

## **BPA MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 11, 2025**

**7:00PM**

Mr. Pinkava called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Roll Call:** Mr. William Pinkava-present/Mr. Curt Johnson-present/Mr. Nick Rundo-present

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Recognition of Visitors:** Mr. Todd Hicks, Mr. Jake Neill, Mr. George Hess II, Mr. George Hess III, Mrs. Ann Wishert, Mr. Pete Spanos.

**Cashiers Report:** Mrs. Arnold came forward to have the meeting minutes approved for January 14, 2025, as well as February 11, 2025. Mr. Pinkava made a motion to approve the minutes for January 11, 2025, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in Favor? AYE! by voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Pinkava made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 11, 2025, which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in Favor? AYE! by voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Pinkava has circled back to the recognition of visitors. Mr. Pete Spanos has entered the meeting and wishes to speak to the BPA board regarding the Village of Burton sanitary sewer tap-in fees. Mr. Spanos believes the Village of Burton tap-in fees are excessive and expensive and does not and will not tap into the sewer system. Mr. Spanos stated his tap in cost now exceeds \$15,000 and the expected cost is at \$62,000. Mr. Rundo inquired why Mr. Spanos has investigated taping in if his septic system is operational. Mr. Spanos mentioned his septic system is working correctly being that its 50 years old. Mr. Spanos thought it may be a good idea to have the sanitary tap in completed now since his yard is already dug up with other improvements he is having done to his home and property. Mr. Spanos reiterated he will not tie in due to the costs associated. Mr. Spanos understands his septic system will fail in coming years due to the age of the system, but feels trapped due to the ordinances in the Village of Burton. Mr. Spanos thanked everyone for listening to his dilemma and has now sat back in the audience.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Mr. Pinkava made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$29,285.09 seconded by Mr. Rundo. All in favor? AYE! by voice vote motion passed.

**Engineers report:** Mr. Hess II mentioned he had sent Mr. Pinkava calculations for the school water usage tap in fee. Mr. Pinkava moved to the Village Solicitor, Mr. Todd Hicks for

information regarding the schools tap in payments. Mr. Hicks stated the tap in payments will not be made until the Demko property is developed. This agreement was made right before the covid pandemic. When the covid pandemic hit, all plans were stopped until further notice due to businesses being shut down. Mr. Hicks reiterated to the BPA board that due to the undeveloped property, the village has no choice but to wait for payment, and the village cannot do anything until Mr. Demko decides to move forward. This will delay the payment to the Village from Berkshire. The Village of Burton has received the \$100,000.00 initial payment for the tap in, and once the Demko property is developed, then the school will pay the remaining balance in annual installments. The total tap in fee is \$218,000.00.

Mr. Hess II mentioned council authorized the Garden Street project which will be ready to bid out in June of 2025. Mr. Johnson inquired about the Spring Street project which Mr. Hess II stated the village did not receive that grant. Mr. Hess II stated they are replacing the waterline from West Center to Spring Street as well as fixing the sewer in two spots.

**Solicitors report** nothing to report

**Operators Report:** Mr. Neill stated he has completed point of sales, noticed a resident having a sewer replacement from a point of sale that had failed. Mr. Pinkava inquired about the cleaning of the village water tower. Mr. Neill stated that he will call the contractor next week and set something up. Mr. Neill mentioned there are some spots around the village streets that need to be fixed in Spring once the weather warms.

**Old Business:** Mr. Pinkava stated he spoke to Mr. Kline from RCAP regarding the previous rate study report the village received in 2010. Mr. Kline informed Mr. Pinkava that the type of report that the village would like to see does not exist any longer. The report that the village received in 2024 was put together correctly.

Mr. Pinkava asked about the village utility maps. Mr. Hess III stated they are in progress.

Mr. Pinkava mentioned account #4245-01 regarding the sump pump issue. Mr. Neill had gone over to the residence home and confirmed that the sump pump discharged outside the home in the backyard. Mr. Neill does not know what ran the water meter consumption so high but was unable to locate the source. Mr. Pinkava stated account 4245-01 should not be responsible for the excess sewer bill. Mr. Pinkava made a motion to credit the portion of the sewer bill beyond the normal consumption, seconded by Mr. Rundo. All in favor? AYE! by voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Pinkava inquired about the job notification for the utility department. Mrs. Arnold will inquire with Mrs. Dahlhausen to determine the cost of the ad on Indeed and whether it is still active.

Mr. Neill mentioned he needs to purchase more UV Bulbs for the plant. Mr. Pinkava inquired about the filters and if they are operating with no issues. Mr. Neill stated they are working fine. Mr. Neill stated his phone lines may be switching over to another carrier, reason being, AT&T plan to stop the use of land lines.

Mr. Neill stated he is currently calling contractors for quotes on a new roof.

Mr. Pinkava made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Rundo. All in Favor? AYE!  
by voice vote motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.