

**Council Meeting  
10 May 2010**

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

**Roll Call:** Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Charles Hauser – Yes.

**Visitors:** Jennell Dahlhausen, Joe Kozial, Joyce Blair, Jack Garner, Chip Hess, Lois Hewitt, Marcianne Kimpton, Curt Johnson.

Mayor Blair recognized visitors.

**Engineers Report:** Hess and Associates

Mr. Hess reported that BPA he is working on several small issues with Sewer and water and Mr. Motil for some street projects.

**Fire Department:** Chief Sestak

Chief Sestak was not available to report.

**Zoning Inspector:** Mike Miller

Mr. Miller was not available to report.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Ms. Swaney introduced Ordinance 2197-10, adopting the 2011 Tax Budget and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading.

**Fiscal Officer:**

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to pay approved bills. Mrs. Lillibridge so moved. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mr. Paquette asked for approval of the minutes of 26 April 2010. Mrs. Lillibridge moved to adopt the minutes of 26 April 2010 as written. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. By voice vote all approved.

Mr. Paquette reported to Council that the Village has received from the County Auditor the projected amounts of real estate and levy tax for the Village in 2011. The two levies expired last year for collection this year are projected to yield no income in 2011, unless the levies pass. To balance the tax budget an additional \$12,000 was transferred from the General Fund to Police Operating Fund and \$17,000 in contingency was cut. The

Fire and Rescue Fund obligated its remaining reserve to cover next years contract cost. The Police levy is a 2 mill renewal for three years that will generate approximately \$40,955 annually. The Fire levy is a 4.75 mill renewal for four years that will generate approximately \$117,397 annually. A replacement levy for Police would have provided \$57,865 per year and a replacement levy for Fire would have provided \$137,501 per year.

### **Committee Reports**

BPA, PLANNING COMMISSION and ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, Mr. Rougé;

Mr. Rougé had nothing to report.

BZA, LOCAL GOVERNMENT and BOARD OF REVIEW, Mr. Ronyak;

Mr. Ronyak was not available to report.

FINANCES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BCPA, Mrs. Lillibridge

Mrs. Lillibridge reported that finances are all right for the moment.

Mrs. Lillibridge would like Council to start looking at the salary cap ordinance to update the maximums and minimums.

Mrs. Lillibridge attended the Emerging Issues in Agriculture meeting along with the Mayor. The meeting related the importance of local agriculture to the local economy. Mayor Blair discussed at some length.

TREES and PARKS, GRANTS, HISTORIC DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, Ms. Swaney; Ms. Swaney reported that there was nothing new in Parks or the Historic District Association.

Ms. Swaney reported that the Village of Burton is now one of 49 Certified Local Governments in Ohio and as such has access to specific grant monies. The next round of grants is due Jun 1 so Ms. Swaney and the Mayor will look to see if there is anything we can apply for.

STREETS and CEMETERY, Mr. Coleman;

Mr. Coleman reported the CDBG Grant for the ADA water fountain in the park was not completed due to time factors and some added complexity regarding architectural plans. Mr. Motil and Mr. Coleman will continue over the next year to obtain the plans, quotes and drawings required for an ADA project encompassing the log cabin bathroom conversion and a water fountain in the park so that it is ready next year.

Brush pickup and spring cleanup went very well. Tire drop off drew around 100 tires.

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Mr. Motil sampled the East Parking lot and found that it had no base, which will increase the costs to repair. Mr. Motil is obtaining quotes.

Mr. Coleman will meet with Department Heads and interested Council members to discuss the proposed handbook on 14 May 2010 at 2:30 PM.

HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE, FIRE DEPARTMENT, Mr. Hauser; Mr. Hauser had nothing to report on the Health District Advisory Board and will attend the Fire Meeting on Tuesday 11 May 2010.

**MAYORS Report;**

Mayor Blair reported that the flower beds around the Village Park have been setup for planting. Mayor Blair asked for a Purchase Order for Burton Flower and Garden for special water retaining soil additive.

Mayor Blair asked Mr. Paquette to report on the ATT wireless contract. Mr. Paquette reported that Blackdot Wireless, the antenna management company for ATT wireless in this area, presented a contract from ATT wireless requesting a three year reduction/moratorium in fees for tower space rental in return for a guarantee of picking up the fee at the end of that time exactly where it should be. It would be as if the past three years had been normal. Any questions can be addressed to Mr. Hicks at the next meeting.

The Village received an Achievement award from the Geauga County Safety Council for outstanding safety performance.

**Old Business;**

Ms. Dahlhausen reported to council that she had received complaints from residents concerning stray and feral cats in the Village. Council discussed possible solutions. Ms. Swaney suggested that the next newsletter contain a reminder to all pet owners, and cat owners in particular, about the responsibilities of pet ownership.

The proposed personnel manual and the drug policy will be discussed at the next meeting after Mr. Coleman meets with Department Heads.

**New Business;**

Mr. Hauser complimented the Boy Scout Jamboree held in the Geauga County Fairgrounds for the efficient and courteous event. Around 3000 scouts from all over Northeast Ohio attended the weekend long event.

Mr. Hauser brought to the attention of Council the fact that the Burton Public Library has received national notice and been ranked number 10 in

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the nation among libraries its size. Mayor Blair suggested presenting a proclamation at the next meeting.

Mr. Rougé asked what the watering schedule was for the new trees that were planted. Mr. Coleman thought it was twice a week using the gator bags. Mr. Rougé noted that some of the bags near his residence had not been filled in two weeks. Mr. Coleman will ask Mr. Motil about this.

Mr. Curt Johnson asked Council to look into using LED streetlights instead of the current style. A recent article in the Plain Dealer mentioned significant cost savings in electricity use with the new LED style. Mr. Garner commented that the cost of changing the current lights to the new LED style may more than offset the cost. Council will investigate.

Mrs. Lillibridge noted that a couple of street lights were out on Garden Street near Ford Lane after the storm.

There being no further business before Council, Mayor Blair asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rouge moved to adjourn. Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer