

Burton Village Joint Council and BPA Meeting
Minutes
November 25, 2019

Visitors: Todd Hicks, Jennell Dahlhausen, Joe Koziol, Ann Wishart, Eric Heatwhole Richard Frenchie, Bill Brooks, James Gillette, Dan Demko, Chip Hess, John Stoddard, Beth McCaffrey, John Manfredi, Robert Demko, Jack Garner, Brian Wendl, Alex Hansel, Cynthia Boehnlein.

President Pro Tem Boehnlein called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll Call:

Ruth Spanos – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Curt Johnson – Yes, Adam Miller – Yes, Nick Rundo – Yes.

Ms. Dahlhausen added Resolution 2019-37 Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, to the agenda for approval. Ms. Spanos moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, all members approved.

Ms. Spanos moved to enter into executive session at 7:02 PM to consult with legal counsel to obtain legal advice and to discuss threatened litigation, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Council invited the Engineer, Mr. Hansel and BPA to join the executive session.

Council exited executive session at 7:34 PM.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the joint meeting minutes of November 12, 2019, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, all members approved.

Mayors Report

Mayor provided a report by email to Council.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Mr. Tromba and Ms. Spanos had nothing to report.

Police Department Report – Chief Smigelski stated the Police Department responded to 100 calls, there were 22 traffic stops and one arrest made in the month of October.

Chief Smigelski stated the Police Department is in the process of hiring one part time officer and two auxiliary officers.

The Police Department obtained a silver award from AAA. Chief Smigelski also went over some stats from the new speed signs posted by Preston Superstore. These signs were paid for by Mr. Preston and calculate data on speeds and how many cars pass the signs.

Fire Department Report – Chief Wendl reported the Fire Department had 25 calls in the village for October. They held a turkey raffle that went well.

Street Committee – Chief Smigelski stated the Street Department got through the first snow storm of the season and all went well. Nick Soltis resigned from the department.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Johnson stated the progress with the WWTP is going well and RCAP is still completing the GIS line locating.

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

Cemetery Board – Ms. Richards had nothing to report.

Historic District Architectural Review Board – Ms. Spanos had nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Mr. Blair had nothing to report.

Tree Commission – Ms. Richards stated Ms. Palmisano planted 16 trees around the village.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Mr. Brown had nothing to report.

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

Century Village – Ms. Spanos stated the Century Village held several recent events that were successful.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair stated the Christmas dinner will be held December 5th at Punderson.

Burton Historic District Association – Ms. Spanos had nothing to report.

Berkshire Board of Education – Mr. Tromba had nothing to report.

Geauga Growth Partnership – Mr. Boehnlein had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen provided a written report to Council.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Engineer’s Report:

Mr. Hess stated the Goodwin Street preparation is ongoing and he will have a core sample quote from SME at the next meeting.

Zoning Inspector’s Report:

Mr. Gruber approved 4 permits and sent out a few violation letters in October.

Invoice Approval

Mr. Blair moved to pay approved invoices, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2370-19, to approve, adopt and enact the 2019 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances; and declaring an emergency, on third reading. Mr. Blair moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2371-19, to establish pay increases for full time employees for Fiscal Year 2020, on third reading. Mr. Blair moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2372-19A, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Burton to enter into an agreement with the Burton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for fire and emergency services from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, on second reading.

Mr. Boehnlein mentioned this ordinance includes a 5% increase, as opposed to the 7% the Fire Department had requested. Ms. Spanos asked if the Fire Department would consider a two-year contract with 7% for 2020 and no increase in 2021. Chief Wendl will bring it up at the Fire Departments next Trustee meeting.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Resolution 2019-37, accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, on first reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further reading, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Tromba. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Mr. Hicks stated the township made a new offer to the village, which Council was able to consider this evening. The agreement included a JEDD, which the School District has stated they are not interested in. To extend water and sewer services to the school, the village will require a tap in fee and an agreement with a JEDD. It was mentioned that a meeting will be scheduled with all legal counsels and a representative from each party could be involved.

New Business

Council discussed changing the regular December 9th and 23rd meetings to December 16th due to the holiday. A special meeting may be needed in the meantime but Ms. Dahlhausen will plan that with Council if needed. Ms. Richards moved to change the regular December meetings to one meeting on the 16th, seconded by Mr. Tromba. By voice vote, all members approved.

Public Participation

Mr. Demko reminded Council of the Public Hearing with the Commissioners for Hillside Village on December 10th.

Berkshire Schools Attorney stated that the school wasn't in favor of paying a tap in fee and the JEDD, but they are willing to meet with everyone as mentioned.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Spanos. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Mr. Miller moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rundo. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem