

Burton Village Council
Minutes
12 February, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Koster called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Rick Smigelski, Joe Koziol, Tom Erickson, Dawn Skala, John Burnett, Matt Connors, Bridget Connors, Alison Weeks, Janet Sherman, Mandy Randles, John Stoddard, Don Hornak, John Manfredi.

Roll Call:

Ruth Spanos – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Bonnie Richards - Yes. Mr. Ronyak was excused for work.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 22 January 2018. Mr. Tromba moved to approve the minutes of 22 January 2018 as written. Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion accepted.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda for 12 February 2018. Mayor Koster made additions to his report adding discussion of a new BPA member and a report from the Chief of Police. Mr. Blair suggested moving Mr. Hornak's presentation up to the next item in the agenda before the Fiscal Officer's report. Mr. Blair moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayor Koster recognized Ms. Randles, Principal of Burton Elementary. Ms. Randles made the presentation to Council about Berkshire PRIME in Mr. Hornak's place. Ms. Randles explained what PRIME is and its cradle to graduation model. The Board of Education is working with businesses, the Geauga Growth Partnership and Kent State to implement the project. Through consolidation with Ledgemont Schools, Berkshire was able to take advantage of HB 438 and HB148 for a potential savings of 55% in local costs for the construction of a new K-12 school building. Kent State Geauga is providing land on its existing lot for the construction. Several versions of the school are being considered but final local costs are expected to be \$27, 836,350. Ms. Randles laid out plans for possible building layouts. Ms. Richards asked if the students had been told. Ms. Randles stated that some elementary students have been approached and they were very receptive and excited. A question was asked about whether the new school could absorb Newbury students as designed. Ms. Randles stated that it could. Ms. Weeks asked about what would happen to the existing school property. Mr. Stoddard, Superintendent of

Berkshire schools, stated that it was planned to be sold to the highest bidder following state guidelines for disposal of school property. Ms. Weeks asked Council and the Mayor if they intended to keep the public informed about plans to develop the property, especially the High School since its proximity to her home would have a great impact on her. Mayor Koster noted that he supported a new school that would be in the students' best interest, and at the same time wanted to consider what happens to the Village with potential lost income tax and the cost of supplying services outside of the Village. Mr. Stoddard suggested that appreciated those concerns and suggested a JEDD. Mr. Stoddard noted that the Bonner family has already expressed interest in purchasing the high school property.

Fiscal Officers Report:

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

The 2018 proposed final Budget was included in Council packets for review.

Mr. Paquette asked Council if they had any objections to an application by the Village for the Scrap Tire Grant. There were none. Council also agreed to a Village shred event.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to accept and pay approved invoices. Mr. Blair moved to pay approved invoices and Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Paquette introduced Resolution 2018-05 - 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, Special Assessment and Fiduciary funds, and placed it on first reading.

Mayors Report

Mayor Koster introduced Alison Weeks as the person who was taking over the Easter Egg Hunt in the Village. Ms. Weeks stated that she, her husband and Gina from the Red Maple Inn were planning the event and had gone out for donations. One idea was to make the Hunt a Village event. The Burton Historic District Assoc. may offer to sponsor the event. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place March 31 at 11 AM. The Village is considering its \$500 donation and will discuss at the next meeting. Mayor Koster noted that he had recommended that the Easter Egg Hunt group become a 501(c)3 or 7.

Mayor Koster mentioned that Mr. Ken Butler was supposed to speak and invite all of Council to tour the Log Cabin in the Village Park, however he

had not made it to the meeting. Mayor Koster recommended that Council and Chamber reconcile and that the lawsuit be dismissed. The Cabin itself experienced a minor chimney fire this past weekend. The Cabin is in need of maintenance and repair.

Mr. Tim Barber has resigned from the Board of Public Affairs and Mayor Koster accepted his resignation. The position will need to be filled and the Village is accepting nominations.

Mayor Koster noted that there was a structure fire on the Ronyak Paving Company premises. No one was injured but at least one building was a total loss. The Fire Department and Village employees worked together to make sure sufficient water was available to fight the fire.

Mayor Koster recognized Chief Smigelski. Chief Smigelski asked Council to consider accepting a contract for Spring Cleanup from Wastemanagement at a projected cost of \$950 per truckload. Last year we had about seven truckloads. The suggested date will be May 12th. Mr. Blair moved to accept the quote and Ms. Richards seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Chief Smigelski also asked Council to accept a contract with Reilly Sweeping for road sweeping between May 14 and 18. The cost is approximately \$1150.00. Mr. Blair moved to accept the quote and Ms. Richards seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed. Chief Smigelski also mentioned that the Street Department getting more cold patch to repair pot holes.

Old Business

No old business was brought before Council.

New Business

No new business was brought before Council.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Cory Brown, 14004 East Center, asked the Mayor what he needed to do to get a lot split completed for his property and whether he needed to get a survey done before hand. Mayor Koster recommended that he go before the Planning Commission with the drawings he had. Mr. Paquette would coordinate with Mr. Brown and Ms. Hernandez to schedule a Planning Commission meeting, advertise and collect the permit fees.

Mr. Hernandez moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM and Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor