

## VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025, 7:01 PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Boston Heights Council was called to order at 7:01 pm on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, by Mayor Ron Antal.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

# **ROLL CALL:**

Council Members Present:

Dave Maccarone

Bob Bartko

Janet Miller

Ron Fenn

Rich Lyon

Sasha Chetyrkina-Miller

Other Officials Present:

Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer Marshal Pitchford, Solicitor Jason Popiel, Engineer

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion to Adopt the Agenda made by D. Maccarone and seconded by B. Bartko Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

## **OPEN FORUM 1:**

N/A

## **ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE 2025-10-17 AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by D. Maccarone and seconded by J. Miller Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

Motion to adopt made by J. Miller and seconded by R. Lyon

Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

N/A

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Antal informed everyone that Trick or Treat will be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm. Bob Bartko asked what was happening at Wolcott Dr. He stated that a resident has spent time and money on his yard due to raw sewage from his neighbors' yard. The Mayor stated that the neighbor has been notified by the Summit County Health Dept., and they must hook up their sewer system, and if they do not, then the house will be condemned. The resident has been given multiple extensions in the past and now must act.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Maccarone stated that the Police had training in driving safety recently, this training involved a process called the Pit Maneuver. An officer had an incident last week and used this training and successfully stopped a car safely and recovered a firearm and contraband.

The Mayor informed everyone that Mike Crowe has won the monthly newsletter contest, and he needs to contact the office to claim his prize.

Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller shared some information on Data Centers coming to communities around Ohio. She feels to the Village should consider adding language to the code to ensure that the Village would be prepared for these centers in the future. Mrs. Chetyrkina was asked to take the lead on follow-through with language prep on this issue. The Solicitor was asked to draft a one-year moratorium on data centers

Next, Mayor Antal stated that since Friday (the 24<sup>th</sup>), he has received numerous calls from residents relating to the Village's proposed new Safety Center, and he wanted to address these at this time. He shared some of these quotes:

- \*The Village is spending over 9 million dollars on this Safety Center behind our backs.
- \*Property taxes are being raised significantly to pay for this Safety Center that we don't need and no one wants.
- \*Only one new building concept was looked at before the plans were finalized, and they didn't even consider improving the existing Village Hall, police department, and fire buildings.
- \*The Mayor and Council President do not want anyone to know about this project until it is finalized, and the residents can't do anything about it.

The Mayor then asked Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller for an explanation why she is telling residents this information. Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller responded with "I would like to state for the record that none of those quotes came from me." She felt that this was like a game of telephone. A discussion of the Safety Center project's evolution and budget ensued among Mayor Antal, Mr. Maccarone, and Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller. The Mayor stated his issue is that Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller is misleading the residents. All his phone calls stated at some point, Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller told them they are going to raise our taxes and do this project. Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller stated that, "For the record, those words never came out of my mouth. I never said anything about raising taxes." More discussion continued with Mr. Lyon calling for a "Point of Personal Privilege" under the Roberts Rules of Order. Mr. Lyon then read his Oath of Office and then made a formal motion for censure

of Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller for continually making the agenda all about herself, going behind people's back, bringing in residents from the community "wound up" with her personal agenda, and for conveying falsehoods and misinformation to potential voters for her own self-aggrandizement to the detriment of this Council's efforts to develop a badly needed Safety Center. Mr. Maccarrone seconded.

Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller addressed the Mayor, "[j]ust for the record, Ron brought up this item on the agenda. Mayor, you were the one to bring up this item, to discuss this topic." Mayor Antal stated I asked you questions. Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller responded, "ok, I am attempting to answer those questions, and now I'm being censured, ok." Mr. Lyon stated, "No, it is more about what you are B/S'ing the community about before this meeting, and you got caught." Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller replied, "You (inaudible) gossip, Mr. Lyon, and this is hearsay and it is inaccurate, and if there is no actual evidence, I would encourage you to have critical thought. What I had said to residents is not translated in the quotes that our Mayor has just read. That is all hearsay, and it is inaccurate."

Motion passed by Roll Call 4-2. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller voted no.

Mrs. Miller noted that "the men all voted yes" and then stated she has heard the same things that the mayor heard, and "they are salacious lies, because I know her and have worked with her, and they are salacious lies, and she would absolutely never be raising taxes in this community, and we do have every right to know what is going on, and you have been transparent; those pictures have been out there. So, because somehow, for some reason, everyone has animosity for someone who is trying to do good for this community. You are losing valuable people, and so if you want to have all 'thinkspeak' and everybody think the same way, that's what you are going to end up with. You are going to end up with people that all think the same way and are not going to be exploring alternates to other ways of making money in the community, bringing money in, and protecting the community." Further discussion continued with Mayor Antal and Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller saying to the Mayor, "You don't have names or evidence of these conversations, I don't believe you." The Mayor replied, "Your Council just voted to censure you. I didn't, I do not have a vote in this." Further discussion continued. Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller stated, "I am not lying to people. Mr. Antal, what you heard there is absolute gossip. It is hearsay, and unless you have actual evidence and names and are willing to share that in public, it is hearsay. It is gossip and, for the record, I am saying I never said those things to any of our neighbors." Mayor Antal stated that 4 Council members do not agree with Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller. Further discussion continued about getting "stuff done," public service, the public sector versus private industry, past meetings, minutes, gathering information and raising funding for the Safety Center project, precedent from other past projects, and the sincerity and commitment that each Council member has to the community.

## SECOND OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Richard Herbig addressed Mrs. Chetyrkina-Miller and first stated he appreciated her being on the Council and agreed with her concern about Data Center, asking for an immediate moratorium. He then asked about the results of the speed camera on Brandywine Rd. Police Chief Chad McArdle replied that they changed the location and that the fastest speed on Brandywine Rd. was

72 mph and 75 mph on Hines Hill Rd. Chief McArdle also stated he feels speed cameras are seen as a game for younger people. Only the speed is documented, and no photos and no camera tickets. Chief McArdle also reported that the police department's call volume (for other emergencies) has increased over the years. Lastly, Chief McArdle and others spoke to the risks and dangers associated with Date Centers.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion made for executive session for the purpose of discussing imminent as well as pending litigation by J. Miller and seconded by R. Lyon. All members of Council, the Village Engineer, the Police Chief, the Solicitor, the Fiscal Officer, and Mayor Antal were invited to attend as a part of the motion.

Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0.

ANY	<b>FURTHER ACTION</b>	V:
	N/A	

Motion to adjourn made by D. Maccarone and seconded by R. Lyon

ADJOURN: 9:02 pm

(Attested by Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer)

Date

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