

Burton Village Council Minutes
23 May 2016

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

Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – No, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Charlie Blair – No. Mayor Koster stated that Mr. C. Blair was excused.

Visitors: Judy Beaumier, Dianne Lillibridge, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Rick Smigelski, Rick Gruber, Todd Hicks, Katie Ringenbach, Ann Wishart.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 9 May 2016. Mr. Ronyak moved to approve the minutes as written and Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda for 23 May 2016. Mayor Koster added an introduction of the new Burton Public Library Director to Council. Mr. T. Blair moved to amend the agenda and Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mayor Koster introduced Katie Ringenbach as the new Burton Public Library Director. Ms. Ringenbach worked in the Cleveland Library system before this and is looking forward to her job here in Burton.

Standing Committees

Long Range Planning Committee – Tom Blair

Mr. T. Blair reported that the Planning Commission met and is making progress toward adjusting zoning and a long range plan for the Village. Mayor Koster added that the joint Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meeting went very well.

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Charles Boehnlein

Mr. Boehnlein was not available to report

Safety Committee– Craig Ronyak

Mr. Ronyak had nothing to report.

Street Committee – Roberta Dobay

Ms. Dobay reported that the flowers for the square were ready to be picked up and planted. The Street Department is preparing the beds this week for planting.

Council Reports on Boards and Commissions

BPA – Charlie Blair was not available to report. Mayor Koster stated that the Board of Public Affairs has requested that Council make a motion to allow them to go forward with plans to expand the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. T. Blair moved to allow the BPA or its representative to complete the application process to obtain a Permit to Install for the wastewater treatment plant expansion project including a loan application for an estimated \$12,000,000. Mrs. Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Abstain. Motion passed.

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

Cemetery Board – Roberta Dobay reported that the urns for the Cemetery are being painted and will be ready with flowers for Memorial Day.

Historic District Review Board – Lisa Hernandez reported that Coffee Corners is undecided about putting up a fence around their tables on Main Street as they were approved for by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Hicks stated that the variance and permit would lapse after a year if nothing was done.

Planning Commission – Tom Blair reported that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 12 May 2016 was a good start. Mr. T. Blair expressed concern about finding financing to carry out any plans created in future meetings.

Tree Commission – Charlie Blair was unavailable to report. Mayor Koster reported that he, Ms. Palmisano, Ms. Pikus and Ms. Wolfe attended the Tree City luncheon in Westlake on May 10th. Mayor Koster thought that future zoning for the Village should include plans for trees.

Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. Paquette provided a Summary of Revenue and Expenses to Council. There were no questions. Income tax collections are up; however revenue from vehicle registration is trending down with an expected shortfall of \$12,000 for Streets and Highway Operating funds.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Police Report:

Chief Smigelski reported to Council for April 2016. There were 89 calls, 21 traffic stops, 5 arrests and 3,347 miles put on the vehicles.

Chief Smigelski also reported that Signal Service will be out this week to provide an estimated cost for adding a non-flashing light to the back of the school traffic lights to warn drivers that the school zone is active.

On Memorial Day part of North Cheshire and the road around the park will be closed from 11:30 AM to around 1PM for the parade and ceremony.

The Street Department has purchased a striper and will receive training on Tuesday 24 May. The Cemetery flower urns will be painted on Tuesday also. Brush pickup was completed. Street sweeping was also completed.

Fire Department Report:

The Fire Department was not present to report.

Zoning Inspectors Report:

Mr. Gruber reported that he had approved permits for a garage on Goodwin and a fence on East Center. Mr. Gruber is working with Matt Wheelock to develop the former Arnold property on North Cheshire into a multifamily unit. Ohio Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is granting a permit to Mr. Debrowski to open a firearms store on Main Street.

Mr. Paquette will provide a blank Mayors Permit form to Mr. Gruber for Preston Auto to fill out.

Several properties with reported long grass were taken care of, however two still remain. The Michael Lovas property on West Center and the Burton Fox Inn property on South Cheshire have long grass problems. Mr. Gruber was recommended to contact Rod Lovas with regard to the M. Lovas property in the Village. The consensus of Council was that a letter to the owner of the Burton Fox Inn would probably go unanswered in the short time before Memorial Day so the Street Department was directed to mow the lawn facing the road. Mr. Gruber will send a letter to Mr. Imars indicating that the remaining lawn must be taken care of in 10 days.

The roof on the Finnerty rental property at East Park and Kirtland has been repaired although no other work has been done.

The County Board of Health is seeking the locations of piles of "wild tires" that may be breeding grounds for mosquitoes. The Board of Health is applying for a grant to clean them up. Chief Smigelski was not aware of any piles of unclaimed tires in the Village.

Arborist Report:

Ms. Palmisano was not available to report.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess was not available to report.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Ronyak moved to adopt Ordinance 2299-16, restricting on street parking to the north side on Spring Street and the east side on Hickox Street unless otherwise noted. Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. Roll Call: Craig Ronyak – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes. Ordinance 2999-16 is adopted.

Council placed Ordinance 2300-16, adopting the 2017 Tax Budget and declaring an emergency, on second reading. A Public Hearing will be conducted at the June 13 Council meeting.

Mr. Ronyak introduced Resolution 2016-09, requesting tax advances for the second half real estate collection on July 7th and July 21st and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading.

Mr. Ronyak introduced Ordinance 2301-16, rezoning parcel 05-707012 (Cemetery Annex) from R-2 (Residence) to S-1 (Special), and placed it on first reading.

Mr. Ronyak introduced Resolution 2302-16, rezoning parcel 05-015300 (14557 Baird Street, the Geauga Maid Apartments) from B-2 (Highway Business) to R-3 (Multiple Residence), and placed it on first reading.

Mr. Ronyak introduced Ordinance 2303-16, rezoning parcel 05-002570 (14576 West Park) from S-1(Special) to B-1(Central Business), and placed it on first reading.

Mr. Ronyak introduced Ordinance 2304-16, rezoning certain parcels in Shannon Court from R-2 (Residence) to R-3 (Multiple Residence), and placed it on first reading.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Koster reviewed the items he already brought before Council regarding the Planning Commission, tall grass, Arbor Day luncheon and the wastewater treatment plant.

The ODOT property repurposing grant report is in final form. That discussion centered on possible use of the entire facility by the Village, Burton Township and Berkshire School District. The Village had suggested inclusion of its concerns regarding possible site contamination, use of the salt dome alone, and splitting the lot, however those were not included.

The Berkshire Kent State consolidation group met May 19th. That meeting produced nothing new to report. Mayor Koster provided Mr. Paquette a copy of Ohio HB148 that deals with school construction funding. Mr. Paquette is to make the legislation available for Council to review upon request.

Burton Village will be the host site for the Chautauqua 2017 event thanks to the efforts of the Burton Historic District Association.

Old Business

Mayor Koster asked Council and the public to contact Mr. Paquette if interested in serving on an Ad Hoc committee to review the Historic District Ordinance Chapter 159. Mayor Koster also asked Council to be a part of an Ad Hoc committee to review the Property Management Ordinance. Mayor Koster stated that he felt Council needed to be a participant in this process. Chief Smigelski noted that current rules and regulations were unenforceable as written and therefore provided no consequences for not following them. Mr. Gruber felt that any assistance Council could provide would be helpful.

New Business

Mrs. Beaumier reminded Council and the Public that the Memorial Day Service would take place at the Gazebo in the park followed by services at the Legion Memorial in the Cemetery and lunch at the American Legion Post.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Garner asked where Mr. C. Blair was and when he was returning. Mayor Koster explained that it was a complicated and unexpected situation that hopefully would be resolved soon.

Adjourn

Mr. Ronyak moved to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Mr. T. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor