

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**January 20, 2021**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comments and questions not pertaining to the agenda items will be held to the end of the meeting.

Attending: Council Members:

Janet Castellino  
Annie Hull  
Joyce Nicksick  
Susan Reynolds

Mayor: Mary Ann Reedy  
Solicitor: Peter Halesey  
Secretary: Debbie Resnik  
Treasurer: Debbie Resnik

Visitors: Debbie Vraninin  
RC Cassidy

Roll Call: All Present

Acknowledgement done by Resolution No. 2021-001, council by majority quorum appointed Mr. Tom Repole to fill the vacant position, and to Hold the office of Member of Council due to the resignation of Borough Councilmember Phillip Esno.

Person to Be Heard: Debbie Vraninin spoke on the Enterprise Building on Main Street, Burgettstown PA 15021

- Owner, James Valenti donated the building to the Fort Vance Historical Society
- Reviewed the history of prior and current locations (ADA)
- Discussed archives and historical documents found that are on display
- Discussed state wide inquires
- History projects that she has worked on:
  - a. Fire Department
  - b. Borough Building
  - c. Burgettstown Post Office.

**Questions/Comments:**

Susan Reynolds, "Will you be fundraising?"

Debbie, "Yes, COVID is an issue, but I will be sending out letters and documents to members and interested parties."

Mary Ann, "What will be your steps in bringing this building into compliance?"

“Will you be meeting with inspectors to evaluate the building and assess the

“Debbie, “Yes, new roof and the side building will have to be removed.”

1. Review Minutes from previous general meeting held on December 7, 2020 and Workshop Session held on December 15, 2020

Joyce Nicksick-Approved

Susan Reynolds-Second

Motion carried-None Opposed

2. Motion for 2021 Appointments as follows: Council tabled

- T3 Global Strategies Inc – Engineering
- Deltron Consulting – Auditor
- Municipal Consulting Services-Harold Ivery

Annie Hull made the Motion to reappoint Tom Repole as Emergency Management Coordinator

Second by-Susan Reynolds

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to reappoint Debbie Resnik as Secretary/Treasurer

Second by-Annie Hull

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Susan Reynolds reappoints Robert Hollard to the Burgettstown Smith Sewage Authority board to service till 12/24 and appoint Washington Financial for Repository 2021

Second by -Annie Hull

Motion Carried-None Opposed

3. Financial Report-

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to rescind opting employee’s deduction of 3% monthly to fund the Non-Uniform Pension plan due to overfunded, 1/1/2021 for any full-time employee after probation will be eligible for the Pension Plan.

Second by-Annie Hull

Motion Carried-None Opposed

2 Mill Fire Tax check was distributed in the amount of \$11,849.24 for 2020 tax Year

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to pay a. thru f. from the COVID 19 grant totaling \$40,020.00

a. Motion to pay Dan DiStefano \$8,200.00 for plumbing proposal

b. Motion to pay Todd Electric \$3,700 for electrical proposal

c. Motion to pay Sunnyside Supply \$787.45 for electrostatic backpack

sprayer

- d. Motion to pay PC Whip \$1,500.00 for laptop and printer for Street Department
- e. Motion to issue a partial payment in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Aladdin signs
- f. Motion to pay Burgettstown Fire Department \$2,500.00 for rental space  
Second by-Joyce Nicksick  
Motion carried-None Opposed

4. Council Comments/ Reports:

a. Annie Hull

i. Fire Report – None

b. Janet Castellino-

i. Police-No Report

- Incident trucks crossing over Shady Avenue Bridge to Cole tire building
- Weight Limit on Shady Avenue bridge is a concern
- Questioned Resnik if they have an Occupancy Permit for a new business
- Resnik, “Not at this time”
- If no Occupancy Permit will need to contact Mr. Miller
- Contacted Chief Ahlborn no response

Annie Hull “We need to look at the placement of the signage”

Resnik, “I think the police department needs to address the placement of the signs.”

c. Joyce Nicksick-

i. Parks – No Report

- LSA presentation will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 PM at Keith Straights office
- Joyce will present, Tom Repole EMC and Keith Straight Susan Reynolds will all attend
- Shady Avenue mine water discussed
  - a. DEP came on site and stated it is the borough’s responsibility
  - b. Blockage is between grate and creek
  - c. Two options:
    - i. rent a larger jet/vessel truck
    - ii. borough knows approximately the location of the blockage is, and we can dig and replace. The cost is unknown.
- Mayor suggested a camera to find exact location of blockage
- Joyce Nicksick will look into camera

- Joyce Nicksick will be gathering pricing information
- Annie Hull, "When this project is complete, we need to keep a close eye on the area as the mining departments are always quick to place blame on the homeowners and borough. This is not a homeowner's problem. It is a mine issue."

d. Susan Reynolds

i. Recreation-No Report

- Will start the process for the Aladdin Sign contract
- Annie Hull questioned the electrical problem
- Susan Reynolds will address the issue

5. Mayor's Report: No Report

- Planning a community activity with Parks and Recreation

6. Solicitors: No Report

7. New Busines:

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to accept the resignation of Phillip Esno,  
 President of Council  
 Second by-Annie Hull  
 Motion carried -None Opposed

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to appoint Tom Repole to hold the open seat  
 Second by-Joyce Nicksick  
 Motion carried-None Opposed

**Questions/Comments:**

Joyce Nicksick questioned, "Can Tom Repole could hold the EMC Coordinator position?"

Peter Halesey, "I do not believe this is a conflict, but I will look into to confirm."

Janet Castellino would like to step down from President and Vice President position.

Susan Reynolds nominates Joyce Nicksick for President  
 Joyce Nicksick declines nomination  
 Lack of a Second

Joyce Nicksick nominates Janet Castellino for President

Second by-Annie Hull  
Motion carried-None Opposed

Annie Hull made the Motion to nominate Susan Reynolds as Vice-President  
Second by-Janet Castellino  
Motion carried-None Opposed

Susan Reynolds made the Motion for ATG Restoration in the amount of  
\$2,475.00 to remove the mold from borough's attic  
Second by-Annie Hull  
Motion carried-None Opposed

Code and Zoning Updates:

- a. Enterprise building owned by James Valenti will be donated to the Fort Vance Society
- b. 204 Archer Lane home demo permit issued -demo date not available yet
- c. 1613 Main Street car dealership still waiting paperwork from state
- d. 1606 Main Street (Mellon building) a Zoning Permit Application was issued for a whiskey distillery. Review by Jarrod D'Amico

8. Old Business:

LSA Presentation previous discussed

9. Public Comments / Questions: None

Debbie Vraninin finalized the Enterprise Building  
Debbie Vraninin spoke to council on the creek adjoining her property on Center Avenue debris and fallen trees blocking the creek bed.  
Tom Repole will be notified to hold a meeting with Debbie Vraninin and review situation.

10. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session @ 7:57 PM  
personnel manners

No action will be taken

8. Motion to Adjourn

No action taken  
Susan Reynolds made the Motion to adjourn  
Second by- Annie Hull  
Motion carried-None Opposed