestak stated that former Chief Tom Glassburner passed away earlier this day. Chief Wendl reported that the Fire Department responded to 17 calls in the Village last month (2 EMS and 15 fire/rescue). There were 11 vehicle accidents responded to. There were 84 calls in the entire Burton Volunteer coverage. Last year the Fire Department had a record 868 calls. Mayor Koster asked Council to vote on the ordinance accepting the Fire Contract for 2016. Mr. Boehnlein introduced Ordinance 2293-16, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Burton to enter into an Agreement with the Burton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for fire and emergency services from January 1 2016 through December 31, 2016 and moved to waive readings. Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes. Motion carries.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt Ordinance 2293-16 and Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes. Ordinance 2293-16 is adopted.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

Mr. Rick Gruber reported that he had approved a residential addition permit for Mrs. Judd, sent a letter to Elise Duwe about the love seat on the tree lawn, and is awaiting a response from Mr. Finnerty regarding his East Park Street property and its upkeep. Mr. Bill Miller has requested a copy of his driveway easement.

Mr. Gruber requested permission to follow the procedure outlined in Village Ordinance 1343 with regard to Mr. Finnerty's property at 14563 East Park. Council felt this was the appropriate procedure to follow.

Arborist Report:

Ms. Palmisano reported that she had spent time preparing and submitting the tree city application for the Village. Ms. Palmisano went on to mention that the revenue source for the Tree Commission was approximately \$10,000 while the costs in recent years to manage the trees in the Village had used up the carry over in the fund. Ms. Palmisano presented to Council a brief summary of an article in National Geographic that attempts to quantify the benefits of nature and trees to humans. Ms. Palmisano related those benefits to the work done on trees in the Village for the benefit of residents and advocated for the Urban Forest. The Tree Commission is planning Arbor Day, but a specific day is not yet identified.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess had nothing to report.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to accept and pay approved invoices. Mr. Boehnlein moved to pay approved invoices and Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Boehnlein introduced Resolution 2016-06, approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended Certificate of Resources and Permanent Appropriations from the County Auditor regarding the General, Special Revenue, Capital Project, Enterprise, and Fiduciary Agency Funds and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further reading Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt Resolution 2016-06 and Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes. Resolution 2016-06 is adopted.

Mayors Report

- a. Mayor Koster mentioned that he attended the Geauga County Township Association meeting recently and recommended that Council members or the Village join in an honorary membership status. Cost is \$20 annually. Meetings are quarterly
- b. The Western Reserve Municipal Clerks Association is extending an invitation to Council to attend a one day training event on Ethics to be put on by the Ohio Board of Ethics in Strongsville Ohio if there is enough interest.
- c. NOPEC is expanding its grants/loan funding opportunities to include commercial businesses. The funds would be for improvements to electrical and heating including efficiency improvements.
- d. Tree Survival school is being held Mar 23-26 at Holden Arboretum.
- e. Lee and Jane Koroshes have sent a request for donations to the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Village donated \$500 last year. Mr. Paquette was advised to place the question on the agenda for 8 February.
- f. The water main break on Ford Lane in the Berkshire Hills Apartments on Friday, Jan 22 was handled for the most part in house by the Village Street Department. Chief Smigelski pointed out that in the past the Street Department has always participated in water break repairs. This break required the assistance of an outside contractor to get through the asphalt with Street Department handling the majority of the digging and patching.

- g. Ohio Municipal League is holding newly elected official training on Saturday March 19 in Independence. Council was asked to contact Mayor Koster or the office for details.
- h. First Energy is holding first responder training on March 3. Chief Smigelski is aware of the training.
- i. Board of Public Affairs is interviewing candidates to fill the opening left when Jerry Rose resigned.
- j. There are openings on Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals that need to be filled. Mayor Koster asked for Council's suggestions and assistance in finding individuals to fill the seats.

Old Business

The Fire Contract was discussed earlier in the meeting.

New Business

Spring Brush pickup is the week of May 1st and Spring Cleanup is the May 14th.

Mayor Koster asked for a Council member to fill in as the representative to the Historic District Association. Mr. Boehnlein volunteered and Mayor Koster made the appointment.

Mayor Koster read a proclamation in recognition of 4 Chaplains day. On the 72nd anniversary of the event commemorated, the American Legion will be hold a memorial and recounting of the events of that day at the Legion Hall on Sunday February 7. The public is invited.

Open Public Participation

Mayor Koster recognized Mr. J. Garner. Mr. Garner didn't want the Village to keep the used Police vehicles for administrative vehicles.

Mayor Koster recognized Mr. B. Passow. Mr. Passow addressed Council advocating to keep G-TV since the franchise fee paid for it. Council discussed keeping G-TV in terms of supporting the arts versus utilizing the franchise fee funds for more pressing needs. Council will be discussing the G-TV contract in executive session.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes. Council entered into executive session at 8:35 PM. Mr. T. Blair moved to leave Executive Session at 8:54 PM and Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes.

Mr. T. Blair moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM and Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor