

Burton Village Council
Minutes
26 February, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Koster called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Rick Smigelski, Rick Gruber, Chip Hess, Todd Hicks, Marcianne Kimpton, Brian Wendl, Ann Wishart, Joe Koziol, Pat Linn, Tom Erickson, Debbie Palmisano, Jane Koroshes.

Roll Call:

Ruth Spanos – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Bonnie Richards - Yes.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 12 February 2018. Mr. Blair moved to approve the minutes of 12 February 2018 as written. Ms. Spanos seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion accepted.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda for 26 February 2018. Ms. Spanos moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Hernandez seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion accepted.

Standing Committees

- a. Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee** – Mr. Tromba/Ms. Spanos. Ms. Spanos reported that she had briefly met with Mr. Paquette and looked forward to a meeting with Mr. Tromba. Mayor Koster suggested they meet on Mar 5, after the single hauler trash meeting. Ms. Spanos and Mr. Tromba agreed.
- b. Safety Committee-** Mayor Koster/Mr. Ronyak
 - a. Police Report** – Chief Smigelski provided a written summary of January to Council detailing 19 traffic stops, 5 arrests, 103 calls and 3189 miles on the cruisers. The Department conducted ALICE training at the Geauga County Credit Union. Chief Smigelski explained ALICE training to the those in the audience as a self-defense procedure in armed intruder scenario. Chief Smigelski also mentioned the need for reporting to obtain grants from the State for radars, bullet proof vests and weapons.
 - b. Fire Report** – Chief Wendl provided a written report to Council members and stated that it had been a very busy month prior couple of months. The fire at Ronyak Paving in early February is wrapping up in its investigation. Chief Wendl asked if the meeting for contract talks had taken place. Mayor Koster

explained that he and Mr. Ronyak were waiting on a date to meet with Burton Township and the Berkshire Community Planning Association to look at a unified contract discussion.

c. Street Committee – Mr. Blair/Ms. Richards

Mr. Blair reported that pothole repair was still being actively pursued. Ms. Kimpton interrupted to ask about the pothole in the apron at the Post Office. Ms. Kimpton was informed that the pothole is the responsibility of the landowner or the tenant by both Mr. Paquette and Mr. Hicks. Mayor Koster stated that he would have the Street Department put some temporary cold patch in the hole.

Council Reports on Boards and Commissions

BPA – Mr. Hernandez – the NPDES permit dictating how the Wastewater treatment plant will be operating was revised to reclassify the existing plant back to its existing level; from a Class III back to a Class II. Contract to construct the WWTP is moving forward. Mayor Koster repeated his invitation for a member of the public to fill the vacant seat on the BPA, left open by the departure of Mr. Barber.

BZA – Mr. Blair – nothing to report independent of the Planning Commission.

Cemetery Board – Ms. Richards – the Board has not met.

Historic District Architectural Review Board – Ms. Spanos – the Board has not met.

Planning Commission – Mr. Hernandez – the second joint Planning Commission Board of Zoning Appeals meeting took place 15 February 2018 with Mr. Jim Crooks of JCPowers Company and made good progress towards a strategic plan.

Tree Commission – Ms. Richards – deferred to Ms. Palmisano.

Arborist Report – Ms. Palmisano gave to Council a one page statement and then read it to them. It covered a presentation she had made earlier related to core values and a health urban forest. Mr. Paquette was asked to provide the statement to Mr. Crooks.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

a. Berkshire Community Planning Association – Mr. Ronyak/Mayor Koster – the board has not meet yet.

b. Fairboard – Mr. Tromba- did not meet.

c. Century Village – Ms. Spanos – did not meet.

d. Chamber of Commerce - Mr. Blair – Chamber of Commerce meets on the 1st of February at Sharon James Winery. The Chamber is well into Maple Season.

e. Burton Historic District – Ms. Spanos – did not meet.

f. Burton Fire Department – Mr. Ronyak - is not available to report.

g. Berkshire Board of Education – Mr. Tromba/Ms. Richards – Mr. Tromba has a copy of the Board of Education's meeting schedule

and will try to attend their next meeting. He noted that the presentations regarding Prime are on G-TV.

Special Committee Reports

- a. **Environmental Trash Services** – Mr. Tromba/Mr. Ronyak – The committee will be meeting on March 5 at 6 PM to go over the proposal of services for trash pickup.
- b. **Strategic Planning Commission** – Mr. Hernandez/Mr. Blair – Mr. Blair added that the group is working on mission statements and planned to meet monthly through June.

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 is set and Council had no questions about it.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

Mr. Rick Gruber reported that he issued one permit for a fence to Mr. Hansel. Ms. K. Hruby on South Cheshire has received a certified letter asking her to cleanup her property.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported there would be a pre-con on 28 Feb 2018 to go over the planned work to replace the water line on West Center

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2018-05 – approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended Certificate of Resources and Permanent Appropriations for the County Auditor regarding the General, Special Revenue, Capital Project, Special Assessment and Fiduciary Funds, on second reading.

Mayors Report

Old Business

Council briefly debated and then agreed to provide a \$500 donation to the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

New Business

No new business was brought before Council.

Open Public Participation

Ms. Pat Linn addressed Council. She provided a little history of her and her husband's efforts to renovate the house over a number of years and the need to keep the basement dry because of his illness. According to her, the Tree Commission planted a Freeman Hybrid Maple on her property some time ago that has grown into and clogged her sanitary sewer lateral causing her basement to backup with sewer water and finally forcing her to have the lateral replaced. Ms. Linn approached the Board of Public Affairs and was directed to Council. Ms. Linn also asked the Tree Commission to remove the tree. The cost to dewater the basement was \$1,173 and the cost to replace the lateral was \$6,349. She came before Council to ask the Village to cover these costs because if not for the tree the Village planted, she felt that the lateral would not have needed to be replaced. Mayor Koster asked Ms. Palmisano if the Tree Commission had agreed to remove the tree and she confirmed that they had. Chief Smigelski asked what prior sewer lateral was constructed with. Ms. Linn stated that it was clay tile. Mayor Koster asked Mr. Hicks to look into the Village's liability.

Mayor Koster recognized Mr. Erickson. Mr. Erickson asked if the single hauler trash pickup was a done deal. Mayor Koster told him that it was not and that the Committee meeting on March 5 was there to discuss options. Mayor Koster asked for Mr. Erickson's input. Mr. Erickson expressed the belief that a single hauler trash pickup was a mistake and would cost him money because the government was doing it and had no business interfering with his trash service. Mr. Erickson also wanted to know who suggested the whole idea. Mayor Koster reiterated that committee was looking at ideas for a single hauler in the context of what was best for the community and that nothing was settled yet.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn at 8:06 PM and Mr. Hernandez seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor