

Burton Village Council  
Minutes  
12 March, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Koster called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Rick Smigelski, Pat Linn, Victoria Spanos, Jack Garner, Dan Whiting

**Roll Call:**

Ruth Spanos – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Ronyak – No, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Bonnie Richards - Yes.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 26 February 2018. Mr. Hernandez moved to approve the minutes of 26 February 2018 as written. Ms. Spanos seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion accepted.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda for 12 March 2018. Mr. Blair moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

**Fiscal Officers Report:**

Mr. Paquette asked if Council had any questions about the Council Summary of Revenue and Expenses. There were none.

The 2018 proposed final Budget as presented to Council was amended by \$65,000. A \$5000 increase in appropriations for the Tree Commission at the request of the Tree Commission chair, Mr. Larson. This increase will reduce the effective carryover for the Tree Commission fund to \$2000 in 2019 meaning that they will not be able to do any work until April or May. The water operating fund increased appropriations by \$30,000 to cover anticipated costs for pump repair and well cleaning. And the Sewer Tap In Fund increased appropriations by \$30,000 to cover costs associated with the WWTP expansion project before the loan is approved.

Mr. Paquette also mentioned that he had provided a copy of a proposed ordinance to start the process of placing a renewal of the 4.75 mil fire levy on the November ballot.

Mayor Koster asked for a motion to accept and pay approved invoices. Mr. Blair moved to pay approved invoices and Mr. Tromba seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion approved.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mr. Paquette placed Resolution 2018-05 - approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended Certificate of Resources and Permanent

Appropriations from the County Auditor regarding the General, Special Revenue, Capital Project, Enterprise, Special Assessment and Fiduciary funds, on final reading and asked for a motion to adopt as amended. Mr. Blair so moved. Mr. Tromba seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Ordinance 2018-05 is adopted.

Mr. Hernandez placed an amended Ordinance 2326-17, creating salary pay ranges and providing for biennial pay increases as approved and amended and declaring an emergency and moved to adopt as amended. Mr. Tromba moved to adopt as amended and Mr. Hernandez seconded the motion. Roll Call: Nick Tromba – Yes, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes. Ordinance 2326-17 is adopted.

Ordinance 2327-17 was amended to reflect the Finance Committee's final suggestions for pay rates for some employees. Mr. Blair placed the amended Ordinance 2327-17, establishing pay rates for full time and part time employees for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 unless modified and moved to adopt as amended. Ms. Spanos seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Joe Hernandez – Abstain, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes.

Ms. Spanos introduced Ordinance 2338-18, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hess and Associates Inc. for professional services commencing March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2020. Ms. Spanos moved to waive further readings and Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ruth Spanos – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes. Motion passed.

Ms. Richards moved to adopt Ordinance 2338-18 and Ms. Spanos seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bonnie Richards – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Joe Hernandez – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes. Ordinance 2338-18 is adopted.

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Koster stated that the newsletter went out the prior week. Mr. Ronyak has resigned from Council to concentrate on his new job. Council will advertise for a new member and has thirty days to fill the position. Mayor Koster introduced Adam Miller. Mr. Miller has expressed interest in serving on the Board of Public Affairs. Mr. Miller gave a brief biographical background to Council. Mayor Koster nominated Mr. Miller for the seat vacated by Mr. Barber on the Board of Public Affairs and asked if Council had any comments. Hearing none, Mayor Koster swore Mr. Miller in.

**Old Business**

No old business was brought before Council.

**New Business**

Mayor Koster reminded the Street Committee and Street Commissioner that they needed to be thinking of flowers for the Village. Chief Smigelski stated that he had already started formulating a plan.

**Open Public Participation**

Mayor Koster recognized Mr. Dan Whiting, Burton Township trustee. Mr. Whiting recommended increased communication between the Village and the Township with regard to the possible Berkshire school project and the fire contract. Mr. Whiting was in favor of a Joint Economic Development District for the Berkshire school project. Mayor Koster stated his opposition because it would add another layer of government. Mayor Koster discussed the possible new school and areas of concern to the Village regarding lost tax revenue and reuse of existing school property in the Village. As to the Fire District, Mayor Koster was waiting on Mr. Thompson to reconvene the Berkshire Community Planning Association. However, he would be happy to meet with Burton Township officials on the matter.

Ms. Spanos moved to adjourn at 7:35 PM and Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion passed.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor