

**VILLAGE OF BURBANK
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 23, 2026**

Mayor Anna Purdy, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

A roll call was taken with the following officials present: Ingram McCord, Terry Moore, Jay Byler, Thomas Lenhoff; Marti McCord also, in attendance: Allan Michelson – Solicitor (via Zoom), Ben Berger – Zoning Inspector, Gary Harris – Fiscal Officer and visitors Cathy Kopp, Michael Graves, Jamie Long, Rod Kelly and Deputy Craig

Mayor Purdy welcomed our guests, let them know that the meeting is being recorded and requested that all questions and comments from the public be delayed until the Public Participation segment near the end of the meeting

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes – March 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Marti made a motion to waive the readings and to approve as submitted the March 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Terry. Vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays

Council Reports:

Safety

Marti reporting:

- 72.5 out of 75 hours were worked in March and reported that 116 records were listed that included 58 patrols and 4 traffic stops

Finance

Terry reporting:

- read the April Paid Bills and the Automatic Deductions amounting to \$4,444.22 and asked if there were any questions or any details needing to be presented – none were requested- **Terry made the motion to accept these payments, seconded by Jay. Vote - 5 ayes, 0 nays.**

Gary reporting:

- on April 18th Gary sent the Mayor and Council the pre-meeting documents that included the end of March Appropriations report, March Bank Reconciliation and Paid Bills through April 18th – he asked if Council has any questions or comments about these documents – none were offered – he reported that going forward the plan is to submit these same documents to Council before the monthly Council meetings so they have time to review and ask any questions

- Mill Street OPWC Grant Applications should become available in June and will probably need to be submitted in September- for the engineering work that we have initiated, the Field Work is 100% completed and Final Design has begun - he asked if there were any questions or comments - none were offered
- Park Hiking Trail - the ODNR Grant Applications are now available and are due July 1st - the plans and specifications are completed - on April 15th Gary sent Council a survey sheet to survey all homes in the Village that also requires the Village to have a Public Meeting - in the email to Council he asked how Council wants to proceed and asked if all 7 local Village Officials will conduct the survey so as to reduce the number of homes that each of us will need to visit - if Council agrees to proceed, he recommended that we have the Public Meeting on Saturday, May 2nd or 9th and asked if we could once again use the Church on South Street that worked out great when we had the Village Income Tax meetings there - Gary reported that it would be good for some of Council and the Mayor to attend this meeting as well
- **Jay made a Motion to hold the Public Meeting in the Park Pavilion on May 2nd at noon, seconded by Marti. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
- On April 20th Gary sent an email to Council with an attachment that appeared to indicate that the T-Mobile Hometown Grant will be terminated in June of this year and no new applications are being accepted
- No progress on the storm sewer cleaning bids - he plans to stop at Dynamerican in Medina for a personal visit to discuss our needs and to challenge their comment about the need to dump the debris found in the lines onto Village property as he doesn't believe that they do this when they flush the lines in Chippewa Lake - Jay suggested that if they still must dump in the Village that they can use the South Street Dumpster
- located a local (Lodi) contractor willing to install signs on Village streets at the same cost we paid last year - he also bid the repair work on the culvert wall on E. Middle Street near the old beauty salon at a cost of \$2,500 if Council wants to move forward with that repair - he is now waiting on the insurance documents before anything would be able to proceed - Council asked Gary for photos of the area in question before approving
- tonight he distributed the 2027 Budget Worksheets with a total of \$202,250 in expenditures with the General Fund and Police Fund accounting for \$129,450 of the total expenditures - Council needs to advise him about any proposed changes no later than at the June 4th Council Meeting - an advertisement for the Public Hearing to be held at the July 2nd Council Meeting will be placed in the newspaper and posted on our sites on June 18th - as always Gary offered to meet with any Council person one on one or as a group at any time - just contact him - he asked if there were any questions or comments - none were offered
- this year we need to vote on the three (3) General Fund Levies and we will need to get our documentation to the Board of Elections - Allan reported that we need to pass an Ordinance in June on Tax Valuations and a Resolution in July to get them on the Ballot in November and filing with the Board of Elections in August - Allan stated that we have three opportunities, if needed, to vote on the Levy's, one in November and two in 2027

- By July 1st we need to have our Cyber Security in place as mandated by the Ohio Auditor of State and he requested the Cybersecurity Frontline First Aid Kit on April 14th and sent a follow-up message, due to non-receipt of the kit, on April 22nd - he asked if there were any questions or comments - none were offered
- at the March Meeting, Council approved proceeding setting-up Positive Pay with our bank provided they dropped the monthly fee for this service - after our meeting, Gary was advised that our new bank increased the base cost of this service from \$30/month up to \$100 per month and they were willing to reduce the monthly fee down to \$70/month - reported that when he advised Chippewa Lake's council about this, they asked him to begin researching other banks to see if we can get this service without any cost - unless Council disagrees, he will pursue this same path for Burbank - no disagreements were voiced
- on April 16th he sent an email with attachments to the Mayor and Council detailing the very serious, actually the catastrophic impact that eliminating property taxes will have on our Village if this measure gets onto the November Ballot and is passed - the attachments included Links to sites that will provide details as to why this measure, if passed, would be catastrophic not only for our Village but for every Village, Township and City in the entire State of Ohio - in his opinion we need to educate our residents as to why voters should not pass any measure to eliminate property taxes, if this measure is on the Ballot, we all need to vote against this from ever being put into Ohio Law - in the April 16th email, Gary asked Allan to generate the legislation opposing the elimination of all property taxes for voting at the May 7th Council Meeting and, we need no less than 4 members present at the May meeting to vote on any legislation - Gary stated that the legislation is to show support for the defeat of the measure wanting to eliminate property taxes being requested by all government entities by the State of Ohio - voters will still vote on this measure if it obtains the necessary number of signors on the petitions to get this onto the November Ballot

Parks

Ingram had nothing to report.

- ❖ Mayor Purdy had no update on the baseball field other than the backstop repairs appear to be underway
- ❖ Mayor Purdy reviewed the America 205 - Ohio Heritage Tree Opportunity issued by the Wayne County Commissioners honoring the state's role in the nation's founding and the County will provide the trees at no cost to entities - we would have to pay to transport the tree from Wooster to the Village plus installation
- ❖ **Ingram made a Motion to proceed to apply to obtain a tree, seconded by Marti. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**
- ❖ Gary reviewed the 2026 Mosquito Spraying fees that increased 9% over last year's cost, now \$300 per Village wide spray versus \$275 last year and no change if they spray in the Park only at a cost of \$120 - all costs are per application

- ❖ **Jay made a Motion to approve the 2026 Mosquito Spraying and to be on the same schedule as Lodi, seconded by Terry. Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays**

Streets

Jay reporting:

- ✚ no petitions received for considering making Henrietta between E. Middle and Water Streets a one-way street
- ✚ a discussion took place about installing Children at Play signs in the Village, where to install them, how many, etc. - Council will continue this discussion at the next meeting- Council asked Gary to inventory the street signs that we have and report back to Council

Water/Sewer & Zoning

Thomas and Ben reporting:

- Ben reported that he has not heard anything from Evergreen Counseling about installing their new sign in the same framework as used by the previous business and that they did pay the fee for the new sign Permit
- reported that the old beauty shop that was located on E. Middle Street will now be changed over to apartments
- Allan reported that he emailed Frontier about the vine growth on their pole but has not heard anything back from them - he will now search for a new contact at Frontier
- Allan reported that Litigation for 215 E. Middle Street has a trial date set for May in 2027 - he has been contacted by Attorney Bruce Hall representing the property owner, Allan returned his call and is now waiting on a return call
- Thomas reported that he has cleaned debris away from the catch basin inlets

New Business:

Gary reporting:

- ✓ confirmed the next Council meeting will be Thursday, May 7th at the start time of 7:00 PM - reminded Council that we will need no less than 4 members present to vote on Legislation and also reminded everyone that this next meeting is only 2 weeks from tonight's meeting
- ✓ reminded Parks to order the handicapped Port-a-Jon for installation by May 1st and removal by October 1st unless Council wants different dates - Ingram to order the unit - Cathy reported that removal of the unit should be after Trunk or Treat in October
- ✓ a discussion took place regarding Dumpster Days for Village residents, posting the notice on the Village social media sites and asked Gary to contact Kimble's on four matters one of which was the possible placement dates of May 29th to June 4th or from June 5th to June 11th

- ✓ a discussion took place regarding the Memorial Day Celebration and how in the past this was handled by the VFW - Jay will check on the number of flags that we have and how many are needed - Mayor Purdy will be contacting the VFW

Old Business:

Gary had nothing to report.

Public Comment:

- Rod reported that the drainage on E. Middle has improved on the eastern end of the road but in the area of 219 and 215 water is coming across the road and is also pooling at driveways and basement walls - property is eroding and a fix needs to take place - a discussion took place and Council said that they will get back with him on this matter
- Cathy reported that August 8th is the Village Wide Garage Sale, she has two signs left and would like another two signs - she gave a bid estimate to Gary to obtain two signs at \$150

There being no further business to come before Council, Marti made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM, seconded by Jay. Vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays

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Mayor, Anna Purdy

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Fiscal Officer, Gary Harris