

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
February 24, 2020

Visitors: Todd Hicks, Jennell Dahlhausen, Chip Hess, Jack Garner, Ann Wishart, Vicky Spanos, Joe Koziol, Rick Smigelski, Brian Wendl, Dave & Maria Englert, Vince Crawford, Dan Demko, Debbie Palmisano.

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll Call:

Alex Hansel – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – No.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to amend the agenda and add Ordinance 2379-20, seconded by Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2020, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Waste Management Report

Vince Crawford from Waste Management went over data collected from the 2019 Single Trash Hauler Program. He said the data shows that residents are utilizing the trash service as expected and added the cost of recycling service has increased slightly in the last year. Spring cleanup is scheduled with Waste Management for May 9th.

Mr. Boehnlein asked why there are several trucks going south on Garden Street on trash day, which is especially concerning since Garden Street is in such bad condition. Mr. Crawford stated he believes all trucks take a route that doesn't allow them to double back on roads. He will check the GPS the truck has to see what route they are taking.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos stated there will be two candidate forums held for the upcoming election at Kenston High School and the Geauga County Library. Mayor also asked anyone contacted about the 2020 Census to respond to needed information so we can have proper data for our community.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Mr. Boehnlein stated the Personnel Committee will be reviewing the Personnel Handbook on March 6th at 9 AM.

Police Department Report – Chief Smigelski stated the Police Department responded to 117 calls, there were 12 traffic citations and three arrests made in the month of January.

Fire Department Report – Chief Wendl reported the Fire Department had 30 calls in the village for January. The Fire Department will begin pancake breakfasts in March and they are currently working with the school on their submitted plans.

Street Committee – Chief Smigelski stated Street Department operations are running smooth and salt should be delivered soon. A job description was drafted for the Street Foreman position and will need approved by Council when it is completed.

Chief Smigelski received a quote from Reilly Sweeping in the amount of \$1,299 for street sweeping in the village. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve Reilly Sweepings quote for street sweeping in the amount of \$1,299, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Hansel stated the WWTP project is progressing and they hope to have it operating by April or May.

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

Cemetery Board – Ms. Richards had nothing to report.

Historic District Architectural Review Board – Mr. Brown stated the Board denied a metal roof in the Historic District and the applicant will be returning with alternate options. Ms. Richards asked why the roof was denied. Mr. Brown stated based on the current standards the Board follows, they determined the metal roof would detract from the historic neighborhood.

Planning Commission – Mr. Blair stated a meeting is scheduled for February 25th.

Tree Commission – Ms. Palmisano stated she did some updates on the Tree Tracker software last month and would like to hire Csepi to remove several stumps around the village. His quote came in the lowest at \$800. Mr. Hansel moved to approve Csepi's quote for stump removals in the amount of \$800, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair stated the Chamber has been boiling sap and the monthly meeting will be held at Sharon James on March 5th.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Mr. Brown stated BCPA briefly reviewed the sale of the school properties in the village but no properties have been sold yet.

Burton Historic District Association – Mr. Brown had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen will send current finances once checks are sent out this week.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks emailed a draft of the JEDD agreement to Mayor, Council and the County Prosecutor.

Engineer’s Report:

Mr. Hess is close to completing the Goodwin Project Bid work. Ms. Dahlhausen requested a meeting with him, the Mayor and Street Committee to discuss details.

Zoning Inspector’s Report:

Mr. Gruber stated he will be out of town March 7th-24th.

Invoice Approval

Mr. Boehnlein moved to pay approved invoices, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed Ordinance 2375-20 to hire Michael Harding for the position of Part-Time Police Officer 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 Ordinance 2376-20 to hire Lauren Hess for the position of Part-Time Police Officer 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 Ordinance 2377-20 accepting the application for the annexation of 40.47 acres, more or less, in Burton Township, Geauga County, Ohio to the Village of Burton, Ohio filed under the special procedure of annexing land with consent of all parties (ORC Section 709.022, Et. Seq.), 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.

Chief Smigelski explained the current snow ban ordinance is outdated and Ordinance 2378-20 will update what is needed to properly enforce the ordinance.

Mayor Spanos placed Ordinance 2378-20 amending section 351.13 if the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Burton 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 Mr. Hansel. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed Ordinance 2379-20 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Debbie Palmisano, doing business as Greenwoman LLC., for professional services commencing April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, on first reading.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Englert asked if the additional utility service to Hillside and Berkshire is feasible for our system and if village residents would have increased taxes due to these additions. Mayor explained it was determined we can handle both the school and Hillside. It was also explained that taxes will not be increased for village residents and there is a tap in fee required of both the school and Hillside so we can continue to maintain our water and sewer services.

Ms. Dahlhausen mentioned Council will need to determine a deposit amount for Hillside Village. Mr. Hicks and Mr. Hess will come up with an amount and get back to Ms. Dahlhausen.

Mayor Spanos thanked Joe Koziol for his dedication to reporting on village business. Mr. Koziol has been reporting for the Geauga Times Courier for over 30 years.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem