



**VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025, 7:02 PM**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Boston Heights Council was called to order at 7:02 pm on Tuesday, December 16, 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

OPEN FORUM 1:

Mr. Richard Herbig asked a few questions about the new Safety Service Center. He received a newsletter and felt the diagram was so small that he wanted clarification on some images of the beds in the sleeping facilities of the fire station. He questioned the amount and was told the area was large enough to expand in the future if needed. Mr. Herbig questioned the police area sketch regarding the sally port and holding cells. Mr. Maccarone stated that a larger drawing of the schematics is available on the website and can be zoomed in on for a clearer view of the rooms. Further discussion on the Service Center ensued. The Mayor reiterated that everyone is invited to attend the special meetings on Fridays concerning the Center.

Dr. Michelle Blanda commented that she was an emergency physician, and she has been to numerous EMS stations. Extra beds for sleeping arrangements are very common. She continued with a two-person minimum on duty; this would be appropriate. Dr Blanda then addressed the tax abatement for Arhaus, specifically the 85% tax abatement over 15 years and the creation of 230 jobs, with 163 additional. She asked if the numbers could be shared of what really has occurred. Dr. Blanda also questioned the \$1.8 million dedicated from Arhaus for the bike trail she thought she had read in the newspaper, and did that ever happen? The Mayor stated he knows of no agreement to pay for any of the bike trail. Mr. Maccarone stated that Arhaus

represents about 800 jobs at the facility in the Village. Dr. Blanda also stated in light of the budget being put on the agenda and being published as a public meeting, there is a problem that not everybody can attend. She felt maybe the meeting could use streaming possibilities. The Mayor stated the Village is considering changing to fiber and getting quotes to make the meetings available to everyone.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 2025-12-20 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR
(First Reading) EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS; AND
 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by R. Lyon 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

ORDINANCE 2025-12-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 727 OF THE
(First Reading) CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT MARIJUANA
 RELATED FACILITIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by D. Maccarone and seconded by B. Bartko

Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0

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

Motion to send to second reading made by J. Miller and seconded by S. Chetyrkina-Miller

Motion passed by Roll Call 4-2

D. Maccarone and R. Fenn voted no

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2025-12-55 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERMANENT ANNUAL
(First Reading) APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF BOSTON
 HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR OF 2026 AND DECLARING AN
 EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by R. Fenn and seconded by D. Maccarone

Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0

Motion to adopt made by B. Bartko and seconded by R. Lyon

Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025-12-56 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TAX INCENTIVE
(First Reading) REVIEW COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE
 THE TAX ABATEMENT FOR ARHAUS, LLC AND AURORA
 51 HINES HILL, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to suspend the 3-reading rule made by D. Maccarone and seconded by R. Fenn

Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0

Motion to adopt made by J. Miller and seconded by D. Maccarone

Motion passed by Roll Call 6-0

RESOLUTION 2025-12-57 A RESOLUTION GIVING CONSENT AND AUTHORIZING
(First Reading) THE PAVEMENT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON
SR-303 (MAIN STREET) IN CONNECTION WITH PID#116100;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

OLD BUSINESS:

S. Chetyrkina-Miller had a question whether the fire department, being in a fire district, has engaged concerning the financing of the space, and whether will it be broken down into contributions for the township and for Peninsula to pay some of it, or if it has not been discussed yet. The Mayor commented that it has not been discussed yet, and nothing has been presented to them at this time. Mr. Varney stated the agreement with the Fire District will be renegotiated this coming year, so we will be having further discussions here soon.

Mayor Antal wanted to let everyone know breakfast with Santa will be held Saturday, December 20th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6th, and all Council and finance meetings are listed in the schedule. Mayor Antal presented Janet Miller with a proclamation letter and thanked her for her service.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Richard Herbig wanted to say he feels it was a very good year and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Antal received a letter from a guest of a prior meeting, stating that they felt that Council members were excessively using their phones during the meetings.

SECOND OPEN FORUM:

Marc Miller asked revenue-wise what Arhaus is contributing to the Village. The Fiscal Officer, Scott Varney, stated he cannot release that information per law. Mr. Miller then asked what the Village's cash reserve situation is at this time. Mr. Varney stated there is about \$4.5 million in reserves in the general fund. The fund is there in case a catastrophic event happens.

Mr. Joe Blanda asked a follow-up question to the live streaming and when it might happen. Mayor Antal stated that maybe as soon as January.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


N/A

ANY FURTHER ACTION:

N/A

Motion to adjourn made by J. Miller and seconded by R. Fenn

ADJOURN: 7:54 pm



(Attested by Scott Varney, Fiscal Officer) Date 1/13/26

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