

Burton Village Special Council
Minutes
28 June, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hernandez called a Public Hearing to order at 7 PM to present the 2019 tax budget

Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes.

Mayor Hernandez asked if there was any public comment or questions. There were none.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn the public hearing at 7:05 PM. Mr. Tromba seconded. By voice vote the motion was approved.

Mayor Hernandez called the Regular council meeting to order at 7:06 PM

Visitors: Rick Smigelski, Jack Garner, Charles Boehnlein, Joe Koziol, Anne Wishart, Logan Mackey, Allison Weeks, Victoria Spanos, Debbie Palmisano, Janice Koster, Vince Crawford

Roll Call:

Ruth Spanos – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards - Yes.

Mayor Hernandez addressed those present and stated that he would like Council to go into executive session to discuss appointment of a new Council member to take the open council seat. Mr. Blair moved to enter executive session at 7:10 PM. Ms. Richards seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Nick Tromba –Yes.

Council returned from executive session at 8:10 PM. Mayor Hernandez stated that Council had interviewed those candidates who applied; Allison Weeks, Charles Boehnlein and Logan Mackey. Mayor Hernandez thanked those who had applied and stated that Council would not be making an appointment at this meeting. Mr. Boehnlein pointed out that it was over 30 days since the appointment of Mr. Hernandez to Mayor. Mayor Hernandez thanked him for the information.

Mayor Hernandez asked for a motion to approve or amend the minutes of 11 June 2018. Mr. Tromba moved to approve the minutes of 11 June 2018 as written. Mr. Blair seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion passed.

Mayor Hernandez asked for a motion to approve or amend the agenda for 28 June 2018. Ms. Richards moved to approve the agenda as

amended and Ms. Spanos seconded the motion. By voice vote, motion approved.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee- Mr. Tromba and Ms. Spanos had nothing to report. Mr. Paquette asked the committee and council to review Resolution 2018-14 concerning amending the budget. One part of the amended request is an additional \$39,785 for a fourth full time police officer. The second part is for additional funding in the Enterprise funds for sewer operator backup and sewer lagoon cleaning related to the new wastewater treatment plant. No additional revenue is currently being requested for Sewer or Police funds. Council discussed the need for a fourth Officer and asked Chief Smigelski to provide added detail. Chief Smigelski provided Council with information documenting the number of hours of overtime used by current Police officers to cover missing shifts and the fact that there were an expected 1000 calls answered each year. Chief Smigelski pointed out that the officers couldn't not utilize their vacation because of the lack of shift coverage. Missing shifts were covered by the Geauga Sherriff on an emergency basis but ultimately would cost the Village money. Ms. Spanos asked about the reason for the additional enterprise funds. Mr. Paquette stated that the BPA had the funds available to clean the lagoons but didn't dedicate them until closer to the time for start of construction.

Ms. Richards introduced Resolution 2018-14, approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended certificate of resources and permanent appropriations from the County Auditor regarding the Special Revenue and Enterprise funds and declaring an emergency, and moved to waive further readings. Mr. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes.

Mr. Tromba moved to adopt Resolution 2018-14 and Mr. Blair seconded the motion. Roll Call: Nick Tromba – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Resolution 2018-14 is adopted.

Safety Committee –

Mr. Brown did not have anything to report. Chief Smigelski made the May 2018 Police Report. There were 120 calls, 39 traffic stops and 1 arrest made. There were 3329 miles put on the patrol cars. Chief Smigelski reported that the Safety Town program is being planned for mid-August. The fireworks display this weekend is covered. Council asked about the number of traffic stops. Chief Smigelski explained that the new radar guns that came through the 'Click or Ticket' program were invaluable in creating very strong cases for the prosecutor.

The Burton Volunteer Fire Department was not available to report but provided some numbers about calls to the Council. Mr. Paquette out that over half of the 21 incident alarms for the department seem to be to Burton Health Care.

Street Committee – Mr. Blair and Ms. Richards noted that they had not been able to meet with Street Commissioner yet and deferred to Chief Smigelski for his report.

Chief Smigelski reported that the Street Department has repaired the guardrail on South Cheshire and assisted in excavating the water line at the Red Maple Inn. Seasonal labor has been hired with one person handling duties mainly for streets and the other splitting time between water and streets.

Goodwin Issue II has been submitted.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs- Mayor Hernandez reporting. Mayor Hernandez reported that Wastewater Treatment plant project is moving ahead with a pre-construction meeting scheduled for 12 July. BPA is finalizing plans to sell bulk water on a very restricted basis.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Blair had nothing to report.

Cemetery Board – Ms. Richards reported that the Cemetery Board met on 20 June and discussed a potential buy back of an offered cemetery lot, at a discounted price.

Historic District Review Board – Ms. Spanos reported that she was unable to attend the last Board meeting. Mr. Paquette stated that they approved siding for choices for David Genzer on Cook Street.

Planning Commission – Mr. Blair reported that the Planning Commission hasn't met except as part of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Tree Commission – Ms. Richards deferred her report to Ms. Palmisano. Ms. Palmisano, the Arborist has supplied Council with a summary of her work for the month. Ms. Palmisano asked for Council approval to remove a dangerous Maple tree at 14688 South Cheshire. The cost was quoted at \$2675 to remove the tree and grind the stump. Council asked to see more quotes. Mr. Blair moved to allow the Ms. Palmisano to have the tree removed provided that the Arborist obtained two more quotes and the cost did not exceed \$2675. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Cory Brown. Mr. Brown reported that he and Mayor Hernandez had attended the BCPA meeting

and were asked to have Council provide feedback on the Request for Proposal the BCPA developed about fire and rescue service. Council was provided with the draft document. Mayor Hernandez added that there are more communities than just the existing three being considered for inclusion in a fire district if that is the way things work out.

Geauga County Fair Board – Mr. Tromba had nothing to report.

Century Village – Ms. Spanos reported that the Maple Museum opened. The Steam and Power show is scheduled for July 27 to 29. August 18 is the Raccoon Country Music Festival.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair reported that the Chamber of Commerce is on summer recess.

Burton Historic District – Ms. Spanos reported that the Founders Day reception was held and prizes awarded.

Berkshire Board of Education – Mr. Tromba and Ms. Richards reported that they had not yet been able to attend a meeting because of the conflicting schedule. Mayor Hernandez stated that Preston Motors had donated \$100,000 for athletics.

Special Committee Reports:

Environmental Trash Services: Mr. Tromba reported that he had received RFP's from Rumpke and Wastemanagement. He will summarize and present to Council and the public at a separate meeting.

Strategic Planning Commission: Mayor Hernandez and Mr. Blair noted that they are on the final steps to complete a draft of the plan. A public session is planned for August or September. The plan is reportedly a general guide for Council to use.

Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. Paquette asked if Council had any questions about the Council Summary of Revenue and Expenses. There were none.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks is not available to report. Mr. Hicks provided a copy an opinion regarding Mayor Hernandez supervising or acting on Mrs. Hernandez pay as an employee of the Village. Mayor Hernandez cannot supervise Mrs. Hernandez; assign duties or vote on/participate in discussions about her pay. The legal opinion notes that Mrs. Hernandez's job description as Admin Assistant reporting to the Mayor will need to be changed.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Gruber was not available to report.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Hess was not available to report. The Goodwin Avenue issue II project was submitted

Mayor Hernandez asked for a motion to accept and pay approved invoices. Mr. Blair moved to pay approved invoices and Ms. Richards seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion was approved.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Blair moved to adopt Ordinance 2341-18, adopting a Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Tromba seconded the motion. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Ordinance 2341-18 is adopted.

Mayor Hernandez introduced Resolution 2018-13, declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation, and placed it on first reading.

Mayors Report

Mayor Hernandez reported that the Berkshire Community Planning Association was assisting the local communities in developing an RFP for fire and rescue services. They had some small costs in doing so. Council was asked to approve paying dues of \$322.50. Mr. Tromba moved to pay the dues requested and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. By voice vote all approved.

Old Business

No old business was brought before Council.

New Business

No new business was brought before Council

Open Public Participation

Mayor Hernandez opened the floor to public comment. Those present had no questions or comments.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn and Mr. Tromba seconded the motion. By voice vote, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor