

The Town Council of the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana, met in its regularly scheduled session on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, in the Town Hall and streamed electronically with YouTube. The meeting was called to order by Council President Toni Biancardi at 6:45 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

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

A quorum was attained.

Additional Officials Present: Attorney Clay Patton, Police Chief McHargue, Jeanette Hicks of Global Engineering, and Police Clerk Michelle Watkins.

New Business

Second Reading of Ordinance 329-2026- Harbor Crest PUD

Council President Biancardi stated that this is the second reading of this Ordinance which is the Harbor Crest PUD brought by Lennar Homes. In the past week, Attorney Patton has been able to review it and said that he was good with it. The engineers reviewed the final version; and there were four items that they called out which were corrected; and that corrected version came to us today. Attorney Leeth stated that they were only there to answer any questions the Town may have. Biancardi stated that this is the second reading. If everyone chooses to adopt it, it will be passed; and then it will go back to Plan Commission; and they will start the planning process.

Councilwoman McHargue made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 629-2026 for Harbor Crest. Councilman McGraw seconded the motion. Councilman McGraw- aye. Councilwoman McHargue- aye. Councilwoman Bozak- Absent. Councilwoman Draves- Absent. Councilwoman Biancardi- aye. Motion passed.

Provident Insurance Plan Renewal for Volunteer Firefighters

Biancardi stated that last week we also talked about the Provident Insurance plan renewal for our volunteer fire fighters if they are injured in the line of duty, and she spoke with Chief Nowacki today. His recommendation is to go with the three-year installment premium for Plan One.

Councilwoman McHargue made a motion to approve the three-year installment premium Plan One with Provident Insurance. Councilman McGraw seconded the motion. Councilman McGraw- aye. Councilwoman McHargue- aye. Councilwoman Bozak- Absent. Councilwoman Draves- Absent. Councilwoman Biancardi- aye. Motion passed.

Resolution 2026-09- Fire Department Transfer

Biancardi said, in order to pay the Fire’s premium this year, we have a resolution to do some transfers, which is Resolution 2026-09. She read out the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2026-09
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.

General Fire:
\$416.00 from Instruction 4-311, into Volunteer Benefits, 4-342.1
\$5,000.00 from Travel Expenses, 4-131, into Volunteer Benefits, 4-342.1

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2026.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
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Jennifer McHargue, Vice-President

Roseann Bozak

Lisa Draves

John, “Jack”, McGraw

ATTEST:

Madeline Parker
Deputy-Clerk

Councilwoman McHargue made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 Fire Department Fund Transfer. Councilman McGraw seconded the motion. Councilman McGraw- aye. Councilwoman McHargue- aye. Councilwoman Bozak- Absent. Councilwoman Draves- Absent. Councilwoman Biancardi- aye. Motion passed.

Good of the Order and Any Other Business
Nothing to report.

Adjournment
Councilman McGraw made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McHargue seconded the motion. Councilman McGraw- aye. Councilwoman McHargue- aye. Councilwoman Bozak- Absent. Councilwoman Draves- Absent. Councilwoman Biancardi- aye. Motion passed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at 6:50 p.m.

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