

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES**

March 7, 2022

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.

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to Pass the March 7th, 2022, Agenda
Second by-James Smith

Attending: Council Members: Annie Hull
Susan Reynolds
Ken McKinney
James Smith II
Ross Johnson

Mayor: Luke Snatchko
Solicitor: Peter Halsey and Falco Muscante
Secretary: Debbie Resnik
Treasurer: Debbie Resnik

Visitors: Jerry McClain BVFC Madelyn Smith BVFC
Kobe Sarracino Mary Oddi

Roll Call: Complete

1. Review minutes from the Regular Meeting held February 7, 2022
Workshop Meeting held February 28, 2022
Workshop Session Minutes January 24, 2022
Ken McKinney made the Motion to Approve the Minutes
Second by-Ross Johnson
Motion Carried
2. Person to be Heard-None
3. Financial Report-
Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$50,546.81 was deposited 3/1/2022
Susan Reynolds made the Motion to pay the unpaid bills totaling \$9,054.19
Second by-James Smith II
Questions/Comments:
None
Motion carried-None Opposed

4. Vacancy Liaisons-

Police /Fire Department -Luke Snatchko

- Police and Fire reports will be filed as read
- No other report to be given

Parks and Recreation-Susan Reynolds

- Would like council to take into consideration purchasing a dog station for the park
- Would eliminate using regular cans for this clean up
- Susan will investigate purchase and discuss at next meeting

Public Works-Ross Johnson

- Working on obtaining a quote for patching Charles Street hole

5. Solicitor's Report- No public discussion

Brief discussion on a litigation matter after Regular Meeting

6. Mayor's Report-

Police Contract

- Does any council member have any amendments they would like to add into the new police contract?
- Susan Reynolds "Are they supplying a new proposal for council's review?"
- McDonald Police is putting together a proposal and costs
- Council has no amendments or discussion at this time

Ross Johnson made the Motion to place the Handicap Placard at 48 Highland Avenue
Second by-James Smith II

Questions/Comments:

Jerry McClain, "Will this spot be marked?"

Luke, "Yes, we will be painting the curb."

Motion carried-None Opposed

7. New Business-

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to accept the Washington County 2022 Hazard
Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan Update

Second by-Ken McKinney

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

7. New Business Continued-

Blue's Property Discussion-Borough has ordered a survey to be completed due to:

- water run-off onto Short Street and State Route 18 onto Rite Aid parking lot when heavy rains occur
- Will be surveyed to determine responsible party to fix the run-off occurrences
- Zoning determination removed the water storm litigation because this property did not have an up-to-date identification of ownership
- 1937 was latest survey and not on record
- Borough has no way of locating previous surveyor and a plot plan was not given
- Overall view Short Street looks as if it belongs to blue's parcel
- Susan Reynolds, "Could this parcel been owned by the coal company and Short Street would have possibility been the only access in and out of the mine?"
- Luke Snatchko agreed.
- Annie Hull, "A survey must be conducted to move forward to come to an agreement for a resolution."
- Costs estimates of a survey were addressed

James Smith II made the Motion to survey Blue's Property/Short Street by a surveyor
Second by-Ross Johnson

Questions/Comments:

Ross Johnson addressed that Charles Street was allotted \$4,000.00 and borough used \$2,000.00 so that extra revenue could be placed towards survey costs.

Annie Hull stated, "Survey is a must for future cleanup purposes"

Ross Johnson, "If this is private property, then the borough employees should not be permitted on private property for clean ups."

Motion Carried-None Opposed

8. Old Business-

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to have Alex Paris deliver and set the safety barrier for the Little Shady Avenue Bridge in the amount of \$1,848.00

Second by-Ross Johnson

Question/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-

Opposed by-Ken McKinney and James Smith II

3 to 1 – Vote Carries

Susan Reynold made the Motion to rescind the Motion to purchase the laptop computer in the November 2, 2020, Workshop Minutes

Second by-Ken McKinney

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

8. Old Business Continued-

Ross Johnson made the Motion to accept PC Whips proposal for new computer and programming costs not to exceed \$3,000.00

Second by-Susan Reynolds

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

9. Correspondence-

Harshman's Group monthly report as filed

10. Council Remarks-

Ken McKinney questioned by-pass lighting email

Resnik clarified that email on by-pass lighting costs would be covered by Penn-Dot

- New electrical work would be covered by Penn-Dot and would be paid by Penn-Dot
- The borough contracted Todd Electric to swap out 5 lights to LED and those costs were covered by the borough
- Kobe Sarracino made contact for this project to take place

11. Public Participation-

Jerry McClain

- Questioned if Penn-Dot reimburse the borough for the prior electrical work performed
- Resnik, "No"
- Kobe Sarracino asked for prior invoice expenses for lighting and will present those costs to Penn-Dot

Jerry McClain expressed his concerns with overdose victims, associated costs, and responsibilities for victims to get help.

- future calls Jerry feels will take a toll on volunteer fireman

McDonald Police explained police experiences, cost and responsibilities on the same issues.

Annie Hull addressed that "the right to refuse" in the health care field is one of the biggest problems, and this will cost the health care system.

Susan Reynolds, "What can we do as the community to control this drug problem. I did not realize the borough had this problem."

Annie: "Overdose is showing up in all surrounding communities and is coming here."

Madelyn Smith spoke on while she was young and had to carry Narcan for her relatives addiction.

Jerry McClain spoke on ISO ratings

- Fire Department is a class 5 and would like to lower the ISO rating
- Having problems getting a flow rate with the Pennsylvania American Water Company
- PAWC will not return phone calls

Kobe Sarracino suggested to Jerry McClain to contact Jason Ortity and he should be able to reach out to the PAWC and get this answered.

Ross Johnson replied, "They flush the hydrants periodically they should be able to put a gauge on them."

Jerry McClain asked council for permission to use borough's power box for Community Days
Council granted permission

Kobe Sarracino spoke on Jon Mounts from Washington, PA for a surveyor

Mary Oddi-Scout Hut

- Keeping updates on progress
- Gutter was off in back after storm
- Questioned if you wanted them to remove all cabinets from the Scout Hut

Luke Snatchko would like to clarify if cabinets are not permanently fixed to the building, then you can remove and take out of the building.

Kobe Sarracino spoke on the handicap sign that will be placed at 48 Highland and Mary Wilson's prior request.

Resnik, "Mary Wilson's paperwork and sign was rejected by McDonald Police, as she does not have a vehicle, and she have rear parking."

Resnik, "Washington Rides can put into the handicap space when picking up and returning Mary Wilson if space is available that day."

12. Executive Session- Council entered into session to discuss Litigation @7:10 PM

No action will be taken

Executive Session reconvened @ 8:00 PM

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to adjourn

Second by-Ken McKinney

Motion Carried-None Opposed