

Burton Village Council Minutes
9 May 2016

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

Visitors:

Lee Koroshes, Joe Kozial, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, 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 approve or amend the minutes of 25 April 2016. Mr. Ronyak asked for a correction on the last page regarding public participation. The word 'of' after the word 'request' should be "or". Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the minutes as amended and Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to adopt or amend the Agenda for the Council Meeting of 9 May 2016. Mayor Koster added the report of the Fire Chief to be presented immediately prior to the Fiscal Officers Report. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the agenda as amended. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Fire Department:

Chief B. Wendl reported that the Burton Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) responded to 15 calls in the Village last month, predominantly EMS calls. The BVFD was called to Burton Township 14 times, and Claridon Township 6 times. In mutual aid agreement, the BVFD responded to calls in Middlefield Village 3 times, Middlefield Township 3 times, and Newbury, Parkman and Troy Township 1 time each. Mr. Paquette asked if Village water was used to fight fires outside of the contract area. Chief Wendl answered that some water was used to fight a fire and conduct training and the amount was included in the monthly summary provided to the Village.

Ms. Dobay and Mr. Boehnlein asked for a clarification of EMS calls versus EMS calls excluding as listed on the report provided by Chief Wendl. Chief Wendl stated that EMS calls reflected transporting someone and the "excluding" denoted no transport.

Ms. Hernandez asked for a clarification of soft billing within the Village. Chief Wendl stated that soft billing is automatic however Village, Burton Township and southern Claridon Township residents should not pay any bill for emergency services provided by the BVFD. Nonresidents are billed.

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 Geauga County Historical Society at Century Village had sent a letter spelling out its plans for use of the former Welton Cemetery wrought iron fence including a statement to refrain from scrapping, selling, and disposing of the fence. The Century Village plans to use the fence as originally purposed or to have it refashioned into handrails. Mr. Boehnlein moved to provide The Century Village with the former Welton Cemetery wrought iron fence. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion was approved.

Mr. Paquette stated that Council had before it the proposed Tax Budget for 2017 and its accompanying ordinance. The ordinance requires three readings however Council did not have to introduce it at this meeting.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2299-16, restricting on street parking to the north side on Spring Street and the east side on Hickox unless otherwise noted.

Mr. Boehnlein introduced Ordinance 2300-16, adopting the Tax Budget for 2017 and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading.

Council discussed other areas of concern regarding on street parking in the Village. Specifically, Council asked if the Chief of Police could investigate changing Goodwin Avenue to no on street parking. Concerns were also raised about providing a warning to westbound motorists on Goodwin about the stop sign at the northeast corner of Hickox and Goodwin. Mayor Koster will have Chief Smigelski check on this also.

Mr. Paquette noted to Council that he will be requested the Tax Budget public hearing at the first meeting in June. Council had no objections.

Mayors Report

Mayor Koster confirmed to Council that he has called a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals for a workshop about comprehensive planning in the Village and to help the two boards work more closely.

Old Business

Ms. Dobay reported that she is progressing with the development of the Village website. At the end of the week Ms. Dobay will meet with Judy Petronetti to work out the details of the site design. Ms. Dobay would like to invite Ms. Pikus to join her, along with whoever would volunteer to

maintain the website. Training will be available with an expected completion date of mid-June. Ms. Hernandez volunteered to keep up the site. Several ideas were suggested for the website construction and content including possible web cams and highlighting of businesses.

New Business

No new business was presented to Council.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Koroshes asked for an update on the Log Cabin lawsuit. Mayor Koster reported that there has been no change since the meeting on 11 April.

Mr. Koroshes told Council that house at 13810 Spring Street has officially been turned over to the Fire Department.

Mr. Koroshes asked Council to please fix the pot holes that have developed on Spring Street.

Mayor Koster asked if the Spring Cleanup went well. The general consensus of those present was that it went very well.

Mr. Garner wanted it known that he opposed spending even \$10 on a web cam that would not really help the Village.

Mrs. Kimpton wanted to know if the Village Street Department could transport the donated fence to Century Village. Mayor Koster stated that he would have the Street Department coordinate with Century Village on the transfer of the fence.

Mayor Koster noted that there was no call to enter executive session and asked to adjourn the meeting

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor /President Pro Tem