

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

June 27, 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.

WORKSHOP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

No Quorum: meeting will be held for discussion and information only

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

Mayor: Luke Snatchko
Solicitor: Falco A. Muscante (Absent)
Secretary: Debbie Resnik
Treasurer: Debbie Resnik

Visitors: Mary Oddi Kobe Sarracino
Debbie Vraninin Chief Alhborn

Absent:
Ken McKinney
James Smith II
Annie Hull

1. Financials:
Received CCSI invoice for Charles Street and Maple Street
2. Council Reports:
 - a. Street Department -Ross Johnson
 - No Report
 - Filling potholes
 - b. Park and Recreation-Susan Reynolds
 - Spoke on attending the Washington County Comprehensive Plan meeting @ Avella Firehall
 - Informative public meeting
 - A second public meeting will be held June 29th at the Washington County Fairgrounds

- c. Special Projects-Ken McKinney (absent)
- d. Clean-up Days – James Smith II (absent)
- e. Code Enforcement-Update on June 2022 findings-
 - Total of (6) vegetation violation letters sent for month June 2022
 - 4 vegetation complied
 - 2- vegetation still not in compliance
 - 1- lien letter satisfiedBuilding Permits-
 - None

3. Mayor Report-Police/Fire Department-

- Attended the Environmental Sensitivity Maintenance for Dirt and Gravel Road Seminar

Comments/Questions:

Resnik, “Will council be writing a grant for a specific area?”

Ross Johnson, Mayor and Keith Straight will be setting up a meeting with Jordan to start grant process on:

(a) Plum Run Ext.

Susan Reynolds, “How many people attended?”

Mayor, “Approximately sixty.”

Construction Projects-

- Rt 18 and By-Pass will begin construction
- Bards Building demolition will be forthcoming any day

4. Solicitor’s Report-None

5. New Business- Cable Franchise Renewal (15-year term)

Resnik addressed with members Blue Devil Cable Franchise up for renewal

- 08/2022

Tax Assessment Office will be posting delinquent tax notices starting 06/06/2022

Comments/Questions:

Chief Alhborn, “Will the Sheriff’s office would be posting these buildings?”

Resnik was not sure

6. Old Business- Statue of Liberty

- Received an electrical quote for service in the amount of \$6,250.00
- West Penn Power issued Work Order
- Borough is waiting for West Penn Powers engineer to come for a site visit

7. Correspondence- None

8. Council Remarks-None

9. Public Comments/Questions-

Kobe Sarracino questioned council if anyone contacted James Reedy Lawn Service since last meeting for weed-whacking the inside of her property fence line.

Luke, "Explain your reasoning why you feel the borough should weed whack the inside of your fence?"

Kobie, "It is not my fence it belongs to the borough or Penn Dot."

Luke, "So, whose grass, is it?"

Kobe, "Not mine."

Luke, "I feel just my opinion if you contact a solicitor they would most likely say that is your property and if you want the grass cut it would become your responsibility"

Luke, "I cannot think of anywhere or someone who would be responsible for weeds whacking someone private property."

Kobe, "If you look where the fence line is that is Penn Dot's Right-of-Way. That is not my property."

Susan Reynolds, "Penn Dot did agree they would come 3 times a year and cut the grass on by-pass but, that is only 3 times a year a not weekly"

Council discussed the removal of the fence that was in front of the Reynolds Plaza.

(a) Procedure

(b) Removal

Kobe Sarracino suggested placing the Statue of Liberty in the Main Island.

Susan Reynolds, "We did discuss this in a prior meeting, and it was decided that Penn Dot would not allow borough to place her there."

Kobe spoke to someone in Penn Dots office, and they do not know who the representative on Penn Dot's end the borough would have spoken with?"

Susan Reynolds and Debbie Resnik, "We are not sure at this time."

Susan Reynolds, Tom Repole or perhaps Phil Esno."

Kobe Sarracino questioned how many meetings a council member can miss before there is disciplinary action?"

Susan Reynolds replied, "The borough code regarding council members missing meetings has been revised."

Kobe Sarracino, "Penn Dot overlooked the fountain."

Susan Reynolds, "Penn Dot overlooked the fountain, and we asked for 3 separate locations and all were denied when trying to place the digital sign."

Susan Reynolds, "We are told that the Statue of Liberty was missed down at the Main Street area, because people took pictures with her, and she has a following."

Susan Reynolds, "So people would not be able to do that in the Main Island."

Kobe, "Why not?"

Susan, "You cannot be going in and out of the Main Island as you are surrounded by traffic. I do not believe anyone should be going back and forth in that island area."

Kobe, "So, what is more important saving the town \$6,000.00 or someone taking pictures?"

Ross, "This is all part of creating a Veterans Park down on Main Street. This is not just for the placement of the Statue of Liberty."

Kobe, "It was just a suggestion."

Statue of Liberty is stored in the concession stand

Scout Hut Discussion:

Mary Oddi asked why the council cannot spend monies that was budgeted for the Scout Hut to get the improvements done on the Scout Hut. This has been going on for 1 year.

Luke, "What improvements are you suggesting?"

Mary, "Tearing the tile down in the kitchen area."

Luke, "We are not waiting for any money."

Susan, "That is just what needs to be done."

Mary, "Ken stated to Mary he could not find anyone to do it for free."

Luke, I am sure not if I heard Ken state that."

Mary, "That is what he told me."

Susan, "I do not believe that was ever discussed on who was going to do it."

Ross, "At the last meeting he mentioned that he would look into people who could take care of that but he has not given council an update if he found anyone yet."

Ross, "I feel he was trying to find a donation for completing this area."

Mayor stated so items were moved out of the Scout Hut in the past 3 months and to date council got the basement area squared away, got a sump pump installed. It sounds as if you are insinuating that council is dragging their feet.

Mary replied, " I am not saying that."

Susan, "You do have a place to hold your meetings for now?"

Mary, "No, the Knights of Columbus have financial obligations also at the Knights of Columbus."

Susan, "I thought the Knights was your sponsor?"

Mary, "No, the Lions Club is still my sponsor."

Mayor, "So does the Lions Club hold meetings?"

Mary, "Yes, every few months."

Mayor explained his thoughts of Mary Oddi Boy Scout Troop having a legit sponsor."

Mayor, "The Lions Club has disbanded the organization 15 years ago. This organization holds no meetings, no meeting minutes."

Mary, "Addressed there were other people who were still in the club and

sold the building in Langloth. She states that several members stayed on and was dispersing accrued monies from that account they dispersed the monies throughout the community.

Mayor, "That was several years ago."

Susan Reynolds, "I am not sure if I know that the Lions Club is still in existence."

Debbie Vraninin stated she received the Lions Club placard and the last members name that appeared was James Tershel.

Susan, "I have to agree with the mayor."

Mary, "We still have people that remain in the club."

Susan, "That still does not mean the Lions Club is a legit organization."

Susan Reynolds is moving forward with meeting.

Council wants Mary Oddi to produce all legal documentations for her troop: Sponsorship documentation for Lions Club and Charter paperwork will be needed to get back into the Scout Hut.

Mary, "I feel we will never be getting back as you are stating there is a mold issue and we are not allowed back into the building."

Mayor, "There is a mold issue and as soon as the mold is remediated you still need to produce the 2 documents that council needs to review."

Mary, "I have the 2 documents."

Mayor, "Then produce them to council for their review, so the ball is in your court."

Susan Reynolds, "So you need a charter, we need to see official documentation that the Lions Club is still an official organization, board members, number of members, meeting minutes, bank account. If Lions Club cannot sponsor then find another sponsor so you may get into the Scout Hut."

Mary Oddi, "I feel, council is lying to me about reopening the Scout Hut so why should I produce these documents."

Susan Reynolds, "Mary for you to officially Boy Scout you need to have an official charter and sponsor please supply those. I cannot say when the council is going to start working on the Scout Hut right away. If Ken is looking for someone hopefully, he will find someone."

Kobe Sarracino questioned if Gary Manges was notified yet for Statue of Liberty.

Susan Reynolds, "No not at this time."

Mayor, "We must find where we want to place her then we can get her up."

10. Council entered information discussion at @ 7:10 PM
 - No action was taken