

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
December 20, 2021

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Chip Hess, Missy Besednjak, Jack Garner, Justin Ahrens.

Mr. Boehnlein 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:

Ms. Richards moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2021, seconded by Mr. Ferroni. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos was not available to report.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Nothing to report.

Police Department Report – Chief Smigelski provided his report by email.

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

Street Committee – Nothing to report.

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 – Nothing to report.

Historic District Architectural Review Board – Nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

Tree Commission – Ms. Palmisano emailed her report.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair stated Santa has been at the cabin and the Christmas decorations will be removed the first week of January. Council stated the park looks very nice for the holiday.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Nothing to report.

Burton Historic District Association – Nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen stated the rope on the flagpole in the park broke and we will need to rent a lift to replace it. She also reminded Council they will need to vote on a Council President at the first meeting in January.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to allow for 2022 blanket purchase orders for vendors that invoice the village monthly, quarterly and annually, for emergencies, and for uniform allowances, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to pay routine bills for remainder of 2021, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks was not available to report.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess reported the village received a grant for the Engineering and Administrative costs for the Dean Court Waterline Project. There will be a resolution later in the meeting to approve the grant paperwork.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Gruber was not available to report.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mr. Boehnlein placed on third 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.

Mr. Boehnlein stated the cable franchise fee received from Spectrum are public funds and he does not feel it is fiscally responsible to be giving these funds to a private entity.

Mr. Ferroni stated there were only nine responses from the survey, of which seven people would like to see the funds used elsewhere, one did not care and one would like to see us retain the GTV contract. He added that he has been asking village residents since this discussion started last year and there are not many people he spoke with who watch GTV.

Mr. Blair stated he knows of elderly that watch the Berkshire games on GTV.

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

Mr. Boehnlein placed on first reading Ordinance 2418-21 authorizing all actions necessary to accept the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2022 Sponsorship Community Grant. Mr. Blair moved to waive readings, seconded by Mr. Boehnlein. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Boehnlein placed on first reading Resolution 2021-27 approving the Grant Agreement between the Ohio Department of Development and the Village of Burton for the Dean Court Waterline Replacement Project, authorizing the Mayor to execute the Grant Agreement, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Blair moved to waive readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Boehnlein placed on first reading Resolution 2021-28 requesting Tax Advances for the First Half Real Estate Tax Collection on January 21st and February 8th and the Second Half Real Estate Tax Collection on July 7th and July 20th 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 Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein placed on first reading Resolution 2021-29 adopting revisions to the Village of Burton Employee Handbook. Mr. Blair moved to waive readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Boehnlein placed on first reading Resolution 2021-30 authorizing the Village of Burton to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and Consistent with the terms of the July 21, 2021 National Opioid Settlement, authorize the Mayor to execute the Participation Form on behalf of the

Village, and declaring an emergency. Mr. Blair moved to waive readings, seconded by Ms. Richards. Roll Call: Tom Blair – Yes, Bonnie Richards – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Caleb Ferroni – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

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

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Ahrens stated he submitted a Historic District Review Board Permit for a metal roof on his garage on December 3rd and the last two meetings have been canceled without explanation. Mr. Boehnlein stated there is an ordinance in place for the Historic District Review Board and Council can only review appeals of decisions made by the board.

Mr. Ahrens said the next meeting is scheduled to be held on January 3, 2022. He plans to schedule the contractor and order materials now so he can have the work completed before the weather gets bad.

Ms. Richards moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem