

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
November 8, 2021

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Ann Wishart, Rick Smigelski, Brian Doring, Jack Garner, Chip Hess.

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of October 25, 2021, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos stated Berkshire School has announced the new school will open in the fall of 2022 for the new school year as opposed to January of 2022.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen requested Council purchase new cabinets for the office. She found sturdy cabinets at Staples for \$7,319.94 for 6 cabinets. The current cabinets are about 20 years old and some of the drawers are broken. Mr. Boehnlein moved to purchase cabinets for \$7,319.94, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

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 2410-21 to revise the salary pay ranges and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Ferroni. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading, Ordinance 2411-21 to establish pay increases for employees for fiscal year 2022. Mr. Ferroni moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. Roll Call: Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading, Ordinance 2412-21 to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Burton during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading, Ordinance 2414-21 authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Geauga Cable Access Corporation to provide local cable television programming from January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022.

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading, Resolution 2021-22 adding the Unclaimed Funds Fund (G11) and line item to the Village of Burton Budget Agency Funds for the refund of uncashed checks and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading, Resolution 2021-25 enacted by the Village of Burton, Geauga County for Ohio Department of Transportation project resurfacing of SR-87 to be completed in 2022. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive readings, seconded by Mr. Ferroni. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed..

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

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Chief Smigelski would like to purchase new cameras for the police cruisers. The software for the current cameras is obsolete so there is no support for them, and sometimes the footage will not upload to the Police Department server. The cost for 3 new cameras through Motorola Solutions is \$19,965.00. This includes software, support and a warranty. Ms. Dahlhausen stated there is funds available in Equipment Capitalization Fund D03. Mr. Boehnlein moved to purchase cameras for the police cruisers from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$19,965.00, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Chief Smigelski presented a quote from PlasTEAK for composite plastic material to replace the current benches in the park for \$1,749.60. The current benches are falling apart. This material is maintenance free and will hold up longer than wood. Mr. Boehnlein moved to purchase material for the park benches from PlasTEAK in the amount of \$1,749.60, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Ms. Dahlhausen asked if Council would like to hold only one meeting in December as they have done past years. Mr. Boehnlein moved to hold one meeting in December on the 20th, seconded by Mr. Ferroni. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Ms. Palmisano mentioned there is a tree that needs removed at 14775 Rapids Road. It lost a couple limbs and the homeowner is concerned about its condition. They said this tree was planted by the village years ago. Ms. Dahlhausen added this tree is not in the right of way and the village will be setting a precedence if they remove it, so they may want to consider this decision.

Ms. Palmisano added past Mayor Fischbach stated if a tree is planted by the village that we need to maintain it. Mr. Hansel asked if there is proof the village planted it. Ms. Palmisano said she has not looked through records yet. The tree could be 25 to 30 plus years old and Ms. Dahlhausen stated she does not think we have records from back then on trees planted by the village.

Ms. Dahlhausen added that the Tree Commission Budget is exhausted and they would have to replace this removal with other planned work. Council discussed briefly and would like to have proof it was planted by the village before they agree to remove the tree on private property.

Public Participation

Nothing to report.

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. By voice vote the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/Council President