

Burton Village Council Meeting

Minutes

June 21, 2022

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Todd Hicks, Rick Smigelski, Chip Hess, Charles Tiber, Tom Blair, Jr., Laurie Sass Benza, Lori O'Neill, Ann Wishart, Rick Gruber, Cindy Linn, Joe Kozial, Paulette Hare, Kay Krejci, Mike Southern, Ethan Maynard, Dan Cilo, Josh Litter, Jack Holbrook, Rid Edwards, Tish Bontrager, Halsian Domanski, RJ Zupancic, Mark Fabian, Karen Smith, Scott Smith, Charlotte Mullet, John Smith, Susanna Kareolics, Sandy Allard, Chris Steigerwald, Minna Zelch.

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 – No

Mr. Kozial was sworn into the Tree Commission.

Public Hearing for Tax Budget:

Mr. Boehnlein moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2428-22 adopting the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed. Opened at 7:03 PM.

Mayor Spanos explained the 2023 Tax Budget is on second reading later in the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments.

Being there were no comments or questions, Mr. Boehnlein moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed. Closed at 7:04 PM.

Minute Approval:

Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2022, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos had nothing to report.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Nothing to report.

Police Department Report – Chief Smigelski emailed his report.

Fire Department Report – Chief Sestak was not available to report.

Street Committee – Chief Smigelski said the new employee is working out well.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Ms. Richards stated easements were mainly discussed at the last meeting and how to get the easements in order that we can't find record of for sewer lines on the west side of the village.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Nothing to report.

Cemetery Board – Ms. Richards said the Cemetery Board met and discussed possibly planting trees.

Historic District Architectural Review Board – Mr. Hansel stated a permit was approved for paint and trim changes.

Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

Tree Commission – Ms. Palmisano was not available to report.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair said the Chambers next meeting will be held in September.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Nothing to report.

Burton Historic District Association – Nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen reported that she was able to meet some good contacts for JEDD questions at the recent training.

Council previously asked Ms. Dahlhausen to look into information boards to hang on the sign posts in the park. She presented a quote of \$345 per park sign or \$2,400 per park sign if it is in a secured box so letters can't be changed. Ms. Dahlhausen added that we have never had issues with other park signs. Council agreed to go with the cheaper sign but will determine what they would like printed at the top of the sign.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess recommended Ronyak Paving for the North Cheshire Resurfacing Project, as determined in Ordinance 2429-22 up for approval later in the meeting.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Gruber approved a temporary banner.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading Ordinance 2425-22 to rezone parcel number 05-703100 in the Village of Burton and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading Ordinance 2426-22 amending Codified Ordinance section 1519.04 to prohibit the discharge, ignition and explosion of fireworks on certain days each year. Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading Ordinance 2428-22 adopting the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Ordinance 2429-22 authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Ronyak Paving Inc. to perform the North Cheshire Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$317,136.50 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2022-15 approving a reimbursement agreement with the Burton Fire Department for a grant received through the Ohio Department of Commerce and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2022-17 declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for a fire levy and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2022-18 declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for a police levy and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles

Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2022-19 designating Jennell Dahlhausen to attend mandated Ohio House Bill 9 Public Records Training for elected Council Members as their representative and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

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

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Mr. Pilarczyk requested to acknowledge his 10 years of OPERS service for vacation time accrual and transfer his balance of 589.48 hours of sick time from the county to the village. Mr. Boehnlein moved to acknowledge Mr. Pilarczyk's 10 years of OPERS service for vacation time accrual and transfer his balance of 589.48 hours of sick time from the county, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Hansel moved to approve a donation of \$500 to the American Legion for the fireworks display, seconded by Mr. Brown. Roll Call: Alex Hansel– Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – abstain, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes. Motion passed.

Public Participation

Ms. Steigerwald wanted to make sure that Council was aware there will not be anything inappropriate going on with the Pride event to be held at the Century Village this weekend. She stated everyone will be respectful.

Mr. Manard wanted to speak with a biblical perspective for the community and said he is a caring individual but did not agree with the event to be held.

Ms. Zelch stated she is one of the organizers of the event and is trying to lower suicide rates in the LGBTQ community.

Ms. Domanski stated this will be a family event where people can come and feel comfortable and accepted.

Several members of churches spoke, one that wanted to end bullying of children in general since he felt it is unfair his son cannot wear a shirt with political opinions on it

but children within the LGBTQ community have to be accepted in schools. Another church member spoke on behalf of the Pride event and said they are looking forward to having a table with literature available to anyone that needs assistance with feeling loved and accepted.

Ms. Hare said her son was bullied in school for being gay and he could not wait to get out of Geauga County after school.

Mr. Fabian read a letter his wife wrote in support of the event.

Mr. Litter said he does not agree with the Pride event or the lifestyle due to his religious beliefs.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem