

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES**

November 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 (Absent)
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: Debbie Vraninin Jerry McClain
Kobe Sarracino Officer Zank
Mary Oddi John Cherok II
Luke Snatchko Pam Church

Roll Call Absentees: Janet Castellino, Tom Repole, Mary Ann Reedy -Medical

Person to be Heard-John Cherok: Main Street -Absent

1. Review/approval of Regular Business Meeting of September 7, 2021
Review/approval of minutes from Work Session Meeting of September 22, 2021
Motion to Approve-Annie Hull
Second by-Joyce Nicksick
Motion Carried

2. Financial Report
Annie Hull made the Motion to approve payment for current bills.
Second by-Joyce Nicksick
Motion carried-None Opposed

Questions/Comments:

None

FEMA Settlement Disclaimer amount \$9,457.91

- deductible \$2,000
- balance received \$ 7,457.91
- monies will be placed in the Capital Improvement fund

2. Financial Report Continued-

Christmas lights discussed

- Replacement costs
- Limited supplies available

Annie Hull would like to table the Christmas ideas till 2022

Kobie Sarracino would like to reach out to a donor for Christmas funding

Council stated for her to reach out and she can meet with Debbie Resnik on findings

Minutes are reflected as follows to add: Appointment which was not listed on the November's Agenda for meet the Sunshine Law Requirements:

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to add a Motion to Appoint James McGee to hold a 5-year term on the Burgettstown Smith Sewage Authority beginning 01/01/2022.

Second by- Annie Hull

Questions/Comments:

Susan Reynolds questioned if James McGee was aware of this appointment

Resnik, "Yes"

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to accept James McGee to hold the 5-year term on the Burgettstown Smith Sewage Authority Board

Motion carried-None Opposed

Budget Workshop:

Ann Hull made the Motion to advertise a Budget Workshop Meeting on November 7th @ 10:00 AM

Second by-Joyce Nicksick

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion Carried -None Opposed

3. Council Reports/Comments:

a) Annie Hull-

i. Fire Department

- October Fire Report read 17 calls
- September Fire Report read 28 calls

Jerri McClain spoke on Halloween procedures

- closed off Hindman and Highland Avenue
- not crowded this year everything ran smooth on both ends of the borough

Questions/Comments:

Joyce Nicksick thanked the Fire Department for helping with the event Annie, “In the future do you feel looking at possibly closing more areas around Highland and Hindman for trick or treat?”

Jerri McClain, “No, residents who live in Smith Township still need to have Frederick Street open.”

Jerry McClain presented the Fire Departments donation letter

Jerry McClain upcoming event dates:

- Community Day will be held July 2022
- 100th Anniversary and Convention will take place in 2023

b) Janet Castellino- Absent

i. Police -Officer Zank

- Officer read report as filed

Questions/Comments:

None

c) Susan Reynolds-

i. Parks and Recreation

- Will be putting up Christmas tree in the Main Island
- No date set at this time

Questions/Comments:

Kobie Sarracino would like to present an idea to Resnik

Council discussed electricity on Corner of Main

Kobie Sarrarcino, “Could the borough place something in honor of Mr. Walden for Christmas in that area?”

Joyce Nicksick, “In my opinion it is hard to do that because it could come back, and hurt someone else.”

By-Pass Street Lighting was discussed

- 17 total needs replaced
- Joyce suggests getting proposal and have ready for budget workshop

John Cherok would like council to take into consideration sidewalk replacement

d) Tom Repole-Absent

i. Public Works

Questions/Comments:

Jerry McClain questioned council if Jason Milone with the Street Department could answer fire call and or medical if they occur during work hours?

Policy Handbook reflects these type of call out procedures

e) Police Department-Janet Castellino-Absent

5. Mayor’s Report: Absent

6. Solicitor’s Report: No Report

7. New Business:

Motion was accepted all in favor for McDonalds Borough to pick up leaves for 2 days for a total of \$500.00.

Motion carried-None Opposed

Municipal Survey 2021 Comprehensive Plan briefed on survey needed to be completed and sent back to Washington County

Questions/Comments:

Pam Church expressed the importance of this survey being completed for future grant writing

John Cherok would like to know, as a tax payer if each council member followed through and completed the survey in question.

8. Old Business:

Little Shady Avenue bridge replacement start date November 7th

Annie Hull will post on Burgettstown Happenings page

Billboard will be posted

Questions/Comments:

Pam Church questioned if the Borough received any monies for the project

Resnik, "No, but did receive emails we could move forward"

Kobie Sarracino, "How long of a time-frame for the bridge project?"

Resnik, "Approximately two weeks"

Scout Hut-

Joyce Nicksick has questions with the building

Joyce Nicksick questioned Resnik if Municipal Consulting was contacted and Mold Restoration was called?

This was a prior email that was sent out

Resnik, "I was not aware of this"

Council agreed to have the Scout Hut evaluated

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to have the Scout Hut evaluated

Resnik will made arrangements

Second by-Annie Hull

Motion carried-None Opposed

9. Correspondence:

1910 Main Street sidewalk repair

- completed

10. Public Comments / Questions:

John Cherok

- West Pittsburgh Street -man hole needs addressed
- Senior Center announcement
 - memberships
 - age requirements

John, "Has the board had any further discussions on the Center Avenue Alley. Tom Repole discussed at a prior board meeting opening the right away behind Center Avenue for parking."

Council replied, "No"

John asked, "Has anything moved forward on the Main Street Ext building?"

Council replied, "No, waiting for funding and Washington County to move on project."

10. Public Comments/Questions:

Mary Oddi spoke on Scout Hut solutions

- emailed Janet Castellino
- no solutions were discussed with Mary Oddi
- asked permission if they could purchase a shed for storage

Annie Hull suggested to wait until they get reports on building before moving forward

- Council discussed safety and liability issues
- Mary Oddi will take any measures to releasing borough of liability issues

Kobie Sarracino questioned Scout Hut is in Smith Township

Council clarified that the Scout Hut is owned by the Burgettstown Borough. Frank Roberts does not have any affiliation with the building nor property.

Scout Hut building was donated to the Borough for \$1.00 (Deed filed in Washington County)

Pam Church asked Burgettstown Borough to sign off the letter of support for Phase II project

Susan Reynolds signed

John Cherok voiced his concerns with Lower Center Avenue (33) feels the property needs cleaned up deplorable condition

Council will address with owners

Kobie Sarracino questioned when Family Dollar will reopen

Borough does not have an exact date, but they are reopening

Kobie Sarracino, "What business is in the old Fuller's building?"

That business is located in Smith Township, owner deals with oil wells and farm equipment

11. Executive Session – Council entered into meeting @ 7:55 PM

No action will be taken

12. Motion to Adjourn: 8:11 PM

Annie Hull Made the Motion to Adjourn

Second by- Joyce Nicksick

Motion carried-None Opposed