

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES**

August 2, 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 (Absent)
Susan Reynolds
Tom Repole

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 Zank Kobe Sarracino
Luke Snatchko Beverly Creps

Tom Repole made the Motion to Pass August 2, 2021 Business Agenda
Second by-Annie Hull
Motion carried-None Opposed

Roll Call Absentee: Janet Castellino, Joyce Nicksick and Mary Ann Reedy

1. Review/Approval of Regular Business Minutes from July 12, 2021 and Workshop
Minutes July 21, 2021
Accepted as read
Motion Carried-None Opposed

2. Financial Report:
Annie Hull made the Motion to approve payment for current bills in the amount of
\$5,792.07
Second by-Annie Hull
Motion Carried-None Opposed
Questions/Comments:
None

3. Council Reports

a) Annie Hull-

i. Fire Department

- July report 15 calls
- Report filed as read
- Working on Clean up date

b) Susan Reynolds-

i. Parks and Recreation

Annie Hull made the Motion to put the Statue of Liberty back up

Second by-Tom Repole

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

d) Tom Repole-Absent

i. Public Works

- Weed Ordinance-Bamboo
 - a. Agriculturist suggests early spring growth should be cut short and spray early sprouts
 - b. repeat treatments 5 to 8 weeks retreat to control
 - c. Joyce Nicksick absent unable to get her information/findings
- Tabled

Motion to accept Valley View Roofing to replace the Borough roof in the amount of \$7,525.00

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

e. Janet Castellino - Absent

i. Police Department-

- Police Report read by Officer Zack

Main Street overnight parking-

- Overnight parking Ordinance was not located in General Code Book
- Tom Repole read an Ordinance covering no parking on Main Steet
- Ordinance must not have been codified in latest book

Questions/Comments:

Luke Snatchko questioned Ordinances not found in General Code Book:

- Ordinances that are not currently in General Code Book are not valid in court
- Tom Repole explained Ordinance if found and were never repealed are still valid
- Peter Halsey suggests and would prefer any old Ordinances found pertaining to the Borough be given to E Codes to be properly codified. If they are not, what you are looking at is not an actual Ordinance because they must be in the books.

- Ordinances that were never codified, if located should be given to General Code for codification
- **Tabled** -Overnight Parking on Main Street

Koby Sarracino questioned, “What area on Main Street is the borough looking at?”
Tom, replied, “The side of the old hardware store.”

4. Correspondence:

- Invasive animal number to call PA Game Commission (724) 238-9523

5. Mayor’s Report: Absent

6. Solicitor’s Report:

- Cooperation Agreement between the Redevelopment Authority and Borough was reviewed
- No legal concerns

7. New Business:

Tom Repole-Problems with Parking of vehicles and space on Center Avenue ideas:

- Preliminary investigation would be looking at opening an alley behind Center Avenue
- Opening from McClure Street off of Center Avenue and would run the length before stopping before the Senior Center
- Area looking at is the 25ft right away owned by the Sewage Authority
- Would ease the congestions of the cars on Center Avenue
- Preliminary discussion was held with the Sewage Authority and they outlined the location of the right-away
- The borough would then take over the maintenance
- Alley would service all of Center Avenue with an exception of one home

Annie Hull made the Motion to take the next steps to look at the feasibility of establishing an alley behind Center Avenue

Second by-Tom Repole

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Questions/Comments:

Bev Creps, “Where is the exact location you are looking at?”

Tom replied, “Behind Center Avenue homes”

Kobie Sarracino, “Would this alley be far enough away from the new vinyl fencing?”

Tom replied, “Yes”

Kobie Sarracino, “Did you speak to the Sewage Authority in a meeting?”

Tom, “No, I just spoke with Tom Moore and Sam Duran with the idea. This is why am asking for a Motion to move forward with the Authority.”

7. New Business -**Questions /Comments Continued:**

Kobie Sarracino questioned the entrance and exit of the preliminary alley way

John Cherok spoke on the direction of cars parking on Center Avenue and other roads located in the borough. Are we citing these vehicles?

Tom, "You are correct."

Susan Reynolds, "We have an Ordinance in place for no parking on the sidewalks, so the police department will have to look out for this."

Luke Snatchko, "Previously discussed at the workshop was the Letter of Support for Homecoming and did you put this together?"

Debbie Resnik, "I do have it with me tonight, but the mayor and president are unavailable so I will get it to you whenever they sign."

Peter Halsey reviewed and gave the Vice President authorization to sign

8. Old Business:

Questions/Comments:

Bev Creps questioned WM increase

Council advised her it is a 3-year contract and an increase is set for each year.

Kobe Sarracino, "Did council send out bids to other refuse haulers?"

Susan Reynolds, "Yes, Debbie sent out to 2 others."

Discussed recycling locations

9. Council Remarks:

Tom Repole- Peoples Natural Gas repairs:

- a. gas company will be back to repair the end of Florence Avenue and part of Pine Street
- b. gas company will repave Pine Street between 1808 Main Street and VFW
- c. Hillcrest alley gas company is complete

10. Public Comments / Questions: None

Bev Creps spoke on Highland /Scott Alley water runoff

Tom Repole, "We worked on the catch basin and pipes everything is opened."

John Cherok concerns:

- a. on multiple cars are parked on the sidewalks on Center Avenue to the Senior Center
- b. Vegetation on Lower Center Avenue sidewalk

Tom Repole replied, "Vegetation was cleared on Lower Center Avenue sidewalks."

- c. Senior Center needs memberships and volunteers
- d. Would like to share ideas to enhance Main Street

Kobie Sarracino questioned if WM would pick up both mattress and box springs on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Susan Reynolds, "Yes"

Luke Snatchko- Hickory Street, Point View Plan of Lots concerns:

- a. with a prior discussion held at the July 21st Workshop Meeting
- b. reviewed the deed in question and easement printed from Washington County Court House and feels borough owns the easement
- c. Luke would just like to have and receive the correct information

- d. Tom replied, "If this is what the County plot shows, then we own the easement in question and thank you for taking the time to research."

John Cherok spoke and had concerns on the vegetation in the creek beds

Tom questioned, "Peter, what is the difference in an Appointed Elected Official or an Elected Official position?"

Peter, "No difference"

Tom, "Thank you"

Kobie Sarracino questioned Tom's comments of not wanting to fill and or hold his position.

Tom, "I never did. I was asked by council and I am still here filling in the position until November election and then we will see how it goes."

11. Motion to Adjourn: 7:32 PM

Annie Hull made the Motion to Adjourn

Second by-Tom Repole

Motion carried-None Opposed