

## RECORD OF PROCEEDING

Minutes of Burton Township Trustees  
Held at the Burton Township Administration Building

Regular Meeting  
October 5, 2015

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Dan Whiting, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m. with Board members: Jim Dvorak and Ken Burnett in attendance. Those present joined the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** The regular meeting minutes from August 31, 2015 were approved with a motion from Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Dvorak. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Dvorak-yes and Mr. Burnett-yes. The regular meeting minutes from September 21, 2015 were approved with a motion from Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Dvorak. Vote: Mr. Whiting – abstain, Mr. Dvorak-yes and Mr. Burnett-yes.

**Cemetery:** There were two cremains burials for the Twoey family on September 19, 2015. A cemetery stone was vandalized at Slitor Cemetery. The Trustees advised Mrs. Evvs to file a police report so the incident is on file. Mrs. Evvs received a phone call that tree roots had damaged the footer of a Schramhoffer's stone in Pleasant Hills Cemetery. Mrs. Evvs could not locate the grave in question. Mr. Ed Hale began cleaning the headstones.

**Fire Department:** Mr. Burnett made a motion to accept the 2015 Fire Contract as submitted retroactive to January 1, 2015. Mr. Dvorak seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Dvorak-yes and Mr. Burnett-yes.

**Park Committee:** The Park Advisory Committee wondered about the deed restrictions and the status of the website. There is a sink hole by the trail. They inquired about trapping muskrats by the pond. They cleared up branches on the trails and painted the swing set. Burton-Middlefield Rotary is still planning on building benches before the winter. The wood is being donated by Carter Lumber. The next Park Advisory Committee meeting is October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Roads:** All the asphalt roads, with the exception of Hotchkiss, Mosswoods and Fisher, have been crack sealed. The fence was repaired at Slitor Cemetery. The five year road plan was revised. The park and building were mowed. The flags at the cemeteries were taken down for the winter. Warren Fire inspected all the fire extinguishers. The road maintainer needs a new hydraulic cylinder. Mr. Fife wants a ditch enclosure on his Fisher Road property. The Geauga County Engineer's Office handles all ditch enclosure permits. Mr. Burnett made a motion to approve the contracts as submitted by Ronyak Paving, Inc. for pavement markings on Enterprise Parkway and Berkshire Industrial Park for \$2,000, full depth repairs on Hubbard Road for \$24,975 and full depth repairs on Mosswoods for \$27,000. Ronyak Paving, Inc. also included a discount of \$2,310 if they were awarded both full depth repair contracts. Mr. Dvorak seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Dvorak-yes and Mr. Burnett-yes. Mr. Dvorak attended the Geauga County Repurposing meeting.

**Zoning:** Four permits were issued in the month of September. Two were for new home construction, an addition to a house and a fence. Dottie Kerns, who owns the property on the corner of Forest and Butternut, inquired if a permit was needed to fill in the pond. Joe Cavan questioned the placing of the Lambert fence on his property. The owner was advised to have a land survey done. The Geauga County Court system has decided that the Burton Township Board of Zoning Appeals is to conduct proceedings for the Hershberger issue and enter a decision consistent with the Court's decision. Mr. Burnett will contact Susan Weiland.

**Fiscal Officer:** Burton Township Trick or Treating will be on October 31, 2015 from

5:30pm to 7:00 pm.

**Public Comment:** Joe Walkas was present to express his concerns about the lack of a posted speed limit on Colony Lane. Since the limit is not posted, the speed limit is 55 miles per hour. There have been at least 5 accidents in the past twelve months. The Trustees will contact the Geauga County Engineer's Office. The Georgia Road sign is missing and needs to be replaced.

**Old Business:** Mr. Burnett made a motion to employee Jason Sutter for three years at \$25 per hour beginning on August 31, 2015 to September 19, 2018. During this three year period there will be no additional wage increases. A meeting attended is equal to 2.5 hours of straight time and he is to accrue 15 days of sick time per year per Ohio Revised Code 124.38. Mr. Dvorak seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Dvorak-yes and Mr. Burnett-yes.

**New Business:** Mr. Dvorak made a motion to offer Mr. Lance Portman the position of Road Worker at \$18 per hour with a 90 day probationary period with a review at the end of the 90 days. Insurance benefits to begin on November 1, 2015 pending the results of a required drug test. Mr. Burnett seconded this motion. Vote: Mr. Whiting – yes, Mr. Dvorak-yes and Mr. Burnett-yes.

The next regular meeting will be October 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Warrants: Warrants #8906 thru #8920 were approved and paid.

As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. by motion from Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Dvorak. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer