

Burton Village Council Meeting

Minutes

April 14, 2025

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Rick Smigelski, Jack Garner, Don Rice, Curt Johnson, Joe Walkus, Ann Wishart.

**Roll Call:**

Council: Nick Tromba – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes, Charles Boehnlein – No, Craig Martin –Yes

Mr. Tromba moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2025, seconded by Mr. Martin. By voice vote, the motion passed.

**Mayors Report**

Nothing to report.

**Historic District Permits**

Nothing to report.

**Fiscal Officers Report**

Ms. Dahlhausen emailed her report.

**Invoice Approval**

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

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading Ordinance 2492-25 amending section 302 (c) and 303 (b) of the Board of Public Affairs Rules and Regulations for the Village of Burton, amending sections 925.01(a) and 925.02(a) of the Village of Burton Codified Ordinances so as to amend the sewer tap in and rates, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Johnson stated increases are needed for water and sewer yearly and the current increases only cover daily maintenance at the plants. The water plant will need replaced in the near future as well as the 13 miles of water lines and 9 miles of sewer lines around the village. Mr. Johnson explained the continuous issues with I&I at the sewer plant and said RCAP has recommended the yearly increase, as they did last time we did a rate study to keep up with inflation so were not in the same situation as we were about 15 years ago when there was a significant rate increase after rates weren't raised for 20 years. The increases also go toward the loan payments for the \$13 million WWTP built several years ago.

Mr. Johnson stated BPA has been discussing purchasing a new software for billing water, sewer and trash, and provided information for Muni Link LLC. Mr. Martin moved to approve the Mayor and/or BPA President to execute the contract for utility billing

services with Muni Link LLC in the amount of \$16,250.00, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote the motion passed.

**Old Business**

Mr. Martin thanked the Street Department for fixing the washout issue on Ford Lane, installing the new hitching post uptown and stated paving projects are out for bid. Projects include the parking areas around the park, the north end of Hickox Street, Baird Street to make the street one way, and the east side of Spring Street to include some drainage. We are waiting to hear back about OPWC grant money before we bid Garden Street.

**New Business**

Council will need to hold a Public Hearing for the zoning change request for East Walden Properties and a tentative date of April 28<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Ms. Dahlhausen will send an email to confirm the date.

Chief Smigelski stated his radios will be obsolete soon and provided a GSA contract to update them. Mr. Martin moved to approve the quote from Motorola Solution Radios for \$23,127.93 to replace the Police Department radios, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote the motion passed.

**Public Participation**

Mr. Rice from Metzenbaum stated they serviced 1,133 residents in Geauga County in the last year with the youngest being a newborn and the oldest at 92 years old. He thanked everyone for approving the levies that support them. Council thanked Mr. Rice for everything he does and said they only hear good things about their services.

Mr. Walkus said he wanted Council to be aware there is a group of his neighbors on Colony Lane that are opposed to the East Walden Properties zoning change and will seek legal counsel if the zoning change is approved. Mr. Martin stated he understands there are some concerns from residents on Colony Lane and asked if they would have an open mind and if we can all be good neighbors to come to a good resolution that will benefit everyone. Mr. Walkus said they would have an open mind and have options they have discussed among each other, one being to cut off Colony Lane to make it a dead end. Mayor Spanos said there will be additional time for comment and discussion at the upcoming public hearing.

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Martin. By voice vote the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

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Fiscal Officer

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Mayor/Council President