

BPA MEETING MINUTES

July 9 2024

7:00PM

Mr. Pinkava called the meeting.

Roll call: Mr. William Pinkava-present / Mr. Curt Johnson-present / Mr. Nick Rundo-NOT present

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Visitors: Mrs. Denise Bollinger, Mrs. Cindy Fueger, Mrs. Margie Ballash, Mrs. Ann Wishart, Mr. Charles Tiber, Mr. Jake Neill, Mr. Nick Tromba.

Mrs. Bollinger, along with other residents came to this meeting to inquire about the blue spray-painted lines on Dean Court in Burton Village where they reside. Mr. Hess, the Village Engineer, stated a new waterline is going in, which will be the only street project for the year 2024. Mr. Hess stated as part of the bid of the project, the contractor is responsible for replacing the main and service line to the curb shut off. Once the contractor ties into the curb box, they will then look at the individual residential lines to determine the condition of the pipe. If the pipe from the curb box is in poor condition, the contractor will meet with the homeowner to discuss line replacement at that time. If the contractor is hired by the homeowner to dig, the homeowner must have a Plumber inside the home to connect the water service line from the foundation to the meter. Mr. Hess does not have a dollar amount for the cost of this pipe installation but will get the residents the correct costs when this part of the construction is completed. Once the Dean Court waterline project is completed, the entire road will be repaved without curbs. Mr. Hess stated that a new basin will be added to the street to alleviate the water runoff on the resident's driveway, and the street.

Cashiers report: Mrs. Arnold stated that the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) paperwork was emailed by Mr. Neill to the EPA, as well as displayed in the front lobby of the Burton Public Library and the bulletin board in the back of the building. All residents have been notified of the report's availability located at the Village Hall.

Mr. Pinkava moved to approve the revised minutes for June 11, 2024. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the revised minutes of June 11th seconded by Mr. Pinkava. All in Favor? AYE! By voice vote, motion carried.

Mr. Pinkava signed a copy of the Resolution amending section 120 of the RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF BURTON BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DECLARING AND EMERGENCY for the office files.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$28,345.67, seconded by Mr. Pinkava. All in favor? AYE! By voice vote motion carried.

Solicitors report: Mrs. Matheny stated four resolutions were tabled last year in 2023. Two of the Resolutions were related to the shared lines and point-of-sale inspections. One Resolution dealt with the enforcement of penalties not complying with a point-of-sale inspection when a home is sold. Mrs. Matheny stated Resolution 105 was not considered from last year. Mr. Pinkava made a motion to un-table 2023-12 RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 105 OF THE RULES AND

REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF BURTON BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE BY THE VILLAGE UTILITIES OPERATOR TO ANY PREMISES IN WHICH THE OWNER HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF BURTON BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to vote on un-tabling 2023-12 RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 105 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF BURTON BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE BY THE VILLAGE UTILITIES OPERATOR TO ANY PREMISES IN WHICH THE OWNER HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF BURTON BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pinkava. All in favor? AYE! By voice vote motion carries.

Mr. Pinkava is introducing Resolution 2023-12 to the first reading which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor? AYE! By voice vote motion carries. Resolution will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Pinkava would like to discuss the two easements regarding the water and sewer lines. Mr. Pinkava had been contacted by the State of Ohio, real estate division, concerning the easements. The State of Ohio has had some personnel changes, which lead to the Village of Burtons easement request falling through the cracks. The State of Ohio is eager to resolve the two easement requests for water and sewer, which were addressed to Mr. Pinkava through an email. Mr. Neill stated he was told by a Representative that the State of Ohio cannot issue a perpetual easement because it's state land. Mr. Neill reiterated to the representative, that the Village is not looking to take ownership, but would like the easement for the maintenance of the water line on the property. A draft easement was sent by the representative to Mr. Pinkava for water only. The sewer easement draft has not been sent to the Village yet but will basically be identical to the draft-map water easement. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Pinkava are concerned because the map may not be current, as additions have been made. Mrs. Matheny stated that the "looping" is NOT included in the draft easement, as the State cannot authorize or grant this request. Mrs. Matheny is planning to contact Deborah from the State of Ohio to discuss both easements and hopes to come to a resolution.

Mr. Neill has a question regarding the sale of old equipment and the pricing. Mrs. Matheny reiterated the sale cannot exceed one-thousand dollars. If the sale exceeds one-thousand dollars, the items need to be listed on the auction site.

Mr. Pinkava inquired if there was any more discussion on the Dean Court water-line project. Mr. Hess confirmed BPA agreed on the price of \$1500.00 for trees to be re-planted on Dean Court due to the waterline project. Mr. Hess stated some residents had to have their trees cut down due to the new waterline installation. Mr. Hess will meet with Mr. Smigelski, who is filling in as the Village Arborist, to discuss the purchase of trees for the residential properties.

Operators report: Mr. Neill mentioned he met with the gentleman from BJAMM Solar Company to discuss the potential cost savings of solar power in lieu of electricity. Mr. Johnson inquired about placement of the solar panels. Mr. Neill said where the current generator now is located, the solar panels would tie into that transformer on the ground. The panels are tracking panels, which follow the sun throughout the day. Mr. Pinkava asked if the Village would need to purchase these panels from the company and the costs associated with care and maintenance. Mr. Neill said the

maintenance on these solar panels is minimal. Mr. Neill mentioned Canal Fulton just purchased the tracking solar panels and has a report on himself to show the board. Mr. Johnson would like to meet with the Canal Fulton to discuss the installation and effectiveness of the new solar power. Mr. Pinkava asked Mr. Neill to reach out to BJAAM Solar Company and have one of the Reps attend our next meeting to discuss this further.

Mr. Johnson inquired if Mr. Neill is going to have Lake County Sewer out to clean the pipes. Mr. Neill has budgeted the dollar amount for the sewer cleaning but would like the easements cleaned out first. Mr. Johnson would like to see the budget value increase for next year as they will increase pricing due to other associated costs. Mr. Neill is hoping to have Dean Court, Rt 87 and Evergreen Dr. cleaned out due to the waterline project.

Mr. Johnson asked if Mr. Neill contacted the Fire Department regarding the hammering of the pipe issues when opening the hydrants. Mr. Neill explained he did speak to the assistant Fire Chief and he stated they were having a training session along with new staff. Mr. Pinkava reminded Mr. Neill to speak to the Fire Department again regarding this problem as it cost the Village ten thousand dollars to repair the lines from the training with slamming the hydrants open.

Old Business: Mr. Neill mentioned the RCAP Rate study is being actively investigated. RCAP has contacted Mr. Neill as well as the Village office for reports to compare. Mr. Neill is currently auditing the village to make certain all meters are accounted for, residents being billed, as well as unbilled possible water leakage. Verifying all active accounts are being billed.

Mr. Pinkava inquired about filters at the water plant. Mr. Neill advised he took the one filter that was online, offline and cleaned it out. There was sludge on one side which Mr. Neill anticipated with the changing of the drain system. The water plant is still having an issue with the filter, which Mr. Neill believes to be from the school not being in session, the weather, less water etc. Mr. Hess and Mr. Pinkava requested data to be put together for the school to determine a tap-in fee. Mrs. Arnold will contact Berkshire schools to have them email over a session calendar with a monthly consumption breakdown for BPA and the Engineer to review. Mr. Hess mentioned that the Village of Burton's original contract with Berkshire school should be reviewed every two years due to the fact changes can be made within the school during that time, such as in a new building. Mr. Pinkava agreed that was a great idea and has requested the information be made available to everyone by the next meeting.

Mr. Pinkava spoke with the Spectrum adjuster regarding the cable line which was hit during a dig for a water valve repair. The adjuster quoted Mr. Pinkava eight thousand dollars for the repair which our utility department hit on accident, which then went up to eight five hundred dollars. Mr. Pinkava contacted the mayor and the fiscal officer to explain the problem. Mr. Pinkava received a call back from Ms. Dahlhausen and she stated the entire claim will be turned over to the Village insurance company.

Mr. Neill came forward asking for clarification on the used equipment sale. Mrs. Matheney and Mr. Johnson mentioned that a sale cannot exceed one thousand dollars if he wants to sell it outright. If the estimated value exceeds one thousand dollars, all equipment must be itemized then placed on Govdeals.com.

Mr. Pinkava moved to Mrs. Arnold and inquired about the shut off list. Mrs. Arnold stated that most residents have paid or are planning to come in to pay or had forgotten about the bill.

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pinkava. All in favor? AYE!, by voice vote, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.