

Burton Village Council Meeting  
Minutes  
January 28, 2019

Visitors: Todd Hicks, Jennell Dahlhausen, Rick Smigelski, Marcianne Kimpton, Jack Garner, Joe Kozial, Ann Weishart, Debbie Palmisano, Justin Ahrens, Lisa Hernandez, Brian Wendl.

Mayor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

**Roll Call:**

Council: Ruth Spanos – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Absent, Charles Boehnlein – Yes.

The minutes were deferred to a later time so the Solicitor could research the Mayors proposal of Mr. Boehnlein serving as the Street Commissioner.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the January 28, 2019 agenda, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes. Motion passed.

**Mayors Report**

The Mayor reminded everyone the ODOT meeting will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Troy Community Center from 6-7:30PM to discuss the 422/Main Street Road Project.

Mr. Brown arrived at 7:05 PM.

**Standing Committees**

*Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee* - Mr. Tromba and Ms. Spanos had nothing to report.

*Safety Committee* – Mr. Brown had nothing to report.

*Police Department Report* - Chief Smigelski stated the Police Department responded to 87 calls, there were 24 traffic stops and no arrests made in the month of January. They are looking to hire a few more Auxiliary Officers. There were also 176 miles on the cruisers for 2018 for delivering Meals on Wheels for the Geauga Department on Aging.

Chief Smigelski attended the Hazardous Mitigation meeting at the Department of Emergency Services. This meeting was to review the blanket plan for the county, which needs updated every 5 years and qualifies us for FEMA funding in the event of a natural disaster. There will be a second meeting held on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Smigelski stated he received some concerns from the Illuminating Company on the upcoming negative temperatures this week. If anyone is in need of shelter, the Fire Department has generated power and is open to the public. Dave Dillon retired from the Illuminating Company and Dave Conley has replaced him.

*Street Committee* – Chief Smigelski stated everything went well with the last snow storm. He asked Council if they wanted to hold a second brush pickup, which he recommended and said was budgeted for 2019. Council was in support of holding two brush pickups this year.

*Fire Department Report* – Chief Wendl stated the Fire Department will be submitting a contract to the Village for 2019 very soon. He also reported the Fire Department had 16 EMS calls for December 2018. They had 1,994 total calls for 2018, with 68 of these calls being fire related. They have the new tanker that replaced the one destroyed last year and Chief Wendl invited everyone to come see it.

Mayor asked if the Fire Department will be looking for funding for the tornado siren. Chief Wendl stated they are submitting a grant application for funding.

### **Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions**

*Board of Public Affairs* – Mayor Hernandez saw some pictures of the progress at the WWTP at the recent BPA meeting.

*Board of Zoning Appeals* – Mr. Blair stated the Planning Commission and BZA held a joint meeting where minutes were approved. The next meeting will be held February 21<sup>st</sup>. There are a few openings on the Board if anyone is interested in serving.

*Cemetery Board* – Ms. Richards stated the Cemetery Board discussed how many cremains can be placed in one lot. They will be meeting again in February.

*Historic District Architectural Review Board* – Ms. Spanos had nothing to report.

*Planning Commission* – Mr. Blair reported on this earlier.

*Tree Commission* – Ms. Richards said the Commission is still reviewing the ordinances. Ms. Palmisano said she has been updating the Tree Tracker software.

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

*Geauga County Fair Board* – Mr. Boehnlein had nothing to report.

*Century Village* – Ms. Spanos had nothing to report.

*Chamber of Commerce* – Mr. Blair said the Chamber is working on getting sap barrels out to their suppliers.

*Burton Historic District* – Ms. Spanos stated Ohio Chautauqua will be held June 18-22 and the theme is Modern Legends. There will be events held in Chardon as well since Chardon Tomorrow has collaborated with them.

*Berkshire Board of Education* – Mr. Tromba will not be attending the February 11 Council Meeting. He will be attending the School Board Meeting, as they will be presenting preliminary plans.

*Geauga Growth Partnership* – Mr. Boehnlein will be attending the upcoming GEL meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Environmental Committee* – Mr. Tromba met with Waste Management on the logistics of the trash collection, which has a tentative begin date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Fiscal Officers Report**

Ms. Dahlhausen provided a copy of the financial report to Council.

### **Solicitors Report:**

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

### **Zoning Inspector's Report:**

Mr. Gruber approved a sign permit for Centerra, which replaces the canopy sign. An application for a lot split on Hickox was submitted and denied. They have applied for a variance to be reviewed next month.

There was interest in a property purchase on South Cheshire, but the potential buyers would like to have goats. They were informed they could request a variance.

The Twisted Twig Vintage Nook purchased the Off Center business on North Cheshire Street. She will be applying for a sign permit soon.

### **Engineer's Report:**

Mr. Hess left early since there was nothing for him to report. He was asked to attend the upcoming BZA meeting.

### **Invoice Approval**

Mr. Boehnlein moved to pay approved invoices, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mayor Hernandez placed on second reading Ordinance 2352-19, authorizing the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Geauga Cable Access Corporation to provide local cable television programming to the Village of Burton from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Mr. Tromba moved to waive further readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Nick Tromba – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

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

**Old Business**

Mayor asked Mr. Hicks if he is reviewing the Waste Management contract. Mr. Hicks said he has comments to send tomorrow. The anticipated start date is April 1<sup>st</sup> with a backup date of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Waste Management will be sending out postcards to residential properties to be returned to the Village Office by February 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hicks was asked to send a letter to other companies that provide trash service in the village to let them know they must discontinue services on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Wendl said the Fire Department will have a contract for the village after the Fire Trustees have something ready. They meet January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

Ms. Palmisano asked if the money the village receives from the Chamber lease will go toward tree care. Council said it will go into the General Fund.

**Open Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

Mr. Hicks stated the Street Commissioner position can't be held by an elected official, but recommended that Mr. Boehnlein serve as head of the Street Committee. Council was reminded this is an annual appointment. Mr. Boehnlein moved to appoint Chief Smigelski as Street Commissioner for 2019, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Blair moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2019 as amended, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Blair moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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Mayor/President Pro Tem