

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
May 27, 2025

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Rick Smigelski, Todd Hicks, Chip Hess, George Hess III, Jack Garner, Ann Wishart, Joe Walkus, Ken & Lisa Moses, Halley Moore, Jason Drake, Mike & Judy Lester, Pete McDonald, Jack & Debbie Blair.

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

Roll Call

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

Minute Approval:

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2025, seconded by Mr. Martin. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

The Mayor stated the scheduled Public Hearing to review the request to rezone the East Walden property was cancelled due to the applicant withdrawing their application.

The Mayor stated the Memorial Day ceremony went well and thanked the American Legion for providing the ceremony.

Mr. Brown arrived at 7:02 PM.

Historic District Permits

Nothing to report.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Mr. Tromba stated an ordinance will be on first reading for the 2026 Tax Budget and a Public Hearing will be held for it on June 9th at 7 PM.

Police Department Report – Chief Smigelski provided some statistics from his department.

Fire Department Report – The report was emailed.

Street Committee – Mr. Martin thanked the Street Department for their hard work to make the town look beautiful for the Memorial Day ceremony despite the constant wet weather.

Council Reports on Village and Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Tromba stated the board is requesting roofing quotes.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Nothing to report.

Cemetery Board – Ms. Williams said the Cemetery Board will be meeting with someone that has interest in serving on the board opening. There is also a water leak at the cemetery. The water has been shut off for the last year and Gingerich Excavating stated they will repair the leak but Council would like to find another solution to get the line repaired if it isn't done by June 15th.

Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

Tree Commission – Nothing to report.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Nothing to report.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair will be holding the annual steak fry at his house on June 5th.

JEDD Board – Nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Dahlhausen emailed her report.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks had nothing to report.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess stated he will be sending the bid documents out by the end of June for the Garden Street Project and should have a company recommendation for the July Council meeting.

Mr. Martin stated he would like to bid out for West Spring Street as well since the other jobs came in less than expected and we have the funding available. Mr. Hess said he would like to talk with Mr. Hicks to see if this is a change order that can be added to the current street paving bid with Geauga Highway Co.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to bid out for the Garden Street Project and West Spring Street, pending review with Mr. Hicks if West Spring can be added as a change order to current bids, seconded by Mr. Martin. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Zoning Inspector's Report:

Mr. Crea wasn't available to report.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading Ordinance 2496-25 authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Ronyak Paving to perform the 2025

resurfacing of parking areas around the Village Park in the amount of \$267,300.00 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive, seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading Ordinance 2497-25 authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to enter into an agreement with Geauga Highway Co. to perform the 2025 Resurfacing and Drainage Projects in the amount of \$180,505.00 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive, seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Ordinance 2498-25 adopting the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2025-09 declaring it necessary to levy a tax for streets in excess of the ten-mill limitation and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2025-10 declaring it necessary to levy a tax for police in excess of the ten-mill limitation and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2025-11 approving the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Geauga – Trumbull Solid Waste Management District and declaring an emergency. Mr. Boehnlein moved to waive, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Blair. Roll Call: Charles Boehnlein – Yes, Tom Blair – Yes, Nick Tromba – Yes, Craig Martin – Yes, Megan Williams – Yes, Cory Brown – Yes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Mr. Martin stated the fence and gazebo are cleaned and prepped for staining.

Mr. Martin noticed the new hitching post was full over the weekend and asked Council if they would like to install an additional hitching post in the same area. Council agreed to install a second hitching post.

Mr. Martin would like to invite Baird Street residents to the next meeting when Council reviews legislation to make Baird Street a one-way road going south to north.

Mr. Martin said the work for paving and sealing the concrete sidewalks on Main Street will be coordinated with all businesses that will be affected.

New Business

Mayor Spanos stated the summer schedule for Council begins next month.

Public Participation

Mr. Walkus stated a tree branch is hanging over Colony Lane. Chief Smigelski stated they are aware of the issue and will have it removed soon. They plan to begin tree trimming in the next week or so.

Ms. Moore asked if there was a reason provided why the application was withdrawn from East Walden Properties. Mayor Spanos stated the email stated he is withdrawing at this time and mentioned nothing more.

Mr. Moses asked if the village has a Land Use Plan. Mayor Spanos stated we do have a plan but it is outdated and probably should be reviewed for updates.

It was asked if Ronyak has proper permits to perform all business activities provided on their property. Mr. Hicks stated that we are not aware of any issues at the property but any concerns can be provided to the Zoning Inspector to be investigated.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem