

Burton Village Special Council Meeting
Minutes
June 21, 2021

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Todd Hicks, Rick Gruber, Ann Wishart, Chip Hess, Brian Doering, Vince Crawford, Dan Demko, Debbie Palmisano, Vicky & Pete Spanos.

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

Public Hearing:

Mr. Boehnlein moved to open the Public Hearing for the 2022 Tax budget at 7:01 PM, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Spanos asked if there was any questions or comments from the public concerning the 2022 Tax Budget. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to close the Public Hearing for the 2022 Tax Budget at 7:02 PM, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Minute Approval:

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos shared a letter of interest from Nick Rundo to serve on the Planning Commission and recommended his appointment. Mr. Hansel moved to appoint Nick Rundo to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Crawford thanked Council for being patient last year when they had to push back the Spring Trash Day event due to the Coronavirus. He reported there are currently 348 customers in the village that have trash service and recycling prices are rebounding. Waste Management has installed a new security system in their vehicles to record the driver.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Mr. Boehnlein & Mr. Ferroni had nothing to report.

Police Department Report – Chief Smigelski provided a copy of his report but was not available.

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

Street Committee – Mr. Boehnlein & Mr. Hansel had nothing to report.

Council Reports on Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Hansel stated BPA is trying to obtain and create easements for utility lines in the village.

The RCAP study is almost complete and discussion was held on excess grease at the WWTP. This is becoming an issue and a grease separator may need installed in the future if the issue continues.

The WWTP filters will be covered by the manufacturer due to default and will be replaced at no cost to the village.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Mr. Blair had nothing to report.

Cemetery Board – Ms. Richards had nothing to report.

Historic District Architectural Review Board – Mr. Brown had nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Mr. Blair stated the Planning Commission met to discuss zoning fee increases. They will have changes to be approved by ordinance soon.

Tree Commission – Ms. Palmisano is working on Tree Tracker updates and she noticed a dead tree in front of Warrens Spirited Kitchen that will be removed this year.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair reported the steak roast went well and the board will be in recess for the summer.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Mr. Brown had nothing to report.

Burton Historic District Association – Mr. Brown had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen had nothing to report.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess is working with Dominion for a gas line extension on Colony Lane and hasn't received a response from Eclipse concerning the Goodwin Project items of concern.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Gruber approved several permits in May.

Invoice Approval

Ms. Richards moved to pay approved invoices, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, a majority approved. Mr. Boehnlein abstained.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed on third reading, Ordinance 2406-21 to amend Chapter 913 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Burton regarding the Tree Commission. Ms. Richards moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hansel. Roll Call: Bonnie Richards – Yes Alex Hansel – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading, Ordinance 2407-21 adopting the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 and declaring an emergency.

Old Business

Mayor Spanos reminded Council a meeting will be held Tuesday, June 22nd at the Fire Hall to discuss the creation of a Tax District with Burton and Clairdon Township.

Ms. Spanos recommended hiring Kole Fabiny as Street Seasonal Laborer. Mr. Boehnlein moved to hire Kole Fabiny as Street Seasonal Laborer at \$10 per hour, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

New Business

The American Legion has requested a donation for the Independence Day celebration to be held on July 3rd. Ms. Dahlhausen stated the village has donated \$500 in the past. Mr. Blair moved to donate \$500 to the American Legion for the Independence Day celebration, seconded by Ms. Richards. By voice vote, a majority approved. Mr. Boehnlein abstained.

Mr. Hicks explained the Budget Commission has recommended Council approve a motion concerning a new way of distributing Undivided Local Government funding. Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the amended method of distribution for the Undivided Local Government Funds beginning in 2022, which was approved by the Geauga County Budget Commission at its meeting on May 25, 2021 and further amended at its meeting of June 14, 2021 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5747.53, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

The Berkshire Rec Baseball team is requesting a donation for a logo banner to be hung at their field. The 2x3 banner is \$250. Ms. Richards moved to purchase a 2x3 logo banner to support Berkshire Rec Baseball, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.

The Fire Department asked the village if they could apply for an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant in the villages name for various needed items. Mr. Boehnlein moved to allow the Burton Fire Department to apply for the ARPA grant in the villages name in the amount of \$133,682, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Open Public Participation

Mr. Demko stated he has put his independent living project on hold until construction prices decrease.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hansel. By voice vote, the motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem