

BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES
July 12, 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 (Absent)

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

Visitors: Pam Church Elizabeth Holland
Robert Holland John Cherok II
Officer Ziemianski
Luke Snatchko

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to Pass July 12, 2021 Business Agenda
Second by-Annie Hull
Motion carried-None Opposed

Roll Call Absentee: Tom Repole and Mary Ann Reedy

Person to be heard-John Cherok II spoke on Statue of Liberty

- Would like to see the Statue of Liberty returned to Corner of Main
- Petition signed by residents of the town
- Statue is the symbol of our Nation
- Expressed the Statue of Liberty is on Google website page

1. Review/Approval of Regular Business Minutes from June 7, 2021
Accepted as read
Motion Carried-None Opposed

2. Financial Report:

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to approve payment for current bills in the amount of \$7,474.78.

Second by-Annie Hull

Questions/Comments:

Susan Reynolds questioned Redcon Engineering invoices

Resnik explained she paid on the 60-90 terms

Joyce Nicksick questioned Hoberek Enterprises, Inc. (Auger hole)

Resnik explained this was for the digital sign installation

Joyce Nicksick questioned coffee pods purchased on the Quill invoice

Resnik explained she purchased a Keurig coffee machine and microwave for the office at her expense

Motion carried-None Opposed

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 received first allocation of \$68,506.00 on 07/07/21

- Funding will be placed in separate checking account not running through General Fund
- Resnik will see if she can get more information on project spending

Questions/Comments:

Joyce Nicksick questioned timeframe spending

Resnik was not sure

Peter Halesey replied, "School districts have a 2year timeframe."

Joyce Nicksick asked, "Is there a community process to allow input?"

Peter, "I think that can be solved by making sure the community is aware of which meetings are held that spending would be discussed."

Pam Church, "2 years is typically project spending timeframe"

3. Council Reports

a) Annie Hull-

i. Fire Department

- No formal Fire Report was given
- 14 Calls

b) Susan Reynolds-

i. Parks and Recreation

- Swings arrived and installed at park by Street Department
- Flowers in the Island are blooming and growing
- Addressed John Cherok on the Statue of Liberty
 - a. Statue of Liberty was stored in the concession stand because borough was cleaning up the Main St. Corner

d) Tom Repole-Absent

Janet Castellino read Public Works Report

i. Public Works

Motion made by Annie Hull to accept Ron Allison Letter of Resignation dated July 9, 2021.

Second by-Joyce Nicksick

Motion carried-None Opposed

Roof repair/replacement cost proposals

- Tabled

Shady Avenue Bridge updates

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to accept El Grande bid for the Paving Project 2021 in the amount of \$126,878.92

Second by -Joyce Nicksick

Questions: None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

e. Janet Castellino

i. Police Department-

- Janet and Chief Ahlborn discussed activities going on throughout the Borough
- Police Report read by Officer Michael Ziemianski

Questions:

Joyce Nicksick questioned were the thefts in businesses or residential

Reports were not available

Questions/Comments:

None

4. Correspondence:

- Ron Allison's resignation letter
- Roof bid proposals

5. Mayor's Report: Absent

6. Solicitor's Report:

- Drafted a copy of Resolution for Zoning Application Fees
- More time needed for revisions

7. New Business:

Joyce Nicksick Made the Motion to accept the Sub-Division plan for Amy Smith, 115 East Pittsburgh Street

Second by-Annie Hull

Questions/Comments:

Luke Snatchko ,“What is this sub-division plan and when was it discussed?”

Resnik explained that the Sub-Division was submitted to the borough around February, March.

Plans went to Harshman, Survey was completed and Redcon Engineering approved

Plans were approved by Burgettstown Smith Sewage Authority

Plans approved by Washington County Planning Commission

Joyce Nicksick questioned, "How many other properties in the borough were sub-divided?"

Total of (3)

Susan Reynolds, "Looking over the plans it states, "Modular" and is this what you are building?"

Amy, "Yes"

Motion Carried-None Opposed

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021:

Vacant properties: Resnik explained Vegetation Ordinance and Procedures

Council discussed the procedures on liens

- Council was advised on (1) property located in borough
 - a. letters were sent addressing vegetation issues
 - b. no response either from resident or mortgage holder
 - c. property vacant at this time

Council all agreed to proceed with mowing and placing a lien on the property

8. Old Business:

- Clean up day in works
- Updates given on 43 Main Street Ext and Dinsmore Avenue
- 435 W Pittsburgh Street
 - a. If properties are in compliance to codes, and Harshman can confirm the property can be removed
 - b. Borough would like confirmation from Harshman to make the determination
- 33,40, 44 Center Avenue owner was contacted and properties were put on list to be cut

9. Council Remarks:

Joyce Nicksick welcomed Amy Smith to the Borough

Joyce Nicksick would like to contribute to the Kerig coffee pot that Resnik purchased with personal funds

Annie Hull feels borough should cover the cost the lunch room items

Susan Reynolds feels that the borough should reimburse Resnik

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion that the Borough pays for the new Kerig coffee maker microwave

Second by-Annie Hull

Motion Carried-None Opposed

New Agenda Law: September meeting

The Borough must post the agenda on website 24 hours prior to monthly meetings

New Agenda Law Continued:
Hard copies must be present meeting night
Post Agenda on door 24 hours

Council reviewed the Workshop Meetings /Dates

- Discussion only
- Council will review July workshop date

Susan Reynolds addressed the Digital Sign and if public has any information needed to be posted contacted the borough office with information

Annie Hull questioned the Motion to purchase 2 computers and no membership yet for zoom meetings are we purchasing or taking this Motion off the table
Council will review and next meeting

10. Public Comments / Questions: None

Luke Snatchko would like Borough to consider a Letter of Support for Homecoming Parade

Luke Snatchko expressed his concerns with the runoff on Highland Avenue

- Excessive run off with heavy rains
- Storm water drainage system needs addressed
- Hickory Street

11. Executive Session: Personnel

- Tabled

12. Motion to Adjourn: 7:45 PM

Annie Hull made the Motion to Adjourn

Second by-Joyce Nicksick

Motion carried-None Opposed