

Burton Village Council Minutes  
28 November 2016

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

Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – No, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – No, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Charlie Blair – No. The Village Council does not have a quorum for this meeting. Mayor Koster noted for the record that Mr. Boehnlein was out for a family matter, Mr. C. Blair had informed Council at the last meeting that he would be in Florida for this meeting and Ms. Dobay had contacted the Mayor prior to the meeting stating she would be unable to attend.

Visitors: Rick Gruber, Joe Koziol, Debbie Palmisano, Jack Garner, Ann Wishart, Marcianne Kimpton, Pat Linn, Brian Wendl, Jim Wohlken, Ken Moses, Yolita Rausche, Todd Hicks.

Mayor Koster noted that Council was unable to adopt the minutes of the last Council and could not amend or approve the agenda for this meeting.

Mayor Koster recognized Ms. Yolita Rausche. Ms. Rausche presented herself as the principal of Rausche Historic Preservation and reported on an intensive level historical architectural survey of homes and structures on Hickox Street in the Village. The survey was done as part of a grant from the Ohio History Connection to the Village of Burton Historic District Architectural Review Board. The Survey reviewed 36 structures on Hickox Street and included archival research and a field survey. Ohio History Connection I-Forms were completed for each property and copies are available in the Village office. Ms. Rausche sampled several structures from the survey, discussing their architectural style, age, ownership, and historical significance. In summary Ms. Rausche explained the benefits of the survey. Conducting the survey made no restrictions to the property or the property owner. The survey results help the Village to plan its future, guides property owners and the Village on building rehabilitation, helps protect and maintain property value, facilitates investment and helps monitor and channel new development. The Historic District Architectural Review Board provides guidelines to property owners in the rehabilitation of their property with the goal of maintaining and preserving existing historical aesthetics. According to Ms. Rausche, property maintained according to the historical standard has a higher value. Mayor Koster asked how a new house in the historic district should be treated. Ms. Rausche explained that the preservation area around the historic district encouraged homes and property to maintain the proportion and style of the existing historical structures so as not to detract from them. The new

home, while not historic, could be thought of as a contributing element to the district as a whole. Mayor Koster and Council thanked Ms. Rausche for her work.

### **Standing Committees**

Long Range Planning Committee – Tom Blair  
Mr. T. Blair had nothing to report.

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Charles Boehnlein  
Mr. Boehnlein was not available to report.

Safety Committee– Craig Ronyak  
Mr. Ronyak reported to Council that the Burton Volunteer Fire Department had just elected new board members and he expected them to present a revised contract along the lines discussed by Council.

Street Committee – Roberta Dobay  
Ms. Dobay was not available to report.

### **Council Reports on Boards and Commissions**

**BPA – Charlie Blair** was not available to report. Mr. Paquette reported that advertising for construction of the expanded wastewater treatment plant was on hold while the Board and Arcadis sorted out a potential problem with copper levels in the water.

**BZA and HDA– Charles Boehnlein** was not available to report

**BCPA/Township Representative – Dianne Lillibridge.** Mayor Koster announced that Mrs. Lillibridge had passed away on 26 November unexpectedly. The Mayor Koster and Council expressed their condolences to the Lillibridge family.

**Cemetery Board – Roberta Dobay** was not available to report. Mr. Paquette mentioned that the Board will be meeting on 14 December to review and accept contractor prices for the coming year and possibly discuss adopting procedures for repurchase of cemetery lots.

**Historic District Review Board – Joe Hernandez** reported he is coming up to speed on issues related to the demolition of the house at 13810 Spring Street. Mr. Hernandez thanked Ms. Rausche again for her presentation and asked Mr. Paquette to provide him with a copy of the survey results.

**Planning Commission – Tom Blair** reported that the Planning Commission was meeting on 15 December.

**Tree Commission – Charlie Blair** was not available to report.

**Fiscal Officers Report:**

Mr. Paquette provided a Summary of Revenue and Expenses to Council. There were no questions.

**Solicitors Report:**

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

**Police Report:**

Chief Smigelski was not available to report.

**Street Report:**

Chief Smigelski was not available to report.

**Fire Department Report:**

Chief Brian Wendl of the Fire Department presented a report for Council. The Fire Department responded to 17 EMS calls in Burton Village in September and four fire calls. Mr. Ronyak congratulated Chief Wendl on being elected to serve as Chief for another year. Mr. Paquette asked about the number of calls to 14095 E. Center Street. Chief Wendl stated that the address was for Burton Health Care. Mr. Paquette asked if Burton Health Care still had a contract for ambulance service with another company. Chief Wendl stated that the Burton Fire Department only responded to emergencies at the site, noting that the Department was encouraging to facility to contact the Fire Department for any immediate help needed rather than wait for the private contractor to arrive and render assistance.

**Engineers Report:**

Mr. Hess was not available to report.

**Arborist Report:**

Ms. Palmisano reported that she had planted five pear trees and had five larger trees planted on South Cheshire. Ms. Palmisano was using an air knife in the park to aerate tree roots. Independent Tree starting removing trees specified by the Tree Commission. Ms. Palmisano met with contractors about management strategies for the maple trees in the park. She will meet with Mr. A. Siewert, the local urban forester, for further consultation.

**Zoning Inspectors Report:**

Mr. Gruber reported that he had approved permits for work at Preston's property on Rapids Road and the Huge property. Certified letters were sent to Mr. Finnerty and the Gordons about their respective property. Mr. Finnerty has not responded. Mr. Gordon met with Mr. Gruber and they went over the issues that needed to be corrected on Mr. Gordon's property off West Park Street.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Nothing Scheduled

### **Mayors Report:**

Mayor Koster reported that he had attended the tree lighting ceremony in the Park this weekend. Mayor Koster called out the efforts of members of the Congregational Church and the Chamber Commerce who provided food and hot chocolate immediately following the ceremony. Mayor Koster also asked if a tree could be planted in recognition of the support provided to the Village by Mr. Jerry Walsh. Ms. Palmisano and Mr. Paquette will look into it.

Mayor Koster opened a discussion concerning pending legislation at the Ohio State House. Mayor Koster felt there were three issues of concern in the legislation in Columbus. One bill would limit property tax liability on property zoned commercial but not yet actively being used as such. Another bill impacted fire departments. The one of current concern specific to the Village involved a move to remove local control from municipal governments and allow private companies and speculators to build or place small cell wireless antenna and supporting equipment on any government infrastructure or right of way. Council agreed that a letter should be sent to our state representatives asking them to help us oppose this potential legislation. Mr. Paquette will draft a response and circulate to Council and the Mayor for approval. Given the short turn around, Mr. Paquette asked Council for an expedited permission to send the letter on.

Mayor Koster asked Mr. Paquette to have drafted letters thanking the Congregational Church and the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts at the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Koster asked Council to assist in finding replacement members for the Historic District Architectural Review Board and the Tree Commission. The Mayor asked Mr. Paquette to also check on any other missing board or committee members including expiring or expired terms.

Mr. Paquette stated for the record that Mr. Hicks and the Geauga County Board of Elections had confirmed that Mr. Hernandez was indeed serving for the remaining term of the seat he filled through December 31, 2019.

### **New Business**

Mr. Hernandez informed Council and the Mayor that he had provided a letter to Mr. Paquette notifying the public and KeyCorp that he will abstain from any decisions involving his employer.

### **Open Public Participation**

Mayor Koster recognized Mr. Moses. Mr. Moses inquired about what happened and what was planned for the Ronyak Paving property on Colony Lane. Mr. Gruber explained that Ronyak Paving had proceeded with the proper permits and that the Village and the Ohio EPA had instructed them to stop until those permits were obtained and plans provided. To date, the Village has not received notice of Ronyak Paving's plans.

Mr. Garner asked about decisions regarding G-TV as discussed at the last meeting. Mayor Koster reported that nothing has been decided and the matter is still open.

### **Adjourn**

Mayor Koster adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor