

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
January 11, 2021

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Rick Smigelski.

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Blair moved to appoint Mr. Boehnlein as Council President, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2020, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos presented the list of Committee and Board appointments to Council:

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Boehnlein & Ferroni

Safety Committee – Richards

Street Committee – Boehnlein & Hansel

Board of Public Affairs – Hansel

Board of Zoning Appeals – Blair

Cemetery Board – Richards

Historic District Architectural Review Board – Brown

Planning Commission – Blair

Tree Commission – Richards

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Brown

Geauga County Fair Board – Boehnlein

Century Village – Hansel

Chamber of Commerce – Blair

Burton Historic District Association – Brown

Berkshire Board of Education – Ferroni

Geauga Growth Partnership – Boehnlein

Mr. Boehnlein moved to appoint Mr. Ferroni as the Credit Card Compliance Officer for 2021, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to appoint Richard Smigelski as the Street Commissioner for 2021, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen stated the trash and recycling bills will decrease by \$.40 for all trash customers this month.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading, Ordinance 2391-20 amending sections 1109.01 and 1135.03 of the Burton Village Planning and Zoning Code. A public hearing will be held on January 25th at 7 PM.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading, Ordinance 2394-21 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, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Mr. Boehnlein reviewed a list of Cable Franchise Fee revenue from back to 2014, which has increased from about \$13,600 to about \$15,000. The revenue since 2014 is just over \$100,000. If this revenue wasn't paid to GTV as determined by the contract, the village could use it elsewhere. Mr. Boehnlein feels the school uses this service the most and there isn't much use for the village.

Mr. Blair feels that with COVID, this is used even more by elderly in the community to watch school games and would like to continue the contract. Mayor Spanos agreed.

Mr. Brown said he saw the school is providing the games live through Facebook now too.

Mr. Hansel said he feels this revenue could go toward a better use.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive readings on Ordinance 2394-21, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt Ordinance 2394-21, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – No, Tom Blair – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – No, Alex Hansel – No, Cory Brown – Yes, Bonnie Richards – No. Motion failed.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading, Ordinance 2396-21 employing Dennis M. Coyne as Village Prosecutor for the Village of Burton for the years 2021 and 2022 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Alex Hansel – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading, Resolution 2020-46 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Joint Economic Development District Agreement with Burton Township and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading, Resolution 2020-47 authorizing the Mayor to enter into a First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with Burton Township,

Kent State University and the Board of Education of the Berkshire Local School District, Geauga County, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2021-01 authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from E02 Sewer Operating Fund to E10 Sewer Tap in Fund and declaring an emergency, on first reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2021-02, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from A01 General Fund to B01 Street Department, B05 Police Department, and B10 Safety Support Services Funds and declaring an emergency, on first reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2021-03, authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from E01 Water Operating Fund to E13 Water Distribution and E15 Water Replacement Funds and declaring an emergency, on first reading. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive further readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed Resolution 2021-04 authorizing the Fiscal Officer to transfer appropriated funds from A01 General Fund to D03 Equipment Capitalization and D09 Goodwin Street Project Funds and declaring an emergency, on first reading. 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. Blair moved to adopt, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Alex Hansel– Yes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Chief Smigelski stated during a regular maintenance check of the furnaces at the Street Department, it was determined there are cracks in the burners, which makes it unsafe to operate. This is the furnace that heats the bays where the plow trucks are stored is now turned off and will need replaced. The quote from Burton Sheet Metal for \$2,850.00 includes labor of installation. Mr. Boehnlein moved approve the quote from Burton Sheet Metal for \$2,850.00 for the heater and installation, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Blair is concerned about parking near intersections, especially on Hickox Street. He suggested adding something to the ordinances to amend current section 351 for street parking. Ms. Dahlhausen will draft something for the next meeting.

Public Participation

Nothing to report.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/Council President