

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
June 24, 2019

Visitors: Todd Hicks, Jennell Dahlhausen, Rick Smigelski, Jack Garner, Brian Wendl, Ann Wishart, Dan & Debbie Demko, Richard Frenchie, Jake Neill, Vickie Spanos, Bill Brooks, Joe Kozial, Marcianne Kimpton, Alex Hansel, Debbie Palmisano.

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

Roll Call:

Ruth Spanos – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – No, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes.

Public Hearing:

Mr. Blair moved to open the Public Hearing for the 2020 Tax budget at 7:01 PM, seconded by Ms. Spanos. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Skip Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein asked if there was any questions or comments from the public concerning the 2020 Tax Budget. There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Blair moved to close the Public Hearing for the 2020 Tax Budget at 7:02 PM, seconded by Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Skip Boehnlein – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Agenda and Minute Approval:

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

Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2019 as written, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

The Mayor was not available to report.

Standing Committees

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

Police Department Report - Chief Smigelski will email his report. He submitted for a bulletproof vest grant for 2020 and 2021.

Fire Department Report – Chief Wendl stated the Fire Department responded to 22 calls in the month of May, with 18 calls being EMS.

The Fire Department will be attending 3 firework shows in the Burton area in the next couple weeks and will hold their spaghetti dinner this Friday, June 28th.

Chief Wendl stated all trucks are now in service.

Street Committee – Chief Smigelski will have quotes for the next meeting for sidewalk repairs. The prep work will be completed in house.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Neill said he will cover these topics under New Business.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Blair 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 stated the Planning Commission will meet July 11th.

Tree Commission – Ms. Richards stated the Tree Commission met but nothing of significance was mentioned. Ms. Palmisano requested a few replacement trees be added to the Goodwin Avenue project if many trees are removed.

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

Geauga County Fair Board – Mr. Boehnlein stated the Fair Board is getting ready for this year's fair.

Century Village – Ms. Spanos reported the Century Village will hold a cheese and wine event with local bands on July 6th.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair said the Chamber completed the roof repair and the steak roast went well. The Chamber is in recess for the summer.

Burton Historic District – Ms. Spanos stated the Chautauqua event went very well and was well attended. The day programs seemed to be better attended.

Berkshire Board of Education – Mr. Tromba was not available to report.

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

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen attended a week long training and stated it was very informative. She won a \$25 gift card for Home Depot and will give it to the Street Department the next time they have to purchase something.

Ms. Dahlhausen contacted VanCuren about a discount for spring brush pickup since they didn't meet the time limit in the contract. She was told the manager would contact her back but he never did and the invoice was provided without the discount as requested.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Hess was not available to report.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Gruber was not available to report.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Boehnlein placed Resolution 2019-15, amending section 15.11.2 of the Employee Handbook of the Village of Burton with the new Credit Card Policy if the Employee Handbook of the Village of Burton, on third reading. Mr. Blair moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2365-19, adopting the Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 and declaring an emergency, on second reading.

Old Business

Mr. Hicks stated the Hillside Village annexation request is still under negotiation. The village made a proposal to the Trustees in early June and they responded on June 21st. Mr. Boehnlein added the Trustees made a motion at their last meeting that they are in favor of annexation with a revenue sharing agreement.

Ms. Richards asked Mr. Hicks to briefly explain how a JEDD works. Mr. Blair stated a JEDD adds another layer of government and the best option is annexation with a revenue sharing agreement for this property as well.

New Business

Mr. Neill explained he would like to move forward with the planning of an additional sludge holding tank at the WWTP. This would fit within the current loan amount and is for future growth, such as the Hillside Village and the proposed school. Mr. Blair moved to approve amendment 003 of the WWTP project subject to BPA's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Neill was hired in April of 2018 and at that time discussed his vacation time accrual with his 13 years of OPERS service to accrue per the handbook. It was agreed upon by Mayor Koster and Mr. Johnson of the BPA Board but Council never approved the request and there is nothing in writing in Mr. Neill's file. Mr. Neill presented a letter with the request to Council for approval. Mr. Brown moved to approve Mr. Neill's request to transfer his 13 years of OPERS service to accumulate vacation time per the village handbook, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Precision Orthopedics is requesting to hold another 5K run the weekend of the Apple Butter Festival and Ox Roast. The event went well in 2018 and Council had no objections to the event taking place in Burton again.

Open Public Participation

Ms. Palmisano said she would like to bring attention to the fact that if Hillside Village is approved by Council, the wooded area may be purchased by Preston and instead of seeing trees while entering the village that are tapped for maple syrup, you will see cars. Ms. Palmisano stated there is greenspace that was presented to be retained in the plans but she is concerned about the property.

Mr. Demko stated the wooded area was clear cut in the late 1930's and added there is a huge need for an independent living facility in our area. Notre Dame just built an assisted living facility and had a waiting list while it was under construction. It is at 100% occupancy. He added this facility will bring many jobs and revenue to the area.

Mr. Frenchie added these people will increase income of local restaurants and stores in the area.

Mr. Demko reminded Council that Mr. Preston told them he does approximately \$136 million in sales per year and employs 150 people. Mr. Demko urged Council to listen to the older generation's needs.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem