

Burton Village Special Council Meeting
Minutes
January 25, 2021

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Ann Wishart, Brian Doering, Todd Hicks, Rick Smigelski, Rick Gruber.

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call

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

Public Hearing – Zoning Changes

Mr. Boehnlein moved to open the Public Hearing for changes to the Zoning Ordinances at 7:01 PM, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Spanos asked if there was any comments or discussion on Ordinance 2391-20. Being that there was no discussion on the changes to the Zoning Ordinances, Mr. Boehnlein moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:02 PM, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Minute Approval:

Mr. Blair moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2021, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Brown arrived at 7:03 PM.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos spoke with GTV and provided a list of events that have been advertised on the station. Being that most of the events are school games, Mayor asked School Superintendent Mr. Stoddard, what his thoughts were on the channel and he feels it is a useful way to communicate with residents when they tape games. Ms. Dahlhausen asked if the school was willing to pay for part of the fee, but Mayor Spanos stated she didn't ask.

Mr. Ferroni stated he talked to several residents that said they watch the channel and after speaking with Mr. Jevnicar found out that all school district residents are able to view the new app on the GTV website to view all school games. Ms. Richards feels that is unfair since no one else in the school district pays for the service or has a contract with GTV, and questioned why only a select few residents pay into the service.

After much discussion, Council wasn't opposed to reviewing a one year contract for GTV and sending a survey to residents in the meantime to see if this is a service that is utilized. Mayor Spanos requested a survey be mailed with water and sewer bills.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Mr. Boehnlein & Mr. Ferroni had nothing to report.

Police Department Report – Chief Smigelski provided his report by email.

Fire Department Report – Chief Wendl was not available to report.

Street Committee – Chief Smigelski is sending out bid specifications for a new plow truck and stated salt was recently delivered. Mayor Spanos requested to meet with the Street Committee to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Hansel was not able to attend the BPA meeting.

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 had nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Mr. Blair stated the Planning Commission will be meeting soon to discuss rezoning a parcel Mr. Preston recently purchased from Mr. Demko on 87.

Tree Commission – Ms. Palmisano provided a report but was not available.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair said the cabin is preparing for maple season.

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

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

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen is finishing year-end financial and tax reports.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Engineers Report:

The Engineer was not available to report.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Gruber stated there were no Zoning Permits approved in December but a Conditional Use Permit was recently approved by BZA for a daycare on Baird Street.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading, Ordinance 2391-20 amending sections 1109.01 and 1135.03 of the Burton Village Planning and Zoning Code. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading, Ordinance 2395-21 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Debbie Palmisano, doing business as Greenwoman LLC., for professional services commencing April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading, Ordinance 2397-21 prohibiting on street parking within 100 feet of intersections and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading, Resolution 2020-46 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Joint Economic Development District Agreement with Burton Township and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Boehnlein mentioned BPA Member Mr. Johnson's concern with the fact that the 5 years the village is not permitted to annex land without the Townships approval starts when this agreement is approved and not the date the agreement was initially discussed and agreed upon. Mr. Hicks stated the agreement has been agreed upon by Berkshire School, Kent State and the Township and he would suggest Council move forward with it as written.

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

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading, Resolution 2020-47 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with Burton Township, Kent State University and the Board of Education of the Berkshire Local School District, Geauga County, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Ferroni. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Ms. Richards stated there are many realtors that are upset about the new Point of Sale Inspection Permit that BPA is requiring.

New Business

Ms. Dahlhausen recommended to hire Shred-Rite to properly destroy village documents and open the service to village residents this fall. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the quote from

Shred-Rite for \$560.00 for document destruction, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Goodwin Ave resident, Margaret Petras, sent a letter to the village about her new mailbox that was damaged during the recent Goodwin Project and provided the receipt. Mr. Brown moved to reimburse Margaret Petras \$26.68 for her mailbox, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Open Public Participation

Nothing to report.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem