

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES**

February 1, 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
Tom Repole

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

Visitors: Debbie Vraninin
Kobe Sarracino
Luke Snatchko

Acknowledgement: Tom Repole filling the vacant position, and to Hold the office of Member of Council

Roll Call: All Present

1. Review/approval of Minutes from Work Session January 20, 2021

Correction/Questions:

Joyce Nicksick Correction 4. Council Comments/Reports:

(c.) word correction Joyce introduced, with Susan Reynolds, Keith Straight and Tom Repole, not Joyce presented.

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to accept January 20, 2021 minutes with correction
Second by-Annie Hull

Motion carried-None Opposed

2. Financial Report

Annie Hull made the Motion to approve payment for current bills.

Second by-Susan Reynolds

Motion carried-None Opposed

Questions/Comments:

None

3. Council Reports/Comments:

a) Annie Hull-

i. Fire Department

- Fire Report read 16 various calls
- Christmas lights will be removed February 6th weather permitting

Questions/Comments:

Joyce Nicksick asked if council considered replacing the Christmas decorations with new ones.

Annie Hull stated, "Ronnie even commented with putting them up and down, they are getting worn out."

Tom Repole suggests when the time comes the borough should look at smaller decorations so one man can handle them better with putting them up and taking them down.

Janet Castellino thinks that it is a great idea to look into.

b) Joyce Nicksick-Update

i. Parks

- Questioned council if they wanted her to continue pursuing Stotlemeyer Park making it a more attractive area
- Secondary benefit would reduce and eliminate ATV traffic

Comments:

Annie Hull feels that the ATV traffic has gone down because of the new truck business, although it is winter.

Janet Castellino is okay with them continuing the great work

Susan Reynolds is okay with proceeding and getting cost estimates.

c) Susan Reynolds- No Report

i. Recreation

d) Tom Repole

i. Public Works

- Discussed the process of the mold restoration with ATG Restoration
- Borough roof needs vented for venation purposes and control of mold
- Explained reinforcement of the broken roof trusses
 - Street department will fix
 - Model used to show how reinforcement will work
 - Roof needs ventilation
 - Discussed sale of the auger

Questions/Comments:

Susan Reynolds, "When I met with the mold gentlemen, he thought the insulation was falling over into the vented area and this should be held back with a Styrofoam wall.

Tom, "Yes, we will know more whenever we get up into attic area."

4. Correspondence:
DEP letter received 01/21/2021 regarding the mine water on Shady Avenue
Shady Avenue Storm Line proposal -Motion under 7. New Business
5. Mayor's Report:
 - Discussed placing a chandelier in gazebo for lighting
 - Suggested removing outside lighting completely around gazebo
 - Sample model of dove cutout was presented to council for town craft
 - They represent a Message of Hope
 - Looking for a visible area to hang

Questions/Comments:

Susan Reynolds liked the dove craft idea

Joyce Nicksick questioned if we still had the proposal for lighting around the gazebo

Resnik will email the proposal to Joyce Nicksick

6. Solicitor's Report:

No Report

Questions/Comments:

Tom Repole questioned the solicitor borough's liability of a creek bed located in the Borough on Center Avenue.

Debbie Vraninun expressed her concerns that the homeowners above the creek do not clean or remove the debris. She is afraid of flooding the creek in the future.

Peter Halesy recommends to set up a time and meet Tom to review and look at the entire picture. Code Enforcement might need to get involved.

Kobie Sarracino addressed a catch basin drain collapsing on Center Avenue.

7. New Business:

- a. Borough was awarded \$143,733 from LSA Grant for the purpose of fixing the Little Shady Avenue Bridge
 - i. Bid Opening will be held February 19th @ 2:00 PM
 - ii. Start date TBD

Questions/Comments:

Joyce Nicksick would like to have reassurance that all avenues and steps are in place before this project breaks ground.

Joyce Nicksick asked if the borough had in order a clerk of the works

Tom Repole, "The borough does not, but Keith Straight will be the clerk of the works for this project."

Joyce Nicksick, "Will he attend all progress meetings?"

Tom, "Yes"

Joyce Nicksick, "I am just making sure the borough has all in order for the administration for this grant the way it should be."

Tom, "Keith Straight will be the borough's grant administrator."

All Change Orders will be brought before council before any changes will be made on the construction end.

Kobie Sarracino, questioned council about having a temporary traffic light installed on RT 18 until Shady Avenue Bridge construction is completed.
Susan Reynolds, "That is a Penn Dot issue and they would have to be notified."

Tom Repole made the Motion to accept Andrew I Miller proposal for the installation of a new 18" storm sewer starting at the Southwest side of Shady Avenue to discharge location into Raccoon creek. Borough will cover all material costs, material quantities listed in proposal in the amount of \$7,370.00.

Second by-Annie Hull

Questions/Comments

Joyce Nicksick said when council met on January 20th the council agreed to do 3 things on Shady Avenue

- a. look into getting a camera
- b. using a larger jitter
- c. look into replacing pipe on the top end

Tom Repole discussed the procedure / replacement of materials for Shady Avenue water run-off.

- a. terra cotta pipe is collapsed and needs replaced
- b. blockage is preventing the water to back up on upper end
- c. once opened; water should flow into lower catch basin discharging into the creek
- d. jitter truck will not correct broken pipe

Joyce Nicksick, "Is the pipe size replacement increasing?"

Tom, "Yes, from 12 inches to 18 inches."

Joyce Nicksick, "So increasing from top 10", 12" to 18", so bigger is better?"

Tom "Yes"

Joyce Nicksick, "Word on the street the upper catch basins is placed on wrong side of the street."

Tom, "What is the correct side?"

Susan Reynolds, "Is he replacing both lower catch basins?"

Tom, "No, leaving those and adding one additional closer to the bend."

Joyce Nicksick, "Is the creek water orange?"

Tom, "Yes"

Joyce Nicksick, "2020 council had a discussion on paving the alleyway so that the gravel would not come down onto the road." "Would that improve the situation over on Shady?"

Tom replied, "Yes paving would help eliminate the gravel from entering into the basin along with regular maintenance still in place."

Joyce Nicksick, "Do we have a regular schedule to keep it clear?"

Tom, "No, but we must put one in place."

Joyce Nicksick, "With that fix at the bottom of Shady Avenue, will that be a long term solution?"

Tom, "Yes"

Joyce Nicksick "This was a very generous proposal on Mr. Miller's part, and I in no way want for someone to think I am upset with that. I am happy about that, I just want to make sure if we are doing it here, we are looking at a more extensive type exchange."

Mr. Miller drafted a construction sewer line plan for the borough.

Susan Reynolds replied, "I addressed this months ago to Mr. Esno. My husband walks this street and noticed at the top where the water is coming out of the hillside. The one on the right-hand side and crosses the road and to another basin is clogged. The bottom basins were clear. So, to get the top opened up you have to hit this with a jitter truck?" Tom, "No, I will tell you after we get the bottom basin opened up; they will all open." Annie Hull stated that the water is not only running from the top area of Shady Avenue it is flowing out of her property also.

Motion carried-None Opposed

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to approve Janet Castellino by Resolution No. 2021-002 as Chief Administrator of the Burgettstown Borough Pension Plan.
Second by-Tom Repole

Motion carried-None Opposed

8. Old Business:

Situation was handled by ATG Mold restoration removed mold from borough building January 28th and 29th. Roof trusses is cleared.

Insurance adjuster Kevin Lynch with Engle Martin & Assoc. along with Ed Schmidt came 01/25/2021 to look at borough's claims

- a. Joyce Nicksick and Tom Repole present
- b. No letter of determinations at this time.

Resnik replied, "Borough has not received a determination letter."
Castellino will advise all council when that is received.

9. Council Remarks:

PA Water line breaks:

Joyce Nicksick, "Does 911 notify you when it falls under your domain?"

Tom replied, "Yes and PA Water is not."

10. Public Comments / Questions:

Luke Snatchko asked if council is going to come up with a solution for Highland Avenue parking.

- made it one lane
- no enforcement
- made it two cars and not being followed
- residents are competing for a parking space
- parking in the alleys, there are potholes, plowing becomes an issue

Janet Castellino, "We have to reach out to the homeowners, have them register their two vehicles and license plate numbers, and we have it on file. If we need to start enforcing that will be our first step. This will be given to the police department."

Luke replied, "Why not give households two permits for their two vehicles so they can park one car on the street and the other one in the back. Visitors can use one pass when they are in town.

10. Public Comments / Questions Continued:

Luke Snatchko discussed a discrepancy with Waste Management trash bills

Council can not get involved with his dispute

Luke Snatchko, "Should the trash be mandatory pick up?"

Council, "It is if you are paying your bill."

Luke, "Is the contact available for viewing?"

Council replied, "Yes"

Janet Castellino, "Luke, if you know anyone who is being overcharged in the Borough, please bring down the name and I will personally call WM. They must uphold their contract and terms.

Kobie Sarracino spoke on a concern on Highland Avenue with handicap parking space. Peter Halesy recommends reaching out to Mrs. Wilson and getting her issues on this Problem and seeing if she would like to apply for a handicap spot.

Kobie Sarracino asked, Peter Halesy if he represented anyone on council that could be "A Conflict of Interest."

Peter Halesy, "I do not represent any individual councilmember on this board."

Kobie Sarracino addressed no return phone calls she placed to Peter several times.

Peter addressed that it is not his practice to call individuals, and he was directed by council not to do so.

Janet Castellino stated it would be costly.

Tom Repole stated he represents the council not individual residents.

Kobie Sarracino addressed her concerns with the grant purchase for the electronic sign is not necessary.

Council expressed why the electronic sign would be a benefit for the community.

11. Motion to Adjourn @ 8:05 PM

Tom Repole made the Motion to Adjourn

Second by- Joyce Nicksick

Motion carried-None Opposed