

**Burton Village Council
28 December 2009**

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

Roll Call: Judy Beaumier, Yes, Gerald Rouge, Yes, Linda Swaney, Yes, Darren LaForce, Yes, Jeff Coleman, Yes, Craig Ronyak, Yes.

Visitors: Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Richard Smigelski, Ed Hale, Jennell Dahlhausen, Newell Beaumier, Joyce Blair.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski presented to Council the report for the month of November.

In November officers responded to 238 activity calls and put 3571 miles on the police vehicles.

Chief Smigelski gave a copy of a fax to Council concerning a grant writing course. Chief Smigelski suggested that maybe one or two Council members and or employees could attend training and then form a board to go after grants. Council discussed the idea, the need for grant writing and other options open to the Village. Council decided to have the Fiscal Officer invite a grant writer to a future Council meeting to provide more information to Council.

Solicitor Report:

Mr. Hicks was not available to report.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mrs. Beaumier placed Ordinance 2190-09, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Hess and Associates as the Village engineer for two years, on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Judy Beaumier – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Jeff Coleman – No, Linda Swaney – Yes, Darren LaForce – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes. Ordinance 2190-09 is adopted.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Mr. Paquette asked Council for a motion to pay all approved bills. Mrs. Beaumier so moved. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion- by voice vote motion approved.

Mr. Paquette asked Council if there were any comments or changes to the 14 December minutes. Mrs. Beaumier noted that she had not attended the last meeting and did not receive a copy of the minutes. Mr. Rougé moved to adopt the minutes as written. Mr. LaForce seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mr. Paquette stated that he had little to report. Fiscal Year 2009 was closing on schedule.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blair asked Council to attend an organizational meeting in the Village Office on 4 Jan 2010 at 7 PM for the purpose of swearing in new Council members, assigning committees and electing a new Council President.

Old Business:

Mayor Blair asked Council for comments on the 2010 budget. Mr. Coleman reported that the Street Department was working on reducing their budget by about 7% through a number of cost cutting measures. One topic of discussion was whether or not Council wanted to continue maintaining the hanging flower baskets around the Village. Street Department was reducing manpower by utilizing one man on a tractor vice two with a truck but more could be saved by eliminating the job altogether. Council and visitors discussed options including the importance of the flowers to the Village image and the cost to maintain them.

Another topic discussed was reduction in manpower. Mr. Coleman, Mr. Ronyak and Mr. LaForce discussed at length possible outcomes and the relative merits of force reduction. Questions arose about the requirements and needs of Village operations. Council will address this issue further in future meetings.

Mr. Coleman noted that he did not have legislation this meeting for a change in the speed limit on North Cheshire but did have some news concerning the proposed flashing lights. The old set of flashing school lights in the Village's possession could be repaired for about \$300. New solar style lights could be obtained for a price of \$5,144 per set of two. Mr. Coleman stated that on January 11 he would not be at Council but instead he would attend the Berkshire School Board meeting to request their assistance in purchasing the lights. Mr. Ronyak stated that he drove on North Cheshire and felt that the current signs were highly visible. Mr. LaForce asked Chief Smigelski if the current signs were legal and if a police car could be on seen during the letting out of school to try and avert any problems without spending the extra cash. Chief Smigelski stated that he would try but that other calls could take precedence. Mr. Hale mentioned problems drivers have backing out on to North Cheshire and asked if anything could be done about stopping or slowing traffic to allow vehicle safe passage out of parking. There were no suggestions.

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New Business;

Mayor Blair read a proclamation honoring the years of dedicated service of Judy Beaumier as a committee member and citizen of the Village.

Mrs. Beaumier moved to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor _____ **Fiscal Officer** _____