

**Council Meeting  
28 February 2011**

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

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

**Visitors:** Jennell Dahlhausen, Joe Kozial, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Curt Johnson, Rick Smigelski, Mia Moore, Nick Fischbach, Josh Echt, Todd Hicks, Josh Eggleston.

**Police Report: Chief Smigelski**

Chief Smigelski reported for the month of January 2011. Police responded to 367 activity calls, made 9 arrests, and 29 traffic stops. Officers worked 796.5 hours and put 3399 miles on the police cars.

Chief Smigelski reported that the JAG grant for new radios had been approved but a smaller amount than requested. The Department asked for \$15,000 and received a little over \$5000, enough to purchase two radios. Chief Smigelski stated that he intended to apply again in the future.

Chief Smigelski stated that the CERT program in the Village has 10 volunteers ranging in age from mid twenties to early sixties. The program has been expanded to cover Burton Township as well as the Village. Required training for the program will begin sometime this spring. Ms. Moore offered the assistance of a trainer from First Energy on how to handle downed or dangerous power lines.

**Solicitor:**

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Mayor Blair and Ms. Swaney opened discussion on the Water rate change made by the BPA and the pending legislation before Council raising sewer rates. Mr. Coleman offered two proposals that would phase in sewer rates over several years, arguing that revenue would be greater in time but citizens would have a longer period to adjust to the increase. Mr. Coleman's increase proposals were along the line of 18% in year one, 18% in year two, 15% in year three and 8% in year four. Alternately Mr. Coleman proposed 20% in year one, 18% in year two, 14% in year three and 7% in year four. Council discussed. Mr. Coleman asked Mr. Johnston, BPA president, how the money was being set aside and what was the need. Mr. Ronyak also wanted to know if the 73% recommended by RCAP was needed as an absolute. Mr. Eggleston, representing RCAP,

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and Mr. Paquette, Village Fiscal Officer, explained the budgetary process required to have enough money for future improvements and repairs. The 73% increase recommended by RCAP was meant to cover everything we had. BPA backed off to 50% reflecting the existing economy versus budget needs. Mr. Ronyak and Mr. Coleman concurred that rates needed to be raised but wanted BPA to consider a phased rate increase and asked Council to forego the 50% increase to sewer in favor of a phased increase. Mr. Paquette confirmed with Mr. Hicks that Council would need to take some kind of action on the current ordinance and would need to introduce another ordinance covering any proposed phase in. Mr. Paquette also added a note of caution saying that the General Fund was not a point to augment the Water and Sewer accounts in any monetary form. Mr. Coleman recommended a phased rate plan of 20 % the first year, 20% the second year, 15% the third year and 15% the fourth year. Council agreed to have Mr. Paquette make a comparison of revenue and carry over versus proposed budget and present a revised Ordinance to Council. Council also asked BPA to consider making the same change to the water rates. Council offered a joint BPA Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss the new ordinances as proposed. Mr. Johnston had no objections.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2213-11, amending section 303(a) of the Board of Public Affairs Rules and Regulations for the Village of Burton and Section 925.02(a) of the Village of Burton Codified Ordinances so as to amend the sewer rates, on final reading. Mr. Ronyak moved to table the Ordinance until the next meeting and Ms. Swaney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – No, Gerald Rougé – Yes. Ordinance 2213-11 is tabled.

Ms. Swaney placed Ordinance 2214-11, amending section 302(a) of the Board of Public Affairs Rules and Regulations for the Village of Burton and Section 925.01 (a) of the Village of Burton Codified Ordinances so as to amend the sewer tap in or connection fee, on final reading. Mr. Coleman moved to adopt and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Roll Call: Jeff Coleman – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Linda Swaney – Yes. Ordinance 2214-11 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Ordinance 2218-11, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with NOPEC, Inc. for a \$50,000 grant to fund the replacement of one waste water blower and declaring an emergency and moved to waive further readings. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes.

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Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Ordinance 2218-11 and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé –Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Ordinance 2218-11 is adopted.

Ms. Swaney introduced Resolution 2011-11, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to request an amended certificate of revenue and appropriations from the County Auditor and moved to waive further readings. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé –Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes.

Ms. Swaney moved to adopt Resolution 2011-11 and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll Call: Linda Swaney – Yes, Jeff Coleman – Yes, Dianne Lillibridge – Yes, Gerald Rougé –Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes. Resolution 2011-11 is adopted.

**Fiscal Officer:**

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

Mr. Paquette asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of 14 February 2011 with the following changes. On page 1, last paragraph on the page, third sentence, first word 'Here' should be 'Her'. On page 5, fourth paragraph, third sentence, 'Mr. Ronyak moved to adopt 'he'' should read ...moved to adopt 'the'. On page 6, Tree and Parks paragraph, the last sentence, insert 'a copy' between the words 'obtain' and 'of'. On page 7, third paragraph, 'Wayman' should read 'Wayman's'. Mr. Coleman moved to adopt the 14 February minutes as amended. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Paquette reported the following as Fiscal Officer.  
House Bill 5, limiting unions in the public sector will have little effect on the Village at this time. Mr. Coleman noted that the health care limits might affect us later.  
House Bill 114 in part, removed the funding for all Issue II capital funding projects this next year.  
The Village Fiscal Compliance audit is set to start on 7 March.  
Training required for JAG grants will be held in Columbus on 22 March and Chief Smigelski and Mr. Paquette are scheduled to attend.

**MAYORS Report;**

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Mayor Blair noted that Pancake and Maple Syrup season was fast upon us and cautioned everyone to be patient with visitors and traffic. Mayor Blair also noted that he and Mr. Johnston had entered the Chili competition at the High School and won. He donated the prize.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Blair asked Council when they would like to meet to discuss the next step in the process of evaluating the Village Administrator position. Council was open almost any date. Mr. Paquette asked if March 7<sup>th</sup> was convenient. Council agreed to that date. Mr. Johnson was available. Mrs. Beaumier and Mr. Brian Johnston will be contacted.

**New Business:**

Nothing was presented.

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

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Fiscal Officer