

Burton Village Council Minutes  
8 February 2016

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

Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes.

Visitors: Lee Koroshes, Jane Koroshes, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Dave Jevnikar, Joe Koziol, Rick Gruber, Jeremy Neill.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to adopt or amend the agenda for the Council Meeting of 8 February 2016. Mayor Koster presented two additions: Judy Beaumier has resigned from Tree Commission and Mr. C. Blair will be discussing a Tree Commission Report of Violation form. Mr. Boehnlein requested time to address the difference between the Historic District Association and the Burton Historic District Architectural Review Board. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the agenda as amended and Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 25 January 2016. Mr. Paquette presented a summary of changes to Council. On page 3, first paragraph, the sentence ending 'accepting the Fires Contract for 2016.' should read 'accepting the Fire Contract for 2016'. On page 3, second to last sentence of the Arborist's report, Urban forest is capitalized Urban Forest. On page 4, Mayors Report b.: Independence, Ohio is replaced with Strongsville, Ohio. On page 4, Mayors Report f; in the first sentence, 'Berkshire Apartments' should read 'Berkshire Hills Apartments'. On page 5, New Business, third paragraph, second sentence: after the word 'recounting' add 'of the events of that day'. On page 5, Open Public Participation, first sentence, last word, make it 'vehicles.' Add periods before Mr. T. Blair and Mr. C. Blair and add a signature line for Fiscal Officer and the Mayor at the end of the minutes. Mr. T. Blair moved to approved as amended and Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion passed.

**Fiscal Officers Report:**

Mr. Paquette presented the Summary of Revenue and Expenses and asked for comments or questions. There were none.

Mr. Paquette reported that the Village Engineers Contract expires 28 February 2016.

Mr. Paquette reported that the Village Police Prosecutor contract expired 31 December 2015. Chief Smigelski is working with Mr. Coyne, our current prosecutor, to obtain a new contract.

A Village shred event is tentatively scheduled for 11 June 2016. Council did not have any objections at this time.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to accept and pay approved invoices. Mr. Boehnlein moved to pay approved invoices and Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mr. C. Boehnlein introduced Ordinance 2296-16, authorizing the hiring of Andrew Carroscia as a full time employee in the position of Assistant Water and Wastewater Operator at a rate of \$17.50 per hour initially and at \$18.00 per hour after attaining a Class II wastewater operator license. Mr. Carroscia is hired starting February 16, 2016 pending successful completion of a required medical screening, background check and shall serve a minimum probationary period of 6 months. The measure is declared an emergency measure. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings and Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt Ordinance 2296-16 and Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes. Ordinance 2296-16 is adopted.

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Koster made the following report:

Engineers Office – Amendments to the 2014 - Policy and Guidance for the Application and Distribution of the Geauga County Municipal Motor Vehicle License Tax have been forwarded to the Village for review. No substantial changes to the way funds are distributed.

Newsletter – Articles to be in to Ms. Pikus by February 29<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Hernandez brought up the alternate printing quote offered by Geauga MapleLeaf for printing and mailing newsletters. While printing was cheaper, their cost to mail appears higher. After discussion, Council asked Mrs. Hernandez to seek more quotes.

February 12 – Roster of municipal employees and officers will be sent to the Ohio Secretary of State by this date.

February 15 – ODOT – Meeting dealing with “Amish Strategic Safety on the Roadways” at the County Engineers Office. Chief Smigelski has attended in the past.

February 24 – 8 AM – ODOT repurposing grant – Participants will meet and find out if ODOT has procured land and when, potentially, they will be leaving the ODOT facility in Burton. Council was specific that the cost of environmental cleanup of the property be factored into any decision along with cost to rehab and maintain. The ODOT grant committee will need to make recommendations to their specific

entities based upon ODOT's current plans and the desire of each entity.

March 19<sup>th</sup> –Mayor Koster and Lisa Hernandez will attend the Newly Elected Officials Training in Independence. Mr. C. Blair is unable to attend. Ms. Dobay expressed interest also.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ohio Fair Housing Act – removed questions on employment applications regarding criminal background information.

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Three seats have been reserved for the Ethics Seminar in Strongsville.

The February BPA meeting has been changed to February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Council and public were informed of the 3% Increase in the water/sewer rates effective 1 January 2016.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Koster made a personal donation to the Easter Egg Hunt to take place on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11AM on the south side of the High School. Mayor Koster asked Council if the Village wanted to make a donation this year. Last year the Village donated \$500. Mr. T. Blair moved to donate \$500 to the 2016 Easter Egg Hunt in Burton Village and Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion passed.

G-TV – Mayor Koster recognized Mr. Dave Jevnikar and opened a discussion of the G-TV contract. Mr. Jevnikar recounted a history of the cable franchise fee and its uses in Geauga County. Mr. Jevnikar offered to let the Village keep one third of the next quarterly payment as G-TV did not perform any programming in the Village because of the contract uncertainty. Going forward G-TV will be attempting to stream live video and video on demand via the internet. If there are no objections, this content will be available to anyone on the internet at no charge. Council did not object. Ms. Dobay asked to revisit the future contract in October of this year. Mr. Paquette and Mayor Koster will provide some type of legislation to Council at the next meeting to repeal the rescinding legislation of December 2015 and finish the existing contract.

Mr. Boehnlein wanted to clarify to Council and the public that the Burton Historic District Association is a non-profit entity within the Village that is not affiliated with the Historic District Architectural Review Board. The Association's goal is to preserve and promote the historic qualities of the Village and work with likeminded entities to do so. The Historic District Architectural Review Board is a Village appointed board to oversee and manage the Historic District protected area and National Historic Registered Area of the Village, including decisions concerning appearance and signs. Mr. Boehnlein emphasized that the Historic District Association has no enforcement authority in Burton Village.

## **New Business**

Mr. Paquette presented requests from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a C1 and C2 license transfer to Grace 87 Inc. 13819 W Center from A&M 87<sup>th</sup> Inc. 13819 W Center and for a D5L license under the Revitalization Ordinance of the Village for Smith Restaurant at 14608 W Park (the former Belles). Council can request a hearing for one or both. Ms. Dobay moved to decline to have a hearing and Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roberta Dobay – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes. Motion passed. Mr. Paquette will answer the Ohio Division of Liquor Control request.

Tree Commission recommended the low bid for stump removal as Roubic Tree with a bid of \$1,400.00. Other bidders were Van Curen at \$2,275.00, Ripley at \$1,700.00, and Erickson at \$2,400. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the Roubic Tree bid of \$1,400 and Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes. Motion passed.

Judy Beaumier has resigned from Tree Commission. Council recommended that a proclamation be made to her for her services.

Mr. C. Blair presented a Tree Commission Violation Form for Council's consideration. Council asked who would enforce the violation and in what form the notification to residents would be in. Mr. Paquette recommended further research along the lines of the way the Village enforces tall grass ordinances. Mrs. Kimpton asked for the form to be presented to legal counsel for review.

## **Open Public Participation**

Mayor Koster recognized Mr. L. Koroshes. Mr. Koroshes thanked Council for their support of the Easter Egg Hunt and invited them to attend.

Mayor Koster recognized Mrs. J. Koroshes. Mrs. Koroshes announced the Burton American Legion Ladies Auxiliary 'Oink and Squeal' Raffle on 19 March. There are cash prizes and hams to be awarded. Doors open at 5PM and the raffle is at 7PM.

According to Mr. Koroshes, the American Legion pancake breakfasts will be held every Sunday from 14 February to 17 April.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM and Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.