

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
March 9, 2026

Mayor Spanos called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Visitors: Christopher Paquette, Rick Smigelski, Jack Garner, Greg McCandless, Ann Wishart

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2026, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

Mayor Spanos had nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report

Mr. Paquette filed a report electronically with Council. There were no questions.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos noted that Ordinance 2512-26 authorizing the Fiscal Officer and Village Solicitor to amend the Personnel Handbook to eliminate the Village's Compensatory Time Off policy and to make associated revisions and declaring an emergency, was still tabled.

Mayor Spanos introduced Resolution 2026-05, requesting the County Auditor to certify to the Taxing Authority the total tax valuations of the subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills for a 4.75 Fire and EMS renewal levy and declaring an emergency, and placed it on first reading.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Mayor Spanos recognized Mr. Freeman. Mr. Freeman reported on a Special Meeting held by the Board of Public Affairs. BPA would like to enter into a contract with PAYSTAR services to provide water sewer and trash collection customers with the option to pay by credit card. BPA did not have a copy of the contract on the night that they met however an electronic copy has been provided to Council. Council liked the idea but wanted to get a more formal recommendation of approval from BPA.

Mayor Spanos reported that the Illuminating Company is planning on replacing streetlights in the Village with LED fixtures. The standard replacement will be 3000K with an option to the Village to have 4000K fixtures. The 3000K fixture has a slight amber hue versus a brighter appearing white 4000K fixture. The deadline to let the Illuminating Company know which style is 11 March 2026. Council thought that a 4000K fixture at intersections might be worthwhile but wondered at the cost to the Village. Mayor Spanos will email the Illuminating Company to let them know the Village need more time to study the issue and decide.

Mr. Freeman mentioned that he had attended meetings at Burton Township regarding their project to improve Peckham Road. Geauga County Engineer is working on the project which proposes widening Peckham Road by approximately 3 feet and increase its load bearing capacity. The road will be widened into the right of way on the Village of Burton (west) side. Mr. Freeman reported that Village residents along Peckham Road are unhappy with losing frontage along the road.

Public Participation

Mayor Spanos recognized Greg McCandless. Mr. McCandless is a Village resident on Peckham Road. He expressed his concerns with the scope of the project. Mr. McCandless also asked if Council would write a letter to the County Engineer for a reduction in the speed limit on Peckham Road. Chief Smigelski noted that Peckham Road is almost entirely in the Township and therefore not under the Village's jurisdiction. Mr. Freeman was not aware of a future Public Hearing to discuss the project. The Township trustees did say that they will be going door to door to talk to residents along the road.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Williams. By voice vote the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/Council President