

Burton Village Council Minutes
11 April 2016

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

Visitors:

Lee Koroshes, Jane Koroshes, Dave Ondrey, Joe Kozial, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Ken Butler, Dianne Lillibridge, Judy Beaumier, Brian Wendl, Ann Wishart.

Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Charlie Blair – No. Mr. C. Blair is excused.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to adopt or amend the Agenda for the Council Meeting of 11 April 2016. Mayor Koster submitted four additions. He added a written report by the Fire Department supplied by the Chief Wendl, a notice of the ODOT repurposing grant committee meeting on April 13, a BPA update and a report by the Koroshes' on the Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. T. Blair moved to accept the agenda as amended. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 28 March 2016. Mr. Boehnlein made a clarification to his remarks in the Financial Report of the minutes. He made it clear that he did not mean to imply that the General Fund would be out of money by 2021, but rather that the General Fund would not have sufficient carry over to fund the remaining Special Revenue funds. Ms. Dobay moved to accept the minutes as presented and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Fiscal Officers Report:

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

Mr. Paquette reported that the Ohio Public Works Commission Pre-application for 2017 had arrived in the office. Mr. Paquette recommended that Council not make an application for funds until a capital improvement plan was finalized.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2298-16, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Debbie Palmisano, doing business as Greenwoman Inc., for professional services commencing May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017, on second reading.

Mr. Boehnlein introduced Resolution 2016-07, designating Christopher Paquette to attend the mandated Ohio House Bill 9 Public Records Training for elected Council as their representative and for appointed Board, Commission, and Committee members as their representative, and moved to waive further readings due to the short notice for the next training class. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt Resolution 2016-07. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Koster mentioned to Council that there are three reserved seats for the June 1st Ethics Seminar in Strongsville.

Mayor Koster explained to Council the letters from the Geauga County Health District Advisory Committee (HDAC) concerning potential unfunded certification mandates by the Ohio legislature that could result in loss of revenue to the County and local municipalities. The HDAC has provided a letter that Council can send to our State representatives stating our opposition to the legislation. Ms. Dobay asked for an explanation of the term 'loss of local control'. Mayor Koster suggested that it could mean a merger of County HDAC's from neighboring counties. Mr. T. Blair felt that accrediting with an out of state organization was unnecessary. Mayor Koster asked for a motion from Council to authorize Mr. Paquette to send out our opposition letter to our local state representatives. Mr. T. Blair moved to have Mr. Paquette send out the letters. Mr. Boehnlein seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mayor Koster mentioned that there are several rezoning issues before the Planning Commission as this time and he would like to call a meeting in the near future. Mayor Koster also stated that he wanted to invite the Board of Zoning Appeals to the meeting to get everyone on the same page. Mr. T. Blair and Mr. Boehnlein agreed that a Thursday was the best date. Mayor Koster asked that Ms. Pikus find an agreed upon Thursday for both groups.

Mayor Koster stated that he will be attending the Board of Public Affairs meeting on 12 April to discuss the Berkshire School and Kent State building proposal and the Wastewater Treatment Plant plans. There was some discussion as to whether the Village could extend water to the new buildings and if annexation should be considered.

Mayor Koster recognized Mr. Lee Koroshes. Mr. Koroshes reported that the Easter Egg Hunt went very well although attendance was affected by the fact that many other Easter Egg Hunts were held the same day. Next year the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the end of April. Mr. Koroshes thanked Ronyak Paving for the use of traffic cones.

Mayor Koster reported to Council that Chief Wendl left a Fire report but left early to attend to a family matter.

Mayor Koster reported that the Interim Library Director and the Library Finance Officer offered the use of the Library basement for Administration spaces. Council, in general, was opposed to moving to the basement. Mayor Koster stated that the Library intends to rehab the space whether the Village moves in or not.

Old Business

Mayor Koster opened a discussion of an Ordinance enacting an exterior property maintenance code under a new Chapter 1309 or similar of the Codified Ordinances. Mr. T. Blair wanted to send the proposed Ordinance back to Planning Commission. Mr. Paquette explained that the ordinance was based on the Middlefield property maintenance code enacted as a building code, not a zoning code. The Planning Commission is concerned with zoning code. Mr. Ondrey added that he found other communities treat their Property Maintenance Code as a building code also. Mr. Ondrey noted that the Planning Commission is not the venue for reviewing this ordinance. Mayor Koster offered the possibility of a separate committee.

Mayor Koster opened a discussion on a change to the Burton Codified Ordinance Chapter 159, The Village of Burton Historic District Ordinance. Mr. T. Blair recommended that this ordinance also be moved to Planning Commission. Mr. T. Blair felt that the ordinance was too long to go over by Council as a whole and that a committee was better suited to the task. Mayor Koster offered to appoint an ad hoc committee to review it.

New Business

Mayor Koster suggested that the second Council meeting in July be cancelled. He will be unavailable to attend that meeting and wondered if Council was amenable to a reduced schedule that month. Council agreed. Mr. Boehnlein moved to cancel the 25 July 2016 meeting of Council and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Koroshes asked about the impact of the Log Cabin lawsuit on revenue and planned projects in the Village. Mr. Ronyak stated that the Village was sued by the Chamber of Commerce and only spent the money in defense of the Village.

Mr. Koroshes recommended that the Village consider adding a flashing light on the opposite side of the school zone flashing lights to remind drivers that it is an active school zone. Mr. Ronyak and Mr. Boehnlein felt that additional lights for individuals already entering the school zone would not slow them down. Mayor Koster stated that the Village will take the matter under advisement.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to enter executive session for pending litigation. Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes. Council entered executive session at 7:50 PM.

Council left executive session at 9:20 PM.

Mr. T. Blair moved to adjourn at 9:21 PM. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor /President Pro Tem