

Burton Village Special Council Meeting
Minutes
April 26, 2021

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Todd Hicks, Debbie Palmisano, Rick Gruber, Ann Wishart, John Lewins, Rolly Green, Nick Rundo, Mike Sestak, Kevin Luoma, Brian Wendl.

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

Roll Call

Alex Hansel – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes

Minute Approval:

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos had nothing to report.

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 stated the Fire Department responded to 42 calls in the village in the month of March.

Street Committee – Chief Smigelski was not available to report.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Hansel stated the Ohio Realtors Association attended the last meeting to express their displeasure with the recently approved Point of Sale Inspection.

The Utilities Department is also researching an easement for the sewer line that runs on the property between Colony Lane, Garden Street and Spring Street, and replaced a fire hydrant on West Center Street that was damaged by a truck.

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 said a permit for a sign at Undercover Charm on North Cheshire Street was approved.

Planning Commission – Mr. Blair had nothing to report.

Tree Commission – Ms. Palmisano reviewed some updates to the tree ordinances to simplify them and make them more enforceable. One of her main goals is to make things easier to receive compensation for damaged or removed trees in the village. Ms. Dahlhausen will have an ordinance drafted for first reading at the next meeting.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair said maple season is over and the Chamber placed 4th place in the Geauga Maple Festivals syrup contest.

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 had nothing to report

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks will meet with Burton Townships attorney to start developing the JEDD Board.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Lewins stated they have been reviewing drainage plans for Preston Superstore and should have all comments on the plans to Mr. Preston in the next few days.

Hess Engineering is also reviewing the final punch list for some items that need addressed for the Goodwin Project. They will be contacting Eclipse before the weeks end with these items.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Gruber approved a permit for a fence in March.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading, Ordinance 2403-21 authorizing the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Burton to dispose of surplus property by internet auction and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading, Ordinance 2405-21 authorizing the Fiscal Officer of the Village of Burton to dispose of surplus property by internet auction and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading, Resolution 2021-17 to declare and reaffirm support of the second amendment of the United States Constitution, and Article 1, Section 4 of the Ohio Constitution. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos stated she did not feel the village should get involved with this issue and recommended approving something if it becomes an issue. Mr. Boehnlein stated he wanted to be proactive.

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

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Council discussed abating a trash charge of \$33.46 from the account at 14509 Hickox Street. The resident is out of town and requested the trash container removal for several months but the email was never sent to Waste Management to pick up the cart, resulting in the village being charged for two months of trash service. Ms. Richards moved to abate \$33.46 from the 14509 Hickox Street account, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Ms. Dahlhausen presented a quote for \$2,385.00 for six new trash containers on Main Street. They will match the four trash containers purchased for the park last year. This is in the 2021 budget and the current trash containers are rotting out at the bottom. Mr. Boehnlein moved to purchase six new trash containers from The Parks and Facilities for \$2,385.00, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Rundo discussed simplifying the application process with Council and presented a few things he would like to do, including having sheets that describe the approval processes, combining some applications and renaming some applications. Council referred these changes to Planning Commission, since they will entail changing some of the ordinances.

The Fire Department spoke with Council concerning the current contract amount and stated they are going to need to increase their budget to include raises for their workers, repairs to the

building and replacing equipment. The increase to the contract amount for the village alone would be around \$150,000 for next year to allow for adequate funding. Discussion was held on creating a tax district with Burton and Claridon Township, which would enable the village not to have to increase the current levies by almost 4 mills. The Mayor, Fiscal Officer and a Council Member will go with the Fire Department to the township meetings to start discussions on pursuing this option.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ferroni. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem