

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

Regular Meeting
December 16th, 2024

Jarred Miller, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Board Members Jarred Miller and Ken Burnett were in attendance, together with Fiscal Officer, Katie O'Neill. Dan Whiting was absent.

Attendees included: Fire Chief – Brian Davidson, Zoning Inspector – Rick Gruber, Road Foreman – Jason Sutter.

Minutes: The minutes from December 2nd, 2024 were approved as amended with a motion from Mr. Burnett. Mr. Miller seconded this motion.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Miller	X		
Burnett	X		
Whiting			
Motion Carried.			

Public Comment: There was no public testimony.

Department Reports:

Fire Department – Chief Davidson reported on activity during the month of November. Burton Township had 27 incidents during the month. There have been 1,177 incidents YTD in November 2024. 345 of these have occurred in Burton Township. November YTD incidents in 2023 were 1,128, resulting in approximately a 4% increase in call volume year over year. Approximately 61% of all incidents are related to Emergency Medical Services, with the remaining 39% relating to Fire incidents as of November 30th.

The Trustees reviewed the proposed fire contract, which includes a 10% increase for 2025, followed by a 4% increase each year for 2026 and 2027. Considering the 5% increase for the 2025 budget and the current deficit spending, the Trustees countered the proposed fire contract with the following terms: a 6% increase for 2025, followed by a 5% increase each year for 2026 and 2027.

Zoning – Mr. Gruber provided a letter from the Village of Burton pertaining to the zoning application fee for the new maintenance garage. There will be no Zoning Office Hours on December 24th nor December 31st.

Roads – Mr. Sutter provided his report for the Road Department. Purchased propane from JP Propane, invoice to be mailed. Received a load of materials from Arms for approximate cost of \$700. Plowed snow and repaired the hydraulic line on the 2013 International truck. Placed "No Parking" signs on Industrial Parkway. Straightened road signs along the route. Installed LED plow lights on the trucks. Picked up two loads of salt from the county, totaling 35 tons for the season; another 16 tons will be picked up tomorrow. Dirt roads were very slippery and challenging to salt effectively. Slid down Durkee Road due to the conditions.

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Mr. Burnett provided the Durkee Road Survey to Claridon Township. According to public records Burton Township receives 55.55% of tax proceeds, while Claridon Township receives 42.79% and Huntsburg Township receives the remaining 1.66%. Of the 33 parcels located on Durkee Road, 14 reside within Burton Township, 16 in Claridon Township, 2 in Huntsburg Township and 1 is owned by the City of

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Akron. Once there are no more vacant lots, tax proceeds will be split more evenly between Burton and Claridon Townships. Both Burton and Claridon Townships have agreed to reach out to the Attorney General for guidance on this matter. Mr. Burnett will take the lead on this.

Fiscal Officer – Mr. Burnett made Resolution #2024-21 to utilize the remaining ARPA Funds of \$3,500 towards the New Maintenance Garage Contract. Mr. Miller seconded this Resolution.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Miller	X		
Burnett	X		
Whiting			
Motion Carried.			

Fiscal Officer and Trustees reviewed and discussed section 302.2 Health Insurance from the Policy & Procedure Manual. Ms. O’Neill will contact the APA for legal guidance and interpretation of the Burton Township Maximum Uniform Health Plan and how it should be applied to Employees and Elected Officials.

Old Business – Mr. Burnett made a motion to reappoint John Nelson and Joseph Dallos as BZA Board Members for additional terms. Mr. Nelson’s new term will end on December 31, 2029, and Mr. Dallos’s new term will end on December 31, 2026. Mr. Miller seconded this motion.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Miller	X		
Burnett	X		
Whiting			
Motion Carried.			

Mr. Burnett made a motion to reappoint Greg Rinehart and Matthew Iosue as Zoning Commission Board Members for additional terms. Mr. Rinehart’s new term will end on December 31, 2029, and Mr. Iosue’s new term will end on December 31, 2026. Mr. Miller seconded this motion.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Miller	X		
Burnett	X		
Whiting			
Motion Carried.			

New Business: Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Ken Burnett as Chairman Pro Tem for 2025. Mr. Burnett seconded this motion.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Miller	X		
Burnett	X		
Whiting			
Motion Carried.			

RECORD OF PROCEEDING

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Next Meeting: Monday, January 13th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. This will act as the organizational meeting with regular business to follow.


Warrants Issued: #12604 – 12621

Adjourn: As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Burnett and seconded by Mr. Miller.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Miller	X		
Burnett	X		
Whiting			
Motion Carried.			



Chairman



Fiscal Officer