

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
January 13, 2020

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Jack Garner, Ann Wishart, Richard Frenchie, Bill Johnson, Rick Smigelski, Ann Wishart, Vicky & Pete Spanos, Deborah & Dan Demko, Frank Hall.

Roll Call:

Council: Alex Hansel – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes.

Mr. Blair moved to appoint Mr. Boehnlein as Council President, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Abstain.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos presented the list of Committee and Board appointments to Council:

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Boehnlein & New Member
Safety Committee – Richards
Street Committee – Boehnlein & Hansel
Board of Public Affairs – Hansel
Board of Zoning Appeals – Blair
Cemetery Board – Richards
Historic District Architectural Review Board – Brown
Planning Commission – Blair
Tree Commission – Richards
Berkshire Community Planning Association – Brown
Geauga County Fair Board – Boehnlein
Century Village – Hansel
Chamber of Commerce – Blair
Burton Historic District Association – Brown
Berkshire Board of Education – New Member
Geauga Growth Partnership – Boehnlein

It was decided that representatives for Geauga Growth Partnership, Berkshire Board of Education, Geauga Historical Society and the Fair Board only need to report as needed to Council instead of monthly as done in the past.

Mayor Spanos recommended that Council appoint Mr. Boehnlein as the Credit Card Compliance Officer. Ms. Richards moved to appoint Mr. Boehnlein as the Credit Card Compliance Officer, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to appoint Richard Smigelski as the Street Commissioner, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen informed Council of a special training for newly elected Council Members provided by OML in Independence on Saturday, April 4th. If anyone is interested, contact the Fiscal Officer.

Ms. Richards moved to pay all approved invoices, seconded by Mr. Hansel. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed Ordinance 2373-20, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hess and Associates Engineering, Inc. for professional services commencing March 1, 2020 and ending February 28, 2022, on first reading.

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2020-01, requesting tax advances for the first half real estate tax collection on January 24th and February 7th and the second half real estate tax collection on July 3rd and 17th and declaring an emergency, on first reading. Mr. Blair moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2020-02, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from A01 General Fund to B01 Street Department, B04 Tree Commission, B05 Police Department, and B10 Safety Support Services Funds and declaring an emergency, on first reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2020-03, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from E01 Water Operating Fund to E13 Water Distribution and E15 Water Replacement Funds and declaring an emergency, on first reading. Mr. Blair moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2020-04 authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from A01 General Fund to D03 Equipment Capitalization, D04 Street Capitalization and D09 Goodwin Street Project Funds and declaring an emergency, on first reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2020-05 authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from E02 Sewer Operating Fund to E10 Sewer Tap in Fund and declaring an emergency, on first reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Hansel. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2020-06 adopting the updated Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, FY 2020, on first reading.

Old Business

The Fire Department is requesting a 7% increase in their 2020 contract amount from the 2019 contract. They provided year end finances for Councils review. Mr. Brown stated he would like to see a two-year contract but the Fire Department isn't interested in approving two year contracts. Council was not in favor of approving a 5% increase for the 2021 contract if they approve the 7% increase this year. After discussion and review of the Fire Departments 2019 finances, Council decided they would move forward with Ordinance 2372-19B, which includes the 7% increase.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2372-19B, 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 first reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

New Business

Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept the resignations of Nick Soltis - Street Department, Tyler Lee - Auxiliary Officer, and Ruth Spanos – Council, seconded by Mr. Hansel. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Council discussed Amendment 004 to the WWTP project. Due to the additional sludge holding tank that was approved by OEPA, we will need concrete testing completed while the tank is installed. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve Amendment 004 to the WWTP pending BPA’s approval, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

Public Participation

Mr. Demko congratulated newly elected Mayor Spanos and Council Member Alex Hansel. He also thanked Council for their support in his project and said he is moving forward with establishing funding so he can start construction.

Mr. Bill Johnson asked Council about the progress of Mr. Preston’s zoning change request. Mayor Spanos stated Mr. Preston has rescinded the zoning change request.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/Council President