

Burton Village Council Minutes
8 August 2016

Mayor Koster called the meeting of the Burton Village Council to order at 7:00 PM.

Visitors:

Joe Kozial, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Don Rice, Ann Wishart, Tom Clark, Brian Wendl, Jesse DeWesse, Dianne Lillibridge

Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of the Council meeting on 11 July 2016. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda for 8 August 2016. Mr. Paquette recommended adding the Fire Department to the Recognition of Visitors. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the agenda as amended. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Recognition of Visitors:

Mayor Koster recognized Mr. Don Rice of the Geauga County Metzenbaum Center. Mr. Rice thanked the Burton community for their support of the Metzenbaum Levy. Mr. Rice mentioned that Metzenbaum is engaging its residents in the community. The Metzenbaum building is available for public use. Mr. Rice went on to list some of the uses the public has found for the building. Mayor Koster asked Mr. Rice if Metzenbaum was sending funding back to the schools. Mr. Rice stated that it was although the State of Ohio has reduced the amount available to return to the schools. Mayor Koster suggested that the Geauga Educational Service Center should join offices with Metzenbaum. Mr. Rice thanked him for the idea.

Mayor Koster recognized the Burton Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Wendl reported that there were 12 EMS, 1 Fire and 1 mutual aid calls during the month. The Fire Department is preparing for the Fair. Mayor Koster asked if the Fire Department had any information for Council concerning the house they owned at 13810 Spring Street. Chief Wendl deferred to Mr. DeWesse. Mr. DeWesse stated that the Fire Department had wanted to tear down the house but discovered that their contractor did not have all the required permits from the Village. The Fire Department did not elaborate on any plans for expansion or building after removal the existing structure at 13810 Spring Street. Chief Wendl stated that because the existing fire station is also an historic building the Fire Department was proceeding slowly with planning.

Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. Paquette asked if there were any questions concerning the revenue and expenses summary as presented. There were no questions.

Mr. Paquette asked Mr. Boehnlein if he would present the findings of the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Boehnlein reported that the Finance Committee had met and discussed additional funding options for the Village. The Committee noted declining carry over in the General, to the point of potentially no carry over in five years even without capital projects, equipment purchases or employee raises. The Committee suggested that Council consider asking the public for a one half percent increase in the income tax rate.

Mr. Paquette reported that Fall Brush Pickup is being setup. Ms. Pikus is waiting on Chief Smigelski for suggested dates and vendors to request quotes from.

Mr. Paquette reported that the new health insurance rates for the Village went up 5% instead of the original 9.2% thanks to the efforts of Ron Fleeter, the Village's third party manager.

The first of two Village Chevrolet Impalas up for auction was sold for \$2,510.00. This amount exceeds the set reserve. Mr. Paquette will contact the winning bidder and arrange for transfer of the vehicle with receipt of payment. Mr. Paquette asked Council to consider taking the second vehicle out of the auction cycle until the Mayor and Police Chief work out the details of a possible transfer to the Amsterdam Ohio Police Department. The Amsterdam Police Department is seeking to bolster its small force with as little cost as possible. Council agreed that a transfer of the vehicle was possible for approximately half the estimated sale price of the vehicle.

Mr. Paquette reported that the Department heads had met on 3 August and drafted a Capital Improvement Plan for Council review. Mr. Paquette will give the department heads a chance to review the draft and then present to Council at the 22 August meeting.

Mr. Paquette received a quote from Aspen Energy to change the electricity supplier for the Village. The result would be a modest savings. Mayor Koster asked how that would impact participation in NOPEC if we changed. Mr. Paquette will contact NOPEC to find out.

Mr. Paquette reminded Council that property insurance renews in October. Several companies had inquired about quoting for the policy. Mr. Paquette recommended that the Village obtain quotes for property insurance in 2017. Mayor Koster suggested getting quotes for a three year rate. Mr. Paquette will investigate. The Village will not be obtaining quotes this year.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept and pay approved invoices. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion is approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Koster placed resolution 2016-10, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to pay certified invoices in advance of Council approval, on second reading.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2301-16, rezoning parcel 05-707012 from R-2(Residence) to S-1(Special), on final reading and moved to adopt. Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes. Ordinance 2301-16 is adopted.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2302-16, rezoning parcel 05-015300 from B-2(Highway Business) to R-3(Multiple Residence), on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes. Ordinance 2302-16 is adopted.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2303-16, rezoning parcel 05002570 from S-1(Special) to B-1(Central Business), on final reading and moved to adopt. Ms. Dobay seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes. Ordinance 2303-16 is adopted.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2304-16, rezoning certain parcels in Shannon Court from R-2(Residence) to R-3(Multiple Residence), on final reading and moved to adopt. Mr. C. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Charlie Blair – Yes, Roberta Dobay – Yes, Lisa Hernandez – Yes, Craig Ronyak – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes. Ordinance 2304-16 is adopted.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Koster appointed Linda Swaney to the Tax Review Board and asked Council to consider appointing Dianne Lillibridge and Rick Chambers as the other two members. Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the nomination of all three suggested appointees to the Tax Review Board. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Mayor Koster informed Council that Ms. Sharon Wolfe had resigned from the Tree Commission and the Mayor was accepting her resignation. Mayor Koster asked Council to appoint Ms. Denise Bollinger to the Tree Commission as a replacement. Ms. Bollinger had expressed interest in serving in some capacity with the Village. Ms. Dobay recommended that the Tree Commission have a chance to review the nomination before the appointment is completed.

Old Business

Mayor Koster asked if there was any discussion on the Historic District Ordinance Chapter 159 or the Property Management Ordinance. Council deferred the discussion until the next meeting. Mayor Koster agreed that

any discussion should wait until Council was ready but urged Council to consider the issue.

Mayor Koster will call a Planning Commission meeting sometime in mid-September.

New Business

Mayor Koster informed Council that Preston Auto was building a bus service garage on their parcel off Rapids Road but needed an easement from the owner of the property they are renting on Rapids Road to build an access driveway to the new building.

Mayor Koster mentioned that the State of Ohio Liquor Control Board was moving all liquor permit renewals to the same annual date and that the Village would need to prepare an ordinance stating its objections for each renewal if it had any. Council had no objections to any renewals. Ms. Hernandez reported that the new Smith's Restaurant at 14608 West Park was scheduled to open this week.

Ms. Dobay asked that a notice be placed in the newsletter asking for videos of Village events. These videos will be put on the Village website. The unclaimed parcel next to 14527 North Cheshire and around the buildings on the east side of the business district is under review by the County Auditor and Engineer to see if the Village can be listed as owner of the untitled property at little or no cost. Council agreed.

Open Public Participation

Those present declined to speak.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ronyak seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor /President Pro Tem