

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES**

September 7, 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 (Absent)
Joyce Nicksick
Susan Reynolds
Tom Repole (Absent)

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

Visitors: John Cherok II

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to Pass September 7, 2021 Business Agenda
Second by-Susan Reynolds
Motion carried-None Opposed

Roll Call Absentee: Annie Hull, Tom Repole and Mary Ann Reedy

1. Review/Approval of Regular Business Minutes from August 2, 2021
Accepted as read
Motion Carried-None Opposed

2. Financial Report:
Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to approve payment for current bills in the amount of \$1,407.70
Second by-Susan Reynolds
Motion Carried-None Opposed
Questions/Comments:
None

Paving 2021 -Solicitor Peter Halesey
Janet Castellino made the Motion to add an Agenda item, approving Susan Reynolds, Vice President, Deborah Resnik and Tom Repole as the authorized check signers for First National Bank of Pennsylvania

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to approve the Resolution for Burgettstown Borough

approving First National Bank of Pennsylvania for a loan of \$126,000.00 and the following Susan Reynolds VP, Tom Repole and Deborah Resnik will be authorized on behalf of the Borough as authorized signers this 7th day of September, 2021.

Second by- Susan Reynolds

Motion carried -None Opposed

Questions/Comments:

None

Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to accept AEP as the electric provider rate .04699 w/GRT tax for 48 months

Term length May 2022 – May 2026

Second by-Susan Reynolds

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

3. Council Reports

a) Annie Hull- Absent

i. Fire Department

- Christmas decoration will be discussed at workshop meeting
- Fire Department was thanked for all the help during flood

Questions/Comments:

Joyce Nicksick questioned, “Is the borough still looking into the flood damages and lapse of coverage that Tom emailed regarding damages?”

Resnik, “I have been in contact with insurance agency. We will have to wait for them to clarify policy coverage.”

Janet would like to do something for the fire department for all the effort they put in during the flood.

b) Susan Reynolds-

i. Parks and Recreation

- Discussion with council purchasing (2) handicapped picnic tables for the park
- Expenditure could come from the Rescue Act monies

Questions/Comments:

Joyce and Janet agreed that it would be a great addition

Motion carried-None Opposed

Joyce questioned if council received any information from Tom Repole on the new furnace and ventilation system costs

Susan, “No”

d) Tom Repole-Absent

i. Public Works

e. Janet Castellino –

i. Police Department- No Report

- Police contract renewal negotiations/ opinions were discussed

- Contract language /expectations/policing borough ordinances
- Homecoming parade October 9th.
- Joyce Nicksick would like to thank Chief Ahlborn for his time spent in the borough as they had flooding in McDonald Borough
- Susan Reynolds feels the borough needs to have an emergency plan in place for help call outs
- Janet Castellino addressed Bridge Street traffic light outage
 - a. call 911
 - b. they will dispatch out the police department

Questions/Comments:

John Cherok stated he contacted 911

4. Correspondence:

- 1304 Main Street -Complied
- 105 Center Avenue-No response to violation letter

5. Mayor's Report: Absent

6. Solicitor's Report:

- Opinion letter was written for Paving Loan
- 24 Shady Avenue lien was filed

7. New Business:

None

8. Old Business: Bamboo Vegetation under review-

- Joyce Nicksick would like Peter Halsey to send over sample Ordinances for her review
- Overnight Parking Ordinance
 - a. Tom Repole found Ordinance
 - b. Needs revisions
 - c. Peter would need direction from council on how they would like to pursue
 - d. Peter would need a direct contact person for what needs to be amended

Janet Castellino tabled until council can review and discuss at up coming workshop meeting with Tom

9. Council Remarks:

Janet discussed the ADP clock

- a. costly for (2) employees
- b. Susan Reynolds will be put on ADP logins

10. Public Comments: John Cherok

- Questioned if North Main Street was put out for bid
- Resnik stated, "Not at this time"
- Researched if and when North Main goes out for bid, council should consider using the old bricks.
 - a. would slow traffic
 - b. would add aesthetic

- c. cost savings bricks vs. paving over the period of time
10. Public Comments Continued: John Cherok
- d. would help enhance the historic town

Joyce Nicksick recommended to John to give secretary the research papers and she could start a file in case the borough gets to that point and council would have a beginning start point

Grants:

- Spoke on the American Rescue Plan
- Website will be held on Sept 23rd
- Cherok will email article
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Creek Banks:

- Creek Beds: Debris and trash on creek banks
- Janet Castellino stated Corps of Engineers are responsible
- The borough can not remove only in emergencies

Events:

- 20th year September 11th Memorial Day Service
- Held on 9/11/2021
- Time 11:00 AM
- Jefferson Twp Veterans Memorial Cedar Grove Eldersville, PA
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Ride for Steve

- Saturday September 11, 2021
- Time 11:30 AM
- Burgettstown American Legion Post 698

11. Motion to Adjourn: 7:16 PM
Joyce Nicksick made the Motion to Adjourn
Second by-Susan Reynolds
Motion carried-None Opposed