

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

April 25, 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.

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

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

Visitors: Mary Oddi Bob Triebsch
Kobe Sarracino Cyndy Triebsch
Anthony Giafrancesco
Richard Oddi
Darak and Betsy Andreini Raggi

Roll Call Absent:
Falco Muscate
Debbie Resnik

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to pass the April 25th,2022 Work Session Agenda
Second by-Ken McKinney

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

1. Financials:

- DCED will be filed in Clerk of Courts April 26th
- Advertisement to follow
- **Bridge Fund Update**
 - LSA engineering fees could not be taken from the grant funds
 - Redcon Engineering invoice in the amount of \$12,271.50 will be cut from the of Bridge Account
 - Bridge fund balance \$16,724.71
 - Remaining balance will be \$4,453.21

Questions/Comments:

Susan Reynolds questioned when the change order is issued will the revenue be absorbed in that remaining balance

Ross Johnson, "Yes the change put us over the LSA Grant by approx. \$184.00."

Susan Reynolds, "Do we still have remaining funding in the Bridge Fund Account?"

Annie Hull, "Yes \$4,453.21"

Ken McKinney "When is the check being disbursed"

Annie Hull, "When Debbie gets back from vacation."

Ken McKinney "Was a motion made to cut the checkout of that account?"

Annie Hull and Susan Reynolds, "Yes this was all done at the last meeting."

1610-1612 Main Street

- Spoke with Jarrod regarding citation
- Email in packet from Harshman dealing

Council needed more clarification on the Harshman fees

Council tabled until May 2nd meeting

Ken McKinney feels that the council will never recoup the money and time invested in the property

Annie Hull would like Ken McKinney to follow up and review more clarification

2. Council Reports:

a. Street Department -Ross Johnson

- Dirt and Gravel Grant program discussed
- Ross and representative rode around town reviewing potential roads and alleys that might qualify
- Dates for in class and expenses were discussed
- Attendee must be on the payroll
- Documentation was given for council to review
- Grant cutoff is around August
- Plum Run Ext and Highland alley would be the high-level qualifiers

Comments/Questions:

Susan Reynolds questioned were those areas the only two that qualified?

Ross replied, "Those two are the only high-level qualifiers."

Susan clarified Plum Run Ext was a road and would it still qualify?

Ken McKinney, would they take and do the project?

Ross, "No the borough would have to find a contractor to put down the materials they use."

Council still needs to review and do budget cost analysis to see if this project is feasible

- Engineering costs
- Contractor costs

Annie Hull, what is the timeframe for getting this grant done?

Ross, ASAP

Annie replied, "We need to move on this."

Comments/Questions Continued-

Susan Reynolds suggested Ted Wright to go to this class

Annie agreed but we are down one man on the street department

Annie asked Ken if he would be interested in attending these classes

Ken replied, "He would like to find out if it would be a conflict since one of the allies that is high level is behind is home."

Charles Street and Maple Avenue

- Getting quotes
- Alex Paris will also be giving a quote for Charles Street

Street Sweeping-

Council agreed to schedule sweeping throughout the borough

Put on Record:

Susan Reynolds expressed her concerns on West Market Street sweeping

- past years sweeper cleaned West Market Street
- received calls that the street was a state road and should not be included
- borough contacted Penn Dot and Market Street should be included as residents pay taxes to the borough

b. Park and Recreation-Susan Reynolds

- made council aware of the POW flag
- Statue of Liberty placement is moving forward
- Movie night was brought to Mayor's attention for plans being held in the park
- Meeting with Library to plan movie night event

Questions/Comments:

Comment given on the street light brightness on Pine Street might interfere with movie screen lighting

- Planting costs would be around \$500.00 for flowers
- Swing removed and needs repaired

Questions/Comments:

Luke, "Questioned council if the POW flag is resolved at this point?"

Annie Hull, might have to bring it back on the table

Susan Reynolds, as far as a solution not sure if there is one.

Kobe Sarracino advised Ross Johnson about the mine shaft located under Culley Street.

Annie Hull discussed clean up with James Smith

- Ken McKinney will help with project
- asked if he needed help with cleanup day
- date is undecided
- borough would incur the costs of the dumpsters
- Susan Reynolds will call on the shredder truck

c. Special Projects-Ken McKinney

- Review the tax sale status
- What stage they are in
- Would like confirmation that we can not pull tax sale properties from the land bank

3. Mayor Report-Police/Fire Department-

- Police no report
- Auction to take place on March 26th
- The lots that abut to the ones up for sale are borough owned
- Fire Department is doing extensive training
- Fireman's Fest July 14th and 15th

Questions/Comments:

Questioned if an incident happens in the Borough is it still the McDonald Police who oversees these incidents?

Mayor, "Yes"

Questions was asked why the Borough use McDonald does when Smith is close Mayor explained borough contacts out and when it was up for bid McDonald Police got the bid.

Three-year bid contract is up this year

Mayor explained he has been in contact with McDonald and Smith Township and the borough will be taking proposals for providing services. This will go back to council for them to make final determination.

Borough is happy with the services provided by the McDonald Police Department

Borough discussed the ownership of 136 Center Avenue

- Borough owns
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4. New Business- None

5. Old Business- Discuss Resolution increase comparison for 2022 and 2023 fees

- Annie Hull tabled until Regular Business Meeting
- James Smith Tenant Registration might be decreased to \$50.00

Blue Survey still not complete

6. Correspondence- None

7. Council Remarks-

- Ross Johnson expressed the American Rescue Plan Act monies can be utilized for park and event planning

8. Public Comments/Questions-

Betsy Raggi expressed the increase of the Tenant Registration Fees

Cyndy Triebisch expressed the increase of the Tenant Registration Fees

8. Public Comments/Questions Continued-

James Smith would like to express this is not a direct hit to Landlords this was a discuss for increasing revenue.

Susan Reynolds expressed the borough has not raised taxes for over 15 plus years

Cyndy Triebisch expressed that a \$10.00 is more reasonable

Cyndy Triebisch suggested increasing revenue throughout the borough

Betsy Raggi suggested charging the residents for clean up day

Council expressed this is just an open discussion to generate additional revenue

Rick Oddi questioned the timeframe for completing the Scout Hut renovations

Council does not have a date

Rick Oddi asked if the council would consider the troop giving a hand

Mayor stated the council is still putting a plan in place for renovations

Kobe Sarracino has a contractor's number if they are placing bids for grass

Kobe Sarracino expressed her concerns on motorcycles running throughout the Borough.

Kobe Sarracino addressed the property owner on Main Street Ext grass

Resnik will address

9. Council entered executive session at @ 7:41 PM

- No action will be taken

10. Council intervened back into session @ 8:55 PM

Ken McKinney made the Motion to adjourn

Second by-James Smith II

Motion carried-None Opposed