

Burton Village Council Meeting  
Minutes  
November 22, 2021

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Todd Hicks, Brian Doering, Rick Gruber, Chip Hess, Chief Smigelski, Jack Garner, Curt Johnson.

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Roll Call**

Alex Hansel – No, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes

**Minute Approval:**

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021, seconded by Mr. Blair. 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 provided his report by email and reported the Apple Butter detail went well.

*Fire Department Report* – Chief Wendl was not available to report.

*Street Committee* – Chief Smigelski reported snow plowing has begun and stated there will be more discussion on hiring a new employee later in the meeting.

**Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions**

*Board of Public Affairs* – Mr. Hansel was not available to report.

*Board of Zoning Appeals* – Nothing to report.

*Cemetery Board* – Ms. Richards reported a local organization will be holding a Wreathes Across America ceremony in Welton Cemetery in December.

*Historic District Architectural Review Board* – Mr. Brown stated the board recently approved solar panels on West Center Street and they are requesting to utilize the village Facebook to provide information to residents. Council agreed as long as the information is related to village business.

*Planning Commission* – Nothing to report.

*Tree Commission* – Ms. Palmisano emailed her report and Ms. Richards stated she was not able to find any documentation that Mr. Janssen’s tree was planted by the village. Yarnell Tree has begun tree removals and pruning.

*Chamber of Commerce* – Mr. Blair stated the tree lighting ceremony will be held this upcoming weekend and Santa will be at the Log Cabin.

*Berkshire Community Planning Association* – Nothing to report.

*Burton Historic District Association* – Nothing to report.

### **Fiscal Officers Report**

Ms. Dahlhausen stated the recycling fees have decreased this quarter for the Single Trash Hauler agreement but the yearly fuel surcharge increase takes place as well, so the trash bill will increase slightly.

### **Solicitors Report:**

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

### **Engineers Report:**

Mr. Hess spoke with ODOT concerning the drainage on West Center Street. ODOT informed him they would pay for any paving but if drainage is corrected, that would have to be funded by the village.

### **Zoning Inspector’s Report:**

Mr. Gruber approved permits for a sign at Coffee Corner, a temporary sign for Bensons Trees, a garage and solar panels.

### **Invoice Approval**

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

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mayor Spanos placed on second 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 first reading Ordinance 2415-21 authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Burton to enter into an agreement with the Burton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for fire and emergency services from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Mr. Boehnlein noticed the written and numerical dollar amounts did not match. Mr. Boehnlein moved to amended Ordinance 2415-21 to set the dollar amount for the contract at \$206,618.92,

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

Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive readings as amended, seconded by Mr. Ferroni. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Ordinance 2416-21 to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Burton during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Mr. Ferroni moved to waive readings, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. Roll Call: Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2021-26 approving the compensation for the position of full-time Assistant Water and Wastewater Plant Operator and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive readings, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

Chief Smigelski presented a quote from Hall Public Safety for the installation of the cruiser cameras in the amount of \$1,993.50, to be scheduled for 2022. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the quote from Hall Public Safety for \$1,993.50, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Chief Smigelski requested Council approve the quote for maintenance repair supplies at the Street Department from Winzer Tools & Supplies in the amount of \$2,937.25. The employees currently go to the store every time they need certain size bolts and this company will restock our supply periodically. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the quote from Winzer Tools & Supplies in the amount of \$2,937.25, seconded by Mr. Ferroni. By voice vote, the motion passed.

**Open Public Participation**

Mr. Garner asked why all of his leaves were not collected. Chief Smigelski stated the Street Department is down a worker and they only pick up as far as the leaf vacuum can reach, since they do not have a third person to rake the leaves toward the vacuum.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to enter into executive session to discuss hiring a Street Department employee, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed. Council entered into executive session at 7:25 PM and included Mr. Hicks, Ms. Dahlhausen, Chief Smigelski and Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to exit executive session to discuss hiring a Street Department employee, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed. Council exited executive session at 7:58 PM.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading, Ordinance 2417-21 to hire Caden Moore for the position of full time Street Laborer and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Ferroni moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor/President Pro Tem