

Burton Village Council Meeting
Minutes
May 26, 2026

Visitors: Jennell Dahlhausen, Rick Smigelski, Todd Hicks, George Hess III, Jack Garner, Bill Pinkava.

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

Roll Call

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

Public Hearing

Mr. Boehnlein moved to enter into a Public Hearing for the 2027 Tax Budget at 7:01 PM, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Spanos stated this is a yearly public hearing held per requirements for the 2027 Tax Budget. There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to exit the Public Hearing at 7:01 PM, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Minute Approval:

Mr. Boehnlein moved to approve the minutes of May 11, 2026, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mayors Report

The Mayor thanked the American Legion for the nice Memorial Day service and the Streets Department for beautifying the park and the Police Department for traffic control.

Historic District Permits

Nothing to report.

Standing Committees

Finance, Funding and Personnel Committee – Nothing to report.

Police Department Report – The report was emailed.

Fire Department Report – The report was emailed.

Street Committee – Chief Smigelski stated Memorial Day preparation went well and he is working on some point repair quotes for BPA for water breaks around the village. There is a sink hole on Carlton Street that is scheduled to be excavated on May 28th.

Council Reports on Village and Independent Boards and Commissions

Board of Public Affairs – Mr. Freeman asked Chief Smigelski if the Ford cruiser that is out of service will be available for the Utilities Department soon. Chief Smigelski stated it is ready to be used. Mr. Pinkava questioned if maintenance is needed on the vehicle. Chief Smigelski said it is used but free and may need minimal maintenance.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to offer the Ford cruiser that is out of service to the Utilities Department for use, seconded by Mr. Freeman. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Pinkava asked about the tap in fees and increasing the fees yearly as BPA plans to do with the water tap in fees. There was much discussion concerning how the rate was determined and that the rate was decreased within the last few years. BPA is recommending the rate be increased back to what it was with the yearly increases and a 4% increase added yearly thereafter. After much discussion, it was decided to draft legislation to include an increase to the tap in fees back to what they were and add a yearly 4% increase, unless other action is taken.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Nothing to report.

Cemetery Board – Nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Nothing to report.

Tree Commission – Chief Smigelski said he heard from a few people with tree expertise that are interested in serving on the Commission.

Berkshire Community Planning Association – Nothing to report.

Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Blair said the annual steak fry will be held June 4th.

JEDD Board – Nothing to report.

Fiscal Officers Report

Ms. Ortega emailed her report.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Hicks stated Mr. Demko withdrew his permit for rezoning the property on Rapids Road but reminded Council that there was a lawsuit for this property in about 2003 and Council settled on about 22 homes at that time. Mr. Hicks also reminded Council that it has been one year since the Hillside Village variances were approved so they would need to go back to the board for approval again but it sounds like they may begin Hillside Village soon.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Hess stated Ronyak will be getting their chip and seal schedule to us soon and Woodford will be in May 30th to finish the Garden Street project.

Zoning Inspector’s Report:

Mr. Crea stated several permits were approved and the Fair Board has applied for a permit to install new bathrooms at the Merchant Hall.

Invoice Approval

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

Ordinances and Resolutions

Mayor Spanos placed on second reading Ordinance 2515-26 adopting the Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 and declaring an emergency

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Ordinance 2516-26 authorizing all actions necessary to accept the NOPEC 2026 Energized Community grants and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2026-06 declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the fire levy and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Spanos placed on first reading Resolution 2026-11 approving the Fiscal Officer to request an amended certificate of resources and permanent appropriations from the County Auditor and declaring an emergency.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Mr. Pinkava provided Mr. Neill's resignation effective June 14. Mr. Poulson's last day was last week. The BPA plans to contract with a company to run the plant with proper licensing. Mr. LeRoux plans to get his water license soon.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to accept Jake Neill and John Poulson’s resignations, seconded by Ms. Williams. By voice vote, the motion passed.

Public Participation

Nothing to report.

Mr. Boehnlein moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blair. By voice vote, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor/President Pro Tem