

Burton Village Joint Council and BPA Meeting
Minutes
November 6, 2019

Visitors: Todd Hicks, Jennell Dahlhausen, Dan Demko, Ann Wishart, Joe Koziol, Richard Frenchie, Bill Brooks, Chip Hess, John Stoddard, Beth McCaffrey, Dennis Caplan, James MacNeal, John Manfredi.

President Pro Tem Boehnlein called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll Call:

Ruth Spanos – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Curt Johnson – Yes, Adam Miller – Yes, Nick Rundo – Yes.

Mr. Demko informed everyone there was a recent proposal from the Township Trustees with a 70% village, 30% township split JEDD from the 75/25% split, a 60% village, 40% township split on the Hillside Village property tax, and no annexation without the township approval within 10 years.

Mr. Johnson asked some questions about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and wanted to verify when the looped line is connected to the Goodwin Ave water line, it is dedicated to the village for ownership. Mr. Hicks stated the village will become owners of the line. An easement will also be needed. Mr. Johnson gave a suggestion of possibly some of the money from the JEDD going toward the future infrastructure since the school states they are unable to pay for a tap in fee.

Mr. Tromba stated he is frustrated since the township went backwards with the most recent offer. Ms. Spanos agreed.

Mr. Blair stated the township has nothing to offer these properties and they are going to be benefiting from the deal if we come to an agreement. He added it shouldn't be the village residents that lose from this by having to pay more to make up for the money the township will be receiving.

Mr. Stoddard asked if the township and council could meet together. Mr. Hicks was told the township doesn't want to negotiate in public with the village. Mr. Hicks suggested that some of the fees for the real estate tax added to the school income from Hillside Village could go toward tap in fees with the village.

Mr. Hess stated he feels other formulas could be used to figure out the tap in fees that would be much lower than the school has estimated. Mr. Hess was never directed to figure out the tap in fees since the school didn't submit a deposit, which is part of the tap in application process.

Mr. Rundo explained the need of the tap in fees. He stated the village recently caught up with issues of not raising rates for years and having adequate funding for a new WWTP. He doesn't want to see this happen again and the rates have to be raised again, which will burden the

residents of the village when this is a district project. He supports the new school but feels we still need to charge a tap in fee substantial enough to cover what is needed.

Mr. Demko stated Hillside Village would be paying an estimated \$164,000 to the school in taxes once the development is fully constructed. He stated they would also contribute \$25,000 from Hillside Village for the school tap in request.

Mr. Hicks recommended that Mr. Hess figure out the tap in fees and come back to Council and BPA for further discussion. Ms. McCaffrey stated she would like to look at the numbers and come up with a plan to see what the school could afford in payments for the tap in. Mr. Manfredi said the school is willing to work with the village in whatever way they can to come to a resolution. The school stated they may be able to figure out a yearly payment to the village that would help with the lost income tax as well as the tap in, then a JEDD wouldn't be needed. They will discuss and get back to us.

Ms. McCaffrey stated the tap in rates have been raised since they applied for the tap in permit. Mr. Hicks suggested Mr. Hess figure the tap in fee with the old and the new rates so we can move forward. Mr. Hess stated he will contact Ms. Dahlhausen for the current usage of the schools, and Ms. McCaffrey for the number of students and staff. The tap in fees can be reassessed one year after occupancy so they can be adjusted to what the actual usage of the school for water and sewer usage.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to allow the engineer to figure out tap in fees at the previous tap in fee rate and the current rate for the Berkshire School, seconded by Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Spanos moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Mr. Miller moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Johnson. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

BPA Chairman

Clerk