

The Town Council of the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana met in its regularly scheduled session on Monday, August 17, 2026, in the Town Hall and streamed electronically with Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Council President Toni Biancardi at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Roseann Bozak ----- Present
 Councilwoman Lisa Draves ----- Present
 Councilman Jennifer McHargue-----Present
 Councilman John (Jack) McGraw -----Present
 Councilwoman Toni Biancardi --- Present

A quorum was attained.

Additional Officials Present: Park Director Rochford, Park Maintenance Worker Bozak, Police Chief McHargue, Police Clerk Watkins, and Building Commissioner Lawson.

New Business

Resolution 2026-11: Extension of the Emergency Declaration

Councilwoman Biancardi read out loud the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11 RESOLUTION OF THE BURNS HARBOR TOWN COUNCIL DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Burns Harbor has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by a natural disaster that caused significant damage throughout the community, including downed trees, debris, damaged infrastructure, hazardous road conditions, power-related hazards, and other threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, this incident began developing on August 11, 2026, and as of August 17, 2026 has left thousands of residents without electricity or essential services; and

WHEREAS, the lack of electricity and essential services throughout Burns Harbor has significantly impacted residents and businesses and has disrupted government operations; and

WHEREAS, hazardous conditions continue to exist throughout the Town, and unnecessary travel may interfere with emergency response, damage assessment, debris removal, utility restoration, and other recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, the Burns Harbor Town Council desires to work with Porter County, the State, and federal agencies to address and respond to this local disaster emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Burns Harbor Town Council as follows:

SECTION 1: The Burns Harbor Town Council declares that a local disaster emergency exists in the Town, and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this Resolution and Declaration, to be in full force and effect in the Town for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of the Town and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

SECTION 2: This Resolution and Declaration was approved by the Town Council of Burns Harbor at a meeting of the Town Council held on August 17, 2026, conducted in accordance with Indiana's Open Door Law.

SECTION 3: Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29.

SECTION 4: All public offices and employees of Burns Harbor are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, both State and local.

SECTION 5: All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

SECTION 6: All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Porter County Emergency Management Agency.

SECTION 7: The Town Council continues and renews the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency dated August 12, 2026. This Resolution and Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency shall remain in effect until the threat of this natural disaster subsides or is mitigated, or the Town Council terminates this Resolution and Declaration.

SECTION 8: The Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be promptly filed with the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Burns Harbor

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Town Council of the Town of Burns Harbor on this 17th day of August, 2026.

BURNS HARBOR TOWN COUNCIL

Toni Biancardi, President

Jennifer McHargue

John (Jack) McGraw

Lisa Draves

Roseann Bozak

ATTEST:

Madeline Parker, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Councilwoman Bozak made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-11, Councilwoman Draves seconded the motion. Councilwoman Draves – Aye, Councilman McGraw – Aye, Councilwoman McHargue – Aye, Councilwoman Bozak – Aye, Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye. Motion passed.

Resolution 2026-12: Appropriations Transfer
Councilwoman Biancardi read out loud the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2026- 12
TOWN OF BURNS HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN OF BURNS HARBOR, PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA, that the following transfers of funds be made from the 2026 budget.

Motor Vehicle Highway:
\$5,000.00 from Rentals 6-371, into Miscellaneous Services, 6-392

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2026.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF BURNS HARBOR

Toni Biancardi, President

Jennifer McHargue, Vice-President

Roseann Bozak

Lisa Draves

John, “Jack”, McGraw

ATTEST:

Madeline Parker
Deputy-Clerk

Councilwoman Bozak made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-12. Councilwoman Draves seconded the motion. Councilwoman Draves – Aye, Councilman McGraw – Aye, Councilwoman McHargue – Aye, Councilwoman Bozak – Aye, Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye. Motion passed

Budget Meetings

Park
Discussion was had regarding the Park’s budget. Biancardi stated to Park Director Kim Rochford that the Park’s budget is within the maximum levy growth quotient of 6%. She asked if there were any things that Rochford would like to call out for with their budget and what items they had on their wish list. Rochford stated that the line for which we pay for

port-a-potties was changed. She continued that, while she does not have pricing, the items on their wish list are to re-pave the walking path, a shelter at Corlin, and drainage for around the playground area and the shelter areas. There were no questions about that budget. Biancardi stated that what was just discussed was fund 2204 "Operating". Biancardi then asked Rochford about the 2211 "Non-Reverting Operating". Rochford stated that we will carry over whatever we have from this year into next year. Biancardi asked if Rochford wanted to appropriate some of the money in the fund to spend next year- including items on their wish list. Rochford replied that she believes that we have always just carried the money in the fund into the next year. Biancardi said that she will ask Baker Tilly if we need to appropriate it. Biancardi continued that we do not have money in the Capital fund right now, but we may potentially receive money from Lennar. She believes that if we do receive that money, we will need to do an additional appropriation to spend it. She asked if Rochford would like to appropriate any money in either of the two donation funds. She said that she knows that in the past we have not done that; and she found the code where it says that; but that was in the 90's; and she feels like we were given directions to make sure that it is appropriated. Rochford said that we could appropriate all of it. Biancardi asked if they were able to give 3% raises to everyone within their budget. Rochford replied yes. No one had further questions. Discussion continued regarding the damage the Park sustained due to the storm on August 11, 2026.

Interim Between Scheduled Meetings

Business being concluded with the Park, there was time before the next scheduled meeting for the Police Department. Council discussed how the meeting room was being used daily for residents to come charge their devices and use the AC at the Town Hall. Biancardi also stated that she had seen a few residents ask about a dumpster for people with food waste. She stated that we did contact Republic who provides our services. It would not be something that they provide at no cost. They did not respond to our phone call. Sanitation Clerk Bondi said that she was able to reach out to someone at Homewood Disposal, and they did give us some pricing. Discussion was had about the prices of the different sizes of dumpsters. We have a location at Westport where we could put it.

Councilwoman Draves made a motion to approve the Rental of a 15-yard Dumpster for \$420.00 from Homewood Disposal to be paid from LIT Misc Services. Councilwoman Bozak seconded the motion. Councilwoman Draves – Aye, Councilwoman McHargue – Aye, Councilman McGraw – Aye, Councilwoman Bozak – Aye, Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye. Motion passed.

Police

Biancardi noted that the Police Department's budget is within the 6% maximum levy growth quotient. Chief McHargue stated that the non-77 staff- Police Clerk Watkins- is projected to have a 3.5% raise, as well as his part-time staff. All full-time officers would see a \$2,000 raise, and they would also get a bump for their longevity pay of \$1,000 with their year of service. Most of them would be within or under that 3.5 %. Unlike the civil employees, our pension bumped all the way up to 26.5 %, so we must offset that somewhere. We kept the same gap that we proposed last year, which was \$2,500 step in between ranks. He said that the only other thing that he has is adjusting their uniform allowance. It is currently \$1,500 per year per officer. He stated that the cost had gone up. Biancardi said that it was budgeted in, and it still kept you within your 6%. Chief McHargue also noted that they had increased their line for fuel expenses due to the fluctuating fuel prices. Biancardi asked if he had done his improvement plan, and she notes that she does see listed: a squad car and a laptop. Chief McHargue estimated the laptop to cost under \$2,500. The Chief also said that there should be a vest on the list as well, and he said it would be for Officer Jordan Jacquez who will hit his 5 years next year. Biancardi asked what the cost of Chief McHargue's vest had been, and he replied about \$1,200. Biancardi asked him about Fund 2228, and she noted for Council that this Fund receives revenue from things like tickets, VIN checks, and accident reports. McHargue stated that last year, the budget had been reduced. What used to be budgeted for purchasing ammunition and things of that nature, were to be paid through the Town funds, but now, the idea is that those would be purchased through "Local Law". He said that he tried not to spend much at the beginning of the year, so that they could take stock closer to the end of the year and

make purchases before the prices increase in January for things like ammunition, handgun supplies, training, and equipment. Biancardi said that whatever money they do not use stays there and does not get distributed into any other fund. She continued, 2401 is an "Operation Pullover Grant" that we have had for quite some time. It is a fully reimbursable grant. Fund 2402 "DUI", this is the same- fully reimbursable. Then, we have our "Opioid Fund". Biancardi asked who distributes the money to the Opioid Fund. Chief McHargue replied that we get the money from the county. Biancardi asked if it is the money that is received from settlements for opioid lawsuits through 2038. McHargue replied that is correct. Biancardi stated that there is a current balance of \$14,000 in the unrestricted, and this is what we paid for our Flock cameras from last year. She asked if McHargue planned on budgeting that for next year. Police Clerk Watkins said that \$6,000 of that is still left to be paid to Flock. McHargue replied that he is not sure what the appropriate number would be. He would like to keep Flock if it stays viable after we get through our current contract. There are still questions that need answered regarding that. Biancardi asked if he wanted to put the remaining \$8,000 in Miscellaneous Services. He replied that he would say yes. Biancardi move on to the 2257 "Opioid Restricted Fund". She said that this one has a decent balance, and she knows that McHargue had been on a committee previously. This is meant to be supportive of programs, education, and treatment within our community, but it does require a committee. She asked if we put \$25,000 this year. McHargue replied that it was correct. He agreed that ultimately a committee needs to be formed, and a direction found. Biancardi continued, noting the 4500 Fund- the "County Mobile Enforcement Grant" is something that Police Clerk Watkins found the Fund, which has some money in it, was used previously for body cameras. She said that she feels that it should be appropriated into the Other Equipment line. Biancardi said that, lastly, we have the donation fund. Like the Park's donation fund, this had not been appropriated in the past, but we did so last year. She said that she and Watkins can ask Baker Tilly to check if it is required. Biancardi asked McHargue if he would like to appropriate that money, and he replied yes. Biancardi said that she had it noted that potentially purchasing a drone had been discussed as well. She said that we may try to do a disc golf tournament fundraiser. She said that she thinks that we have some good ideas for next year's National Night Out. Discussion continued.

General Town

There was still some time left before the Fire Department's scheduled meeting. Biancardi said that we could go over some items from General Town while waiting. She mentioned Fund 4435 which is a "General Improvement Fund". She and the office found that it is intended to receive tax abatements, in lieu of taxes, from Cleveland Cliffs. The eligible uses for this money are to promote economic development. There are things that it could be used for, such as sidewalks, but there are currently no plans to use it. Biancardi stated that we could appropriate it just in case. Council agreed. 4427 "CPI Sewer", and this is for drainage projects that the Stormwater Board might need to undertake. It has a large balance in it at the moment. Unless anyone oppose, she suggested to appropriate that into Miscellaneous Services as well. Council agreed. For BZA and Plan Commission, she thinks that we just increased the line by 6%. This pays for salaries, legal services, and engineering services. Moving forward, we need to look closely at these lines. For CCD and LIT, Biancardi said that we have historically budgeted around \$150,000 for LIT and about \$250,000 for CCD. Those are usually our wish list items- like the key FOBs recently installed at Town Hall and the Street Department, Fire Bunker Gear, the Police car, and things like that. With everything going on, it is hard for them to come up with their wish list, but she thinks we should still budget for those items. We have generally used two lines- 392 Miscellaneous Services and 444 Other Equipment, and we have budgeted \$125,000 for Miscellaneous Services and \$135,000 for Other Equipment. Council recessed until next scheduled meeting time.

Fire

Biancardi stated that Michelle Watkins has stepped up to be Chief Nowacki's Fire Secretary after the previous Secretary had quit because of her full-time job, and that is why she is here tonight with him. Biancardi continued that the Fire Department is also exactly within the 6% maximum levy growth quotient. Biancardi asked if there were any changes or highlights that Chief Nowacki would like to talk about. Nowacki stated that one of the main ones was line 113 Personal Services, which was reduced by \$7,000 to help

make up for the increase in our insurances. There were also basic increases on lines where we foresee the futures costs to increase like fuel and gas. Biancardi asked if they were able to give the Chief and Secretary raises. He replied yes. Council did not have questions for the Fire's budget. Biancardi stated that Deputy Clerk Parker learned of and alerted us to House Bill 1048, which called for the local government to reimburse the firefighters for their travel and clothing allowance- \$250.00 each. Previously, our Incorp contract included that, so we are taking it out and putting it in the budget, so it would not be in the Incorp contract. Councilwoman Draves asked if we need to amend the contract. Biancardi said that is a good question, because it is in effect now. She continued that she will need to reach out to another Clerk Treasurer to see if we have to do it this year, and, if we do, we may need to amend the current contract. Regarding the Fire's Donation Fund, Biancardi said that, in the past, it did not necessarily need to be appropriated, but then we found maybe last year it did. She asked Chief Nowacki if he would like to appropriate all of it. Nowacki responded, yes, put it in 444 (Other Equipment). Biancardi said, for the last Fund- 2215 the "EMS Fund"- we discovered earlier this year that there was a fund balance, and that those can be used for medical supplies, which we used for the ambulance service. We are working on an additional appropriation this year to spend it. We thought that we had done it, but there was something there was something that did not quite get finished, so we are doing that next month at our meeting. She asked Nowacki, when that is approved, does he feel like he will spend all of it. He replied yes. Biancardi then asked him about his wish list items. Nowacki said that there are seven original garage doors at the Fire Station. We just recently had an incident where a garage door came down on top of a vehicle. The eighth door had been previously repaired, but the original doors do not have sensors to know if there is a vehicle below them. His request would be to replace the door openers, add sensors, and get a lighting system next to the door that would tell you not to move the vehicle until the light turns green- which would indicate that the door is all the way up. Nowacki said that he also has it on his list to get the siding on the west side of the building done next year. He continued that he had the ladder truck taken in for an inspection at Interstate Power Systems in Portage, and they came up with an in-depth list. There are some things on the list that the Fire Department can do internally, but there are some things that we cannot do. Biancardi asked, if Interstate did it all, what would it cost. Nowacki replied \$39,781.00. She noted that he had it estimated on his list at \$38,000, and he said, yes, the smaller things we can handle. She asked him how long it would be gone. He said that he is not sure, once it is green-lit, he would need to start compiling a parts list. Councilwoman McHargue asked, if the truck is gone, will we need a rental or replacement one. Nowacki replied that there is a redundancy in ladder trucks. Biancardi asked, if they had all the parts, is this something that they could get done all at once. Nowacki said that is exactly how it is lined up. Councilwoman Draves asked if he had a list of what needed repaired. Nowacki stated that the air tanks that run the air brakes are rusting out from underneath the vehicle. The front knee springs are worn out. The truck is sagging in the front to where the springs are not absorbing anymore, and it's bottomed out. Biancardi stated that she thinks we can look in the budget, and she believes that there is money in CCD to send it out this year. Discussion continued. Biancardi asked if the rest of the vehicles have been looked at. He replied no. She said that it would be good to get the whole fleet looked at, then he would have a better idea of what may be needed moving forward. He also noted that they are having issues with the light bar on the ladder truck. The covers are sun-bleached and dimmed. Interstate does not do the lights. They also need new tires on the Water Rescue Truck. The tires are over 10 years old. Discussion continued. Biancardi asked about the meters. Nowacki said that the gas meters that we have are no longer working- the sensors died and are not able to properly detect carbon monoxide. We are not using anything except for our four-way gas meters in a group.

Councilwoman Draves made a motion to approve the purchase of the 10 gas meters, the 1 four-way meter, and the gold G-2 meter for gas to be paid for from CCD not to exceed \$6,000. Councilwoman Bozak seconded the motion. Councilwoman Draves – Aye, Councilman McGraw – Aye, Councilwoman McHargue – Aye, Councilwoman Bozak– Aye. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye. Motion passed.

Biancardi said that we will look at the ladder truck, lights, and rescue tires for the next week, and you can get the gas meters. The bunker gear- yes, and the garage door and

siding will be a little bit more from now. Nowacki asked where the bunker gear normally gets paid from. Biancardi replied CCD.

Discussion continued regarding EMA, FEMA, and trying to get a specialized group in Town to assess storm damages. Chief Nowacki stated that he would like to say something for the record. He continued that the Fire Department will cut trees that are in their way. When they see a hazard, such as an unidentified line, they will not go near a tree that has any type of line under it- unless there is an emergency on the other side of it. Even if it is just a cable line, if it is also touching a power line, it could still be energized. Biancardi recalled a conversation that she had with a NIPSCO employee. He told her that no one except NIPSCO or their contractor should touch those lines.

Secretary Watkins noted that the Fire Department will no longer have cable tv. Council thanked Watkins and Nowacki, and they both left with Fire business being concluded.

Building

Biancardi stated that Commissioner Lawson was able to meet with herself and Councilman McGraw to discuss the Building budget prior to this meeting. Biancardi also said that, after her training, Deputy Clerk Parker made her aware of HEA 10001- which is a new law for accounting for building and construction related fees. It calls for the creation of a new fund- 2260 "Building and Construction Related Fees". Any of those fees that the Building Department collects goes into that fund. The fund is non-reverting. Biancardi said that she was informed by Baker Tilly that there are communities that, between this year and the next, are just going to let that fund build up and not necessarily use it. She continued that she had suggested to Lawson that we double-budget so to speak. She noted to Council where the 2260 fund was on their budget sheet, and she noted that it copies identically over to the general fund. The idea with that route could be that, as money is receipted into 2260, it could be spent. That fund will get to the point where there are not funds, and then the general fund picks up the remainder of the budget. She said that it is expected that about \$35,000 will go into the new 2260 fund per year. Lawson stated that he was able to speak to the State Examiner's Office, and they said that only the items listed on that directive are allowed to go into that fund. Biancardi said, that is right, but that would not prohibit us from creating another fund to put that money in. Biancardi noted that, right now, all of the money that is receipted in from the Building Department comes into the General Fund, and then is used to fund the budget. This is changing where those monies would be in a separate dedicated to Building, and they keep whatever is left over. Discussion continued. Council had no questions. Biancardi said that she had tried to separate out what we have collected this year in the category of licenses to do business, contractors, permits, manufacturer tags, inspection, and reinspection fees; and it was \$53,738. She stated that, if we choose to do two funds, one we can set up statutorily, the other would have to be by an ordinance.

For the current matter of the budget, Biancardi asked Lawson if he had changed any of the numbers. Lawson replied that he was not sure how it was all going to play out, so he played out a couple of different scenarios. She asked if he was able to get it into the maximum 6% levy growth quotient. He replied, possibly. Lawson noted that their department pays for their own license books that are used by statutory code. He asked if it could be considered for them to be helped with that cost. The last invoice for those was about \$700. Biancardi said that she would make a note for that. Biancardi said that she would not want to cut the 3.5% raises if they can be included in the budget. She noted that some lines do not get used every year, like "tires and tubes", and that would be something that the Town could cover in LIT. Lawson agreed and said that he had done some similar calculations. He noted the lines miscellaneous services, which had \$3,000, and equipment repairs, which had \$1,000. He said that the only big thing that we have is the truck. If we zero those out, and the truck would need repaired, he could come to the Town to ask for funds for that. McGraw and Biancardi asked Lawson if he would like to put \$500 in each of those lines instead, so that there would be funds for emergencies. Lawson replied yes. Biancardi asked Lawson if the Building Department paid the water for both Building and Street. Lawson replied yes. McGraw said that the Building Department does not really use the water. Biancardi asked Lawson if he ever used things like the hose outside the building itself. Lawson replied no. Biancardi stated that it may make more sense to move the water bill over to the Street's budget. Lawson said that he did not want to make it harder for

anyone else's budget. McHargue said that we could do a 75/25 split on the cost. Biancardi said that would bring it down to about \$400. Sewer could be split as well- which would be \$125. Lawson noted the 311 "Destruction" line and said that could go down to \$1,000. Discussion continued regarding budgets for the phone lines, internet, and cable. Biancardi noted that Police Clerk Watkins broke down the differences for the Building Department and the Street Department's phone bills. She noted the items for that bill which were split 80/20. The Building's share would be \$100.89 a month. Biancardi moved on to the "Postage" line and asked Lawson what mail they send out. Lawson replied that they send out certified mail and other letters. Biancardi said that their postage currently comes out of the General Fund, but that it would move over to the new Building fund. Biancardi asked Lawson if he wanted to keep the "Instruction" line the same. He replied that we could just keep it the same as last year, which was \$1,000. Biancardi said that she appreciates him doing the trainings that he has been going to. She asked Lawson about the 444 "Equipment" line. Lawson said that is something that could be sacrificed, and we do not use that a lot. She asked him about the "Uniforms" line, and he said that he would like to keep it the same. Discussion continued regarding the "Other Supplies" line, "Repair Parts line, and "Other Garage and Motor". Biancardi noted that she believes that some line names can be changed to make things clearer. Biancardi asked if Lawson did not want to sacrifice any money from the "Office Supplies" line. Lawson said that we can, but the prices of everything going up, and that is our permits, placards, signs, and envelopes. They continued discussing the "Stationary and Printing" line. Biancardi asked if he would like to keep the "Travel" line the same, and Lawson replied yes, if possible. Biancardi noted that some lines are non-negotiable like "Cell Phone Allowance", "PERF", "Health Insurance", and "Longevity". Discussion continued regarding various wage lines. Biancardi said that Lawson did not recommend a 3.5% increase for himself. Something that needs discussed is that we need an MS4 coordinator, and she knows that in the past he has expressed some interest with that. MS4 is stormwater management. There are things like checking things while someone is building something, but there are also other things involved administratively. She asked Lawson if that is something that he is still interested in. He replied yes and that it follows the into line with building fences and drainage. McGraw noted that some of the training that Lawson has received has already involved MS4. Biancardi said that it can be discussed tomorrow night with the General Budget, and that it would not be something that gets added on to the Building Commissioner role, but it would be something separate for flexibility. Discussion continued. After adjusting some numbers, Biancardi said that Lawson was within his 6%. Discussion was held regarding the Building Department wish list and other items that may be needed. Council asked Lawson if he had any questions. He replied no. Council thanked Lawson for coming.

Street

Biancardi stated that Superintendent Downey would unfortunately not be able to come as he went home to rest from the storm cleanup. She said that she, Councilwoman McHargue, and Downey had spent a lot of time on his budget. With increases, he is within- and actually under- the 6%. He has MVH Restricted and Unrestricted, and we usually budget \$500,000 straight off the top. Those are two separate funds, and she and McHargue are working with him to determine what gets paid out of which fund- like paying for street lights or plowing. They also have a tax rate that raises that money, and they get that twice a year. Local Road and Streets is 2202, and it is funded by the gas tax. It has \$237,000 in it. She says that she would not want to deplete it, but he has been asking for a new plow truck, and this fund could pay for it. Draves asked if we have a quote for it. Biancardi replied that he is going to get one and estimated it at \$150,000. The snow plow was the only thing on his wish list, but Biancardi said that she would like to see him get his fleet inspected like Chief Nowacki is going to. Discussion continued. Biancardi said that we have gotten some applications in on Indeed for the full-time person. Draves asked if everyone got a 3.5% raise. Biancardi replied yes, and she is incredibly happy about it. She said that we will be discussing the General Budget tomorrow night at 7:30pm, and she asked Council if anyone wanted to add anything. Bozak reminded Biancardi of the Park. Biancardi said that she went through the park with Director Rochford, and Brandon came down to help. There are trees down everywhere. There is one tree that is hanging over a shelter; and, if it comes down, it is going to take a shelter out. Councilwoman Bozak had reached out to Justin's Tree Service. Bozak was told that can have a hanger truck and a full crew all day at the park on Saturday. They will bring anything that they have to the site

across here. It will be a \$5,000 charge for the truck and crew. They will take care of the hanging tree and other large trees that the Street and Parks Departments will not be able to get to in a timely manner. Biancardi said that she believes that there should be money in the Park's Operating Fund that could cover it, but we would also have that money, potentially in LIT.

Councilwoman Bozak made a motion to approve Justin's Tree Service to work all day Saturday not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from LIT. Councilwoman Draves seconded the motion. Councilwoman Draves – Aye, Councilman McGraw – Aye, Councilwoman McHargue – Aye, Councilwoman Bozak – Aye. Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye. Motion passed.

Good of the Order and Any Other Business:

Councilwoman Draves made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Bozak seconded the motion. Councilwoman Draves – Aye, Councilwoman Bozak – Aye, Councilwoman McHargue – Aye, Councilwoman Biancardi – Aye, Councilman McGraw – Absent. Motion passed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 7:23 p.m.

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