



CITY OF BURTON

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

APRIL 20, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

8:40 AM

**4303 S. Center Road
Burton, MI 48519**

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

LED BY: Joey Richvalsky

B. Call To Order

Joey Richvalsky called the meeting to order at 8:47 AM.

C. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Joey Richvalsky, Board Member Steve Coates, Board Member Nate Henry, Board Member Neil Martz, Board Member Timothy Wagner, Board Member Jerry Barylski

Absent: Board Member Jeannie Herford

D. Staff Present

Leandra Swayne, Planning and Zoning Official
Erica Rogers, Records Tech

E. Approval of Minutes

1. Downtown Development Meeting Minutes- Monday, March 16, 2026

Motion by Board Member Henry, second by Board Member Richvalsky, to Approve Minutes from March 16, 2026.

Voting Yes: Joey Richvalsky, Steve Coates, Nate Henry, Neil Martz, Timothy Wagner, Jerry Barylski

Voting No: None

Motion Passed 6 - 0.

F. Administrative Reports

1. Revenue and Expenditures through 02.28.26

None.

G. Audience Participation

Now is the time set aside for members of the audience to address the Burton Downtown Development Authority. I would ask each individual to give their name and address for the record, limit their comments to three (3) minutes, and speak on topics germane to City business.

Patrick Dargel of 6119 Hugh Street stated that he was at Mr. Barylski's place of business and was concerned by his neighbor to the north having their fence down and no gate on their porta potty. I think that it could be a very big hazard to anyone, especially children in

that area. Also, I would like to see the entire city budget online, on the city website.

H. Board Discussion and/or Action

1. Tree Damage and Tree Replacement in DDA district

Mr. Richvalsky stated our trees are always a topic of conversation. Some have been eliminated, some are dead, some have been run down by vehicles, so I think we should do some kind of planning.

Mr. Martz stated I think we should get the fiber optics guys out of the corridor before we do anything, so they do not cut down any more of the trees. I also think a plan should be put in place so that if anyone was to hit and damage or kill a tree in an accident, the courts would add in some compensation to reimburse for the tree.

Councilman Greg Fenner stated that he would bring it up at the council meeting to see if there is a process that could begin on something like that.

Mr. Henry stated I am in favor of the street trees. It could have been a pedestrian or a building with people in it that was hit, so those trees help make the downtown area safer.

Mr. Martz stated that we have been working on getting identification signs for the DDA district for years now. I think we need to look into getting a sign for the north end of the DDA district. The intersection of Saginaw Street and Hemphill Road is a potential area for this.

Mr. Richvalsky stated I delivered the flower pots that we displayed last spring to Hall's Greenhouse on Linden Road, and they will be delivered back hopefully before Memorial Day. We are going with a red, white and blue theme for the flowers this year.

I. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May, 18 2026 @ 8:30 AM.

J. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

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