

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES**

**March 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  
Annie Hull  
Joyce Nicksick  
Susan Reynolds  
Tom Repole

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

Visitors: Debbie Vraninin Beverly Creps  
Kobe Sarracino Robert Creps  
Debbie Cowden Alia Crow  
Luke Snatchko

Roll Call: Mary Ann Reedy -Medical

1. Review/approval of Regular Business Minutes from February 1, 2021  
Motion Approved as presented  
Motion Carried

2. Financial Report  
Susan Reynolds made the Motion to approve payment for current bills.  
Second by-Annie Hull  
Motion carried-None Opposed  
**Questions/Comments:**  
None

Annie Hull made the Motion to approve the Outdoor Foot Pedal Fountain payment in the amount of \$3,843.00  
Second by-Joyce Nicksick  
Motion carried-None Opposed  
**Questions/Comments:**  
None  
Payment was sent out on 2/17/2021 for the digital sign partial payment

## 2. Financial Report Continued-

### **Updates:**

14 Dinsmore Avenue -property owned by Land Bank will begin rehab next 2 weeks  
Johnson Building -Main Street property will be bid out by spring; demolition by summer.

## 3. Council Reports/Comments:

### a) Annie Hull-

#### i. Fire Department

- Fire Report read 15 calls
- Priority call was ambulance went to incorrect address
- Shady Avenue house numbers were corrected according to the 911 system
- New pumper was delivered to the fire department

### **Questions/Comments:**

None

### b) Joyce Nicksick and Annie Hull working together on Stotlemeyer Park

#### i. Parks

- Annie Hull is discussing landscaping designs with Jason Milone
- Split Rail fencing will be put up by the Street Department
- Discussing placing a camera in the park
- Remove signage from park
- Trees need to be removed
- Proceeding with Todd Electric on what type of lighting would work best in the gazebo

### Questions/Comments:

Joyce Nicksick questioned Debbie Resnik if any trees were planted in memory of a loved one in that park

Resnik stated, "I will find out."

Joyce stated, "Is the time capsule still located there?"

Resnik, "Yes, and that is not to be removed or touched."

Joyce, "So you will provide us with the information so that we can update council."

Resnik stated, "The wooden display sign was purchased by the Kids' Center."

### c) Susan Reynolds- No Report

#### i. Recreation

### d) Tom Repole

#### i. Public Works

- Insurance claim updated
- Shady Avenue project was presented by slide show
  - a. Mine water project is complete
  - b. Springwater runoff needs to be addressed
  - c. Will stop when weather improves
  - d. Maintenance will be mandatory for cleaning of pipes
- Roof Truss project was presented by slide show

a. Job complete

- Restroom completed

Little Shady Avenue Bridge Presentation by Keith Straight:

- Spoke on power lines and how they are going to be handled
- First Energy met with Keith Straight and Tom Repole on site
- March 12<sup>th</sup> bid opening will take place
- Borough has 90 days to award the contract
- Preconstruction meeting will take place after contractor is awarded
- Contractor must complete within 120 days
- July or August looks like completion months
- Homes will have temporary power outages for approx. 4 to 6 hours
- Contractor will be responsible for notifying homeowners when these outages are going to take place

**Questions/Comments:**

Joyce Nicksick feels before power is disrupted residents should be made aware of the date and time of when this is going to take place.

Keith Straight agreed that the borough could also reach out and give them notification along with the contractor.

Tom Repole, "One good thing is one homeowner will be given an electrical upgrade with this project."

Joyce Nicksick, "I would like to thank Keith with helping present the LSA Grant."

Resnik wanted to clarify that the bid date was pushed back to March 12<sup>th</sup> not February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Keith Straight, "Yes an addendum was given for more clarification"

Road closure updates: Peoples Natural Gas replacing lines

- Church Alley to Frederick Street
- Approx. 233 sq yards of openings/replacement
- Pine Street, Tenan Street and Florence Ave
- Approx. 616 sq yards of openings/replacement

Paving Cost Analysis Paving for 2021

- Roads and Spec were completed for street paving
- Keith recommends the borough to pick priority streets and set budget amount
- Keith can then bid out project
- Plum Run Extension is most likely the road in which the crane will need to access Little Shady Avenue Bridge project. Would not be a road to submit for paving at this time

**Questions/Comments:**

Joyce Nicksick, "Is there an advantage in waiting until summertime to put paving off for price wise?"

- Keith replied, "Paving pricing fluctuates with the oil and gas pricing, but you are able to hold off on the bid for so long."

Keith, "I feel putting this project out for bid now is the better time. Contractors are

d. Public Works Continued – Tom Repole

now looking for summer job.”

Susan Reynolds, “Keith would there be a problem with any of those bridges bringing the crane across?”

Keith replied, “I think the contractor will bring the bridge pieces across the Shady Avenue Bridge and would take the crane on Plum Run Extension to get to project site. This solution must be done by the contractor.”

Janet Castellino questioned if the borough had the paperwork stating Shady Avenue bridge is unlimited weight limits.

Annie Hull would like to discuss the traffic control on Shady Avenue when this project takes place. Feels borough needs to look into police patrolling the entrance into Shady Avenue to State Road while project is under construction.

Janet Castellino will speak to Chief Ahlborn and discuss this matter and procedures they can implement.

e. Police Department-Janet Castellino

- Report read as filed
- Janet will discuss with Chief traffic patrol for the Little Shady Avenue bridge project

4. Correspondence: Report given by Debbie Resnik

- Washington County Board of Commissioners LSA acceptance letter
- Greenway Plan Update letter of Support mailed 2/17/21
- Southwest Training Services letter of Support mailed 2/3/21
- Three quotes for homeowner’s car hit on Elm Street during storm
- Handicap parking Mary Wilson’s letter, handicap placard and doctor letter. Council to review under 6. Old Business:
- Southwest paperwork for youth summer help was filled out by Ron Allison and sent to Southwest Training for clearances.
- Paving Survey

**Questions/Comments:**

Tom Repole suggested that council needs to work on the Paving Survey at upcoming workshop.

5. Mayor’s Report: Absent

6. Solicitor’s Report:

Tom Repole made the Motion to pass the Resolution for the sale of Auger  
Second by-Annie Hull  
Motion carried-None Opposed

7. New Business:

Council will discuss Street Paving Survey at upcoming workshop

8. Old Business:

Mary Wilson handicap parking space was discussed

- No final decision was made
- Paperwork will be forwarded to Chief of Police

- Janet Castellino will discuss with Chief

**Questions/Comments:**

Luke Snatchko asked why the decision could not be made and placed as she does not own a car.

Kobe Sarracino expressed her concerns that Mary Wilson has a hard time walking  
Council recommended that Kobe reaches out with the Washington County Department of Aging.

9. Council Remarks:

Tom Repole would like to go into Executive Session

10. Public Comments / Questions:

Debbie Vraninin wanted update on her letter and pictures that were given to Janet Castellino, Tom Repole and Peter Halsey

Council responded that all members and the solicitor would like to walk this area and discuss together. They will keep Debbie informed of a date and time and would most likely be done before a meeting.

11. Executive Session @ 7:27 PM

Personnel-No action will be taken

12. Motion to Adjourn: 8:27 PM

Tom Repole made the Motion to Adjourn

Second by- Joyce Nicksick

Motion carried-None Opposed