

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
October 28, 2019

Visitors: Todd Hicks, Jennell Dahlhausen, Jack Garner, Ann Wishart, Dan Demko, Richard Frenchie, Joe Koziol, Rick Smigelski, Brian Wendl, Debbie Palmisano, Victoria Katai, Ben Stiegemeier.

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

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Tromba. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Ms. Richards moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor provided a report by email to Council.

Standing Committees

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

Police Department Report – Chief Smigelski stated the Police Department responded to 100 calls, there were 28 traffic stops and one arrest made in the month of August. There were no issues with the fair

Chief Smigelski stated the Police Department responded to 100 calls, there were 19 traffic stops and six arrests made in the month of September.

Fire Department Report – Chief Wendl reported the Fire Department had 47 calls in the village for September. He will have the 2020 contract to us by November 1st.

The Fire Department hired three new employees this year and lost one employee. The Fire Department will be holding a Trick-or-Treat event this Halloween from 5:30-7 PM.

Street Committee – Chief Smigelski stated leaf collection will begin this week.

Chief Smigelski reported on a topic in the Mayors Report; the sidewalk and driveway were corrected to the existing grade as Mr. Schwendeman at 14050 East Center Street requested. He will contact Mr. Schwendeman to speak about his concerns.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Johnson stated we are in the planning process for adding another sludge holding tank to the WWTP project to be used from the contingency money. Everything else seems to be on schedule.

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

Cemetery Board – Ms. Richards had nothing to report.

Historic District Architectural Review Board – Ms. Spanos stated the Board approved a freestanding sign for a business. The applicant asked for an illuminated sign that which was not approved. He will be coming back to the Board with more options.

Planning Commission – Mr. Blair had nothing to report.

Tree Commission – Ms. Richards stated the Tree Commission met and reviewed quotes for tree removals. Ms. Palmisano suggested that Council hold off on all removals of park trees at this time and hire Montgomery Tree for removals on Spring, South Cheshire and Carlton Streets and Independent Tree to prune the locust trees on Main Street.

Ms. Richards moved to approve the tree removals on Spring, South Cheshire and Carlton Streets from the Montgomery quote in the amount of \$7,000 and the pruning of the locus trees on Main Street from the Independent Tree quote in the amount of \$2,800, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. Roll Call: Bonnie Richards – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Ruth Spanos – Yes. Motion passed.

Arbor Day was held in the park on October 12th at 10 AM.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Mr. Brown stated the BCPA is going to be working with Berkshire Schools with the sale of the current school properties. BCPA has requested a membership fee from the village, which is included with the invoices to be approved.

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

Century Village – Ms. Spanos stated the Century Village held the Apple Butter Festival.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Boehnlein stated the Oxtoberfest went well. The Chamber will be serving treats during Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours in the park.

Burton Historic District Association – Ms. Spanos stated the Burton Historic District Association have not met but held a fundraiser at Oxtoberfest, which was successful.

Berkshire Board of Education – Mr. Tromba had nothing to report.

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

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen heard back about the risk assessment that was performed by our insurance company. They seemed to think the village is being proactive but recommended we perform a motor vehicle report for all employees that drive village vehicles.

Mr. Boehnlein reminded Council the next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12th at 7 PM and will be a joint meeting with BPA.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Hess stated the Goodwin Street surveying is complete and the project will be bid out in January.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Gruber was not available to report.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2368-19, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan, a legal professional association to serve as the Village's Solicitor for calendar years 2020 and 2021, on second reading.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2369-19, to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Burton during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, on second reading.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2370-19, to approve, adopt and enact the 2019 replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances; and declaring an emergency, on first reading.

Mr. Boehnlein placed Ordinance 2371-19, to establish pay increases for full time employees for Fiscal Year 2020, on first reading.

Old Business

Mr. Demko asked if the village will be getting back to the County Commissioners with the services provided to Hillside Village as requested. Mr. Hicks stated they are in negotiations with the township still and he is hoping for a decision to be made by the next meeting. Mr. Demko stated he offered the Township Trustees the same amount of money in perpetuity that they are

receiving in property tax for his property if they approve the annexation request. They were opposed to that offer.

Mr. Hess stated he think there are options with the tap in fee request from the school and feels the tap in fees could be reassessed to be a smaller amount.

Mr. Johnson stated he is sorry to hear the Township Trustees have grouped the school and Hillside Village projects with the negotiations. He added that he feels the school is a critical piece of our environment. He would like to see the water line looped from Goodwin Ave for safety reasons but so many other things need to be considered besides the water and sewer. He would like to see an agreement so that we receive income tax from the school employees.

Mr. Hicks explained we can't impose an income tax on anyone outside of the village but they can create a JEDD that would need to be approved by all parties that would have this condition in the agreement.

Mr. Brown asked what the school could do if they didn't obtain our water service. Mr. Johnson stated they could dig a well. Ms. Spanos pointed out Kent State University requested our water in the 1990's because they had an issue with the well on this property.

New Business

There was nothing to report.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Garner stated he wasn't happy about the Waste Management increase for recycling service.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Tromba. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem