

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES**

April 6, 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 (Absent)
 Joyce Nicksick
 Susan Reynolds (Absent)
 Tom Repole

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

Visitors: Debbie Vraninin Mary Oddi
 Barb Williams Evan Greenslate
 Chief Ahlborn
 James McGee

Roll Call: Annie Hull, Susan Reynolds and Mary Ann Reedy

Persons to be Heard: Mary Oddi – Park Shed

- Advised council that the shed in the park was given to the scouts, by prior council president James Reedy, for the storage of their props used for Boo-In-The-Park
- Mary received a call from the borough in the past week asking her to relocate these items as the shed was needed by the borough
- Mary is asking for a longer time period as she is looking for grants, and the props at this time, cannot be moved overnight

Mary expressed that the event is done for the community, and all the proceeds go to the meals on wheels gift program.

Tom Repole responded:

- All props were removed from the shed and relocated by the street department to the Scout Hut
- All props and canisters placed on upper level
- Mary Oddi was notified by phone message of this move
- Mary Oddi was asked to go through items and what she did not want or is molded Street Department will pick up and discard for her

- Mary Oddi had concerns with basement dampness
- Street Department will address the issue to eliminate dampness
- Joyce Nicksick, “Items are relocated and we must move forward”
 - a. be very careful with the stuff that is moldy or mildewed, and just start with removing items that might be hazardous to any babies or child.”
- Janet Castellino was not aware of this move and the items being relocated
 - a. would like to discuss and work out a solution to help the Scouts

Council moved forward with discussions

Debbie Vraninin-Creek update

Tom Repole went over back side of funeral park lot

- Spoke to Chuck and he will speak to landscaper to stop dumping
- Signs will be placed
- Across from Richard Froats home creek looks clear
- Did not get down inside creek bank off your property

Debbie Vraninin, “You are more than welcome to on my property.”

Tom, “I was on the top area of the creek.”

Tom, “The creek was flowing just fine.”

Debbie, “How about the trees above that are falling into the creek?”

Tom, “That is all private property and the borough will not remove trees from private property.”

Debbie, “The trees are not on my property.”

Debbie, “Then what about the Army Corps of Engineering.”

Tom, “You did not hear back from them because it is not an applicable water-way this is why you did not hear back from them. They also have nothing to do with mine drainage.”

Debbie, “I did hear back from them and they told me it was up to the borough.”

Tom, “It is private property.”

Creek matter ended and meeting moved forward

Evan Greenslate-Ambulance service

- 3 base stations
 - a. Slovan Fire Department
 - b. Washington
 - c. Bentleyville
- UPMC bought out the ambulance service from a private owner
- Feels this area is forgotten about
- Slovan base never is in this area for coverage running City of Washington
- Agreement is made between Fort Cherry and Ambulance and Chair to help cover our areas
- This situation is growing in the past few months
- Review EMS response times attached in packet
- This effects Borough, Hanover, Smith, Jefferson
- Even recommended what he would like to see is a letter written by all

effecting areas to the Board of Directors

- Evan will be giving address information

Joyce Nicksick questioned Chief Ahlborn if he sees the effects of this Chief, “Yes”

1. Review/approval of Regular Business Minutes from March 1, 2021

Motion Approved as presented

Motion Carried

2. Financial Report

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to approve payment for current bills.

Second by-Tom Repole

Motion carried-None Opposed

Questions/Comments:

None

Updates:

Liquid Fuels 2021 \$45,109.74

Turnback 2021 - \$4,000.00

3. Council Reports

a) Annie Hull- Absent

i. Fire Department

b) Joyce Nicksick

i. Parks

- April 11th Park will reopen

Janet, “Tom what are you doing with the grass cutting?”

Tom, “We are cutting”

Janet, “Are we going to contract any cutting?”

Tom, “No”

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to purchase flowers for Park, Main Island and Borough building not to exceed \$500.00

Second by-Tom Repole

Motion carried -None Opposed

c) Susan Reynolds- No Report

i. Recreation

d) Tom Repole

i. Public Works

Tom Repole made the Motion to accept Alex Paris Contracting to replace the Little Shady Avenue Bridge in the amount of \$132,884.00

Questions/Comments:

Joyce Nicksick questioned the solicitor if he reviewed the information

Peter, “Yes, I looked over the bids”

Joyce Nicksick, "I am going to repeat again that there must be some coordinating effort, as the borough was told the contractor would notify the residents."

Tom, "It is part of the contract that they have the responsibility to notify all effected residents."

Joyce, "How are they doing that Tom?"

Tom, "House to house as it does not appear a major power outage will take place."

Joyce, "Is the crane still in place bringing across Plum Run?"

Tom, "I am not sure about the crane now as they might have another method in place."

Second by-Joyce Nicksick

Motion carried-None Opposed

Tom Repole reviewed Burgettstown Paving Streets for 2021

- All streets will be placed on the bid list

Questions/Comments:

Joyce, "Tom is Plum Run Extension going to get finished or not?"

Tom, "Plum Run is on the list but what the borough is going to do is repair some storm sewers and add catch basins. After that, the borough will look into paving this road will not be paved until late August or September after the bridge work is completed."

Tom Repole made the Motion to put out to bid the Street Paving reviewed for 2021

Second by-Joyce Nicksick

Motion carried-None Opposed

e. Janet Castellino

i. Police Department

- Mary Wilson handicap parking issue
- Met with Chief Ahlborn and came up with a plan to accommodate Mrs. Wilson

Chief Ahlborn stated, "If the yellow line would be painted 20 feet back further this would allow enough space for the Washington Transit to pick up and drop off."

Joyce, "Chief, do you feel this is the best solution?"

Chief replied, "I do think this is the best solution."

Joyce, "Janet and did you see that as the best solution?"

Janet, "Yes I did, and for another reason when the police is called out to move these vehicles, they are using time and being taken away and this will accommodate her."

Painted line-Council all in favor

4. Correspondence: Report given by Debbie Resnik

- Contract No. 21-01 Replacement Little Avenue Bridge acceptance letter (d. Public Works Motion to accept)

5. Mayor's Report: Absent

6. Solicitor's Report:

- Executive meeting to discuss
- First Amendment question on signs

7. New Business:

- Council to look over Resolution (Handicap Parking) Borough of McDonalds
- Resolved

8. Old Business: None

9. Council Remarks:

Joyce Nicksick would like council to consider the borough purchasing a computer and subscription to hold zoom meeting

- Washington County moved COVID to substantial
- Spoke on setting up zoom meeting

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to purchase a computer with COVID relief monies and Purchasing a subscription for zoom meetings in the event we can do some of these virtually

Second by-Tom Repole

Motion carried-None Opposed

10. Public Comments / Questions:

Jim McGee is willing to donate \$500.00 toward a shed for Mary Oddi
Council and Debbie Vraninin discussed the creek issues

- Trees falling on other property owner's borough is not responsible
- Janet Castellino intervened council and Peter Halesey will set up a date to review this issue visually

Barb Williams Concerns:

- Would like council to consider doing something with her alley behind her home
- Questioned bottom of Frederick Street to Culley Street paving
- Asked if the council declined consideration of permits for Highland Ave
- Council all are in agreement they will not move forward with permits on Highland Avenue

Joyce Nicksick suggests the borough starting a list for alleys that need addressed

11. Executive Session @ 7:27 PM

Personnel-No action will be taken

12. Motion to Adjourn: 7:51 PM

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to Adjourn

Second by- Tom Repole

Motion carried-None Opposed

