

BPA MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2025

7:00PM

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of visitors: Mr. Todd Hicks, Mr. Charles Tiber, Mr. Ted Coblentz, Mr. Pete Spanos.

Mr. Coblentz from MK Roofing came forward with a copy of the quote for the roofs at the water & sewer plant. Mr. Pinkava thanked Mr. Coblentz for coming in and explaining the process of a new metal roof. Mr. Pinkava stated the village has not made a decision and will notify them as soon as they do.

Mr. Pinkava welcomed Mr. Spanos to the BPA meeting. Mr. Spanos inquired about the public sidewalks in the village with the orange "X's" on them. Mr. Neill stated the orange "X" could signify that those sidewalks are to be replaced. Mr. Spanos stated these sidewalks had already been replaced. Mr. Neill stated he will investigate this and report back to BPA.

Mr. Spanos would also like to discuss replacement of a septic system; connection is to a man-hole sanitary sewer and return of the tap-in fee. Mr. Spanos has the intention of looking into replacing his septic system. Since October he has given the village \$3000.00 as well as \$14,000.00 to his contractor for the job. Mr. Spanos stated he had read in the paper there were special situations where a septic system could be installed.

Mr. Johnson stated a septic system could not be replaced. The two situations on Colony Lane that Mr. Spanos mentioned were the result of the homeowners having to pump their sewage 500' uphill, in an unpassable area. The homeowners would have to bore horizontally under a ravine and cut down an abundance of trees. It would not have been feasible to do this, so they were given permission from the village to move forward with the septic system installation. Mr. Johnson reiterated to Mr. Spanos that "IF" a sewer line was to ever go in front of their homes they would be required to tie in. Mr. Spanos would like to know how to change this "rule". Mr. Johnson stated he would need to go to the Health Department and speak to them. Mr. Rundo stated Mr. Spanos would need to change the Ordinance of the village and the Ordinance was added to protect the village.

Mr. Hicks came forward to discuss his questions and to make sure they were answered properly. Mr. Hicks stated the village invested money in a sewer plant which needs to be supported.

Mr. Rundo came forward and stated the two homeowners from Colony Lane did not have the issue with financials, but with the topography of the lots and land surrounding the area.

Mr. Pinkava pointed out to Mr. Spanos he has a sewer line in front of his house where the residents on Colony Lane did not.

Mr. Spanos inquired a second time, how could he have these rules changed?

Mr. Johnson read from the ***BPA Rules and Regulations – CHAPTER 3 / SEWER SERVICE-SECTION 301-SEWER TIE IN REQUIREMENT:***

- (a) From and after the effective date of Ordinance 1173-79, August 22, 1979 no person, firm or corporation shall use any septic tank, sewage disposal system or any on-site sewage disposal system where a Public Sewer is available and accessible.
1. Whenever it becomes necessary, pursuant to these Rules, for a Person to discontinue using its septic system, the following additional requirements shall be met by such Person to the satisfaction of the Board.
 - i. The discontinued septic line shall be capped off completely.
 - ii. The discontinued septic tank and line shall be pumped out completely.
 - iii. The discontinued septic tank shall be either removed or crushed in and filled with appropriate material.

Mr. Johnson stated the village cannot make an exception to the rules with a Thirteen-million-dollar sewer plant. These rules were put together years ago to protect the village.

Mr. Spanos stated he had his contractor investigate connecting to a manhole, which happens to be at the corner of his lot. Mr. Spanos read the Rules and Regulations for the village, and it states connecting into a manhole is not permitted, and noticed other municipalities allow connection to a manhole. Mr. Spanos would like this overruled for his home. Mr. Pinkava stated he will not overrule the rules and regulations of the village. The Engineer is a paid professional and the village relies on his expertise. The Engineer does not believe it's a good idea and does not recommend this option at all. This could be a "last resort" option but again, it's not a good idea.

Mr. Neill stated the village does not want anything tied into manhole in the event something was to happen. Mr. Neill suggested to Mr. Spanos could complete a lateral tie-in outside the manhole and it would not be digging up the street.

Mr. Pinkava asked Mr. Neill where the manhole drains to? Mr. Neill stated this sewer line Mr. Spanos is speaking of runs from Hickox Street to Cook Street and is 90-degree

manhole. Mr. Pinkava stated to Mr. Spanos he will need to have all the information for the board, so they know what he plans on doing. From there it will be handed to the Engineer to see what he has to say. Mr. Spanos has agreed to these terms and will return with information.

Mr. Spanos has now mentioned the tap-in fees for water and sewer costs. Mr. Spanos believes the tap in fees for the village are astronomical and did a little calculation of his own.

Mr. Johnson stated when the tap in fees are calculated, it's not only sewer, it's for water **and** sewer. Mr. Neill stated the calculation is based on numbers per capita, in home, school, businesses, then a mathematical calculation will give you the tap in fee.

Mr. Rundo states the Village of Burton is not as large as Solon or other communities, and we must split the costs with what and who we have in the village. Other communities may be cheaper, but they have the businesses and residents to help absorb some of the costs. Mr. Rundo stated that back in the 1920's the Village of Burton voted to have the water and sewer plant.

Mr. Tiber came forward and stated he read a study regarding water and sewer and does not know how the tap in fees are helping.

Mr. Spanos investigated the tap in fees with the schools. The Berkshire School tap in fee came to \$218,253.00 for an estimated 8000 gallon a day, which breaks down to \$7.04 cents per gallon. Mr. Spanos stated he uses 53,000 gallons annually, which is 146 gallons a day, which breaks down to \$28.11 cents per gallon. Mr. Spanos does not understand how his average costs is more than the school's. Mr. Pinkava stated the larger consumers receive a "volume" discount. Mr. Pinkava stated he has a letter from the Engineer which states the school tap in fees were \$220,488.00 for water and sewer combined. Mr. Spanos inquired why the residents pay four times as much.

Mr. Neill stated when they figure out the tap in fee's from the EPA Green book, they give an average number per capita to use.

Mr. Hicks mentioned that the State of Ohio has rules as to how tap in fees can be calculated. The question becomes: did the Village of Burton do this correctly or not correctly. The State of Ohio has set a standard on what tap in fees can and cannot cover.

Mr. Tiber mentioned all three properties on Colony Lane that brought their concerns to the BPA board about a septic system in lieu of tying into the sewer system have their lots up for sale. Mr. Pinkava questioned if new owners would need to come back in to request another

approval for a septic system. Mr. Hicks stated the approval of the septic system can pass to the new landowners.

Cashiers Report:

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 8, 2025, seconded by Mr. Pinkava. All in Favor? AYE! By voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Pinkava made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2025. Mr. Johnson would like to hold off approving the minutes as he has a question for Mrs. Arnold in one of the statements made.

Mr. Pinkava mentioned that the board members received a copy of the financial report.

Mr. Pinkava mentioned that Preston Educational Service Garage tap in fees have been paid in the amount of \$24,831.33.

Mr. Pinkava made a motion to pay approved bills in the amount of \$249,157.79 seconded by Mr. Rundo. All in favor? AYE! By voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Pinkava brought up the ODOT invoice and has asked for Mr. Neill's input. Mr. Neill stated the work was completed a year or so ago. Mr. Pinkava made a motion to pay invoice # 25019 in the amount of \$3434.49 seconded by Mr. Rundo. All in favor? AYE! By voice vote motion carries.

Engineer's Report: Nothing to report

Solicitors' report: Nothing to report

Operators Report - water:

Mr. Neill mentioned the quote from Ohio Machinery and the warranty service plan contract. The warranty coverage expires, and the maintenance contract needs to be renewed. Mr. Pinkava has some questions regarding coverage and has asked Mr. Neill to call Ohio Machinery for more information. Mr. Neill will report back at the July 8, 2025, meeting.

Mr. Neill mentioned tower cleaning and will be in the area in early August. The company will honor the quote they gave the Village of Burton last year, 2024. Mr. Rundo made a motion to authorize the H2O tower cleaning and not to exceed \$7500.00, seconded by Mr. Pinkava. All in Favor? AYE! By voice vote motion passed.

Mr. Neill stated hydrants in the village were flushed. Mr. Neill was asked to investigate hydrant locks for the next meeting.

Mr. Neill stated the wastewater raw sampler went down. Pricing for this is about \$11,000.00.

Mr. Neill stated he is working with Mrs. Arnold and finishing up the CCR report for the calendar year 2024 to be ready July 1, 2025.

Mr. Neill also stated he has a candidate for the employment opportunity he will meet this week.

Old Business:

Mr. Pinkava would like to discuss the pond at the plant and get that under control and have the pond filled in. Mr. Neill stated if they were to fill it in, the village would need approval from the EPA.

New Business:

Mr. Neill inquired if he should go to Mr. Spanos home and look at the depth and location of the manhole. Mr. Pinkava stated that would be a good idea.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57PM.