

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES**  
**JUNE 6, 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.

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to Pass the June 6, 2022, Agenda  
Second by-Ross Johnson

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

Mayor: Luke Snatchko  
Solicitor: Dave Raves  
Secretary: Debbie Resnik  
Treasurer: Debbie Resnik

Visitors: Mary Oddi David Sepesy  
Kobe Sarracino John Galucci  
John Cherok

Roll Call Absentee: James Smith II

Persons to be heard-John Galucci- Presentation of obtaining his Eagle Scout (Troop 1396)

- revitalize Stottlemeyer Park
- sand and paint signages
- information signage will be moved to make visible so north and south bound traffic can read
- shrubs will be trimmed
- another picnic table will be made for the park
- Please Drive Safety sign will be removed completely
- information was provided to council consisting of drawings and costs associated with project
- project cost \$397.59
- start date June 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>

Council reviewed the total project cost and all members agreed to approve and fund his project.

Ross Johnson made the Motion to fund Troop 1396, John Galucci Eagle Scout project not to exceed \$500.00.

Second by-Susan Reynolds

**Questions/Comments:**

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Person to be heard Magistrate Gary Havelka- Absent

- Redistricting and Filings

Person to be heard-Anna Marie Quader- Absent

- POW Flag

Person to be heard John Cherok-

- North Main Street Redevelopment
  - (a) researched information on bringing back brick roadways
  - (b) asked council to consider looking into this whenever they are looking at repaving Main Street
  - (c) information gave cost effectiveness and traffic calming
- Statue of Liberty
  - (a) questioned Susan Reynolds on status of placing her back park area in the rear corner
  - (b) questioned timeframe
  - (c) no timeframe currently

Susan Reynolds, "I have been in contact with James, and he is still in agreement on putting her back."

John Cherok, "Are you planning to use the plans that showed a visual of the Veterans Park?"

Susan, "Yes, we have a plan."

John Cherok reviewed areas where the borough could investigate funding

- (a) Coro Virus Capital Project Funding
- (b) Washington County has project money

Luke Snatcko will speak in more detail in his Mayors Report

1. Review / Approval minutes from the Regular Meeting held May 2, 2022, Workshop Minutes held May 23, 2022, and Special Meeting May 9, 2022.

Susan Reynolds made the Motion to Accept May's monthly Minutes

Second by-Ross Johnson

Question/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

## 2. Financial Report-

Ross Johnson made the Motion to approve additional revenue for computer upgrades in the amount of \$1,708.00 to cover PC Whip invoice in the amount of \$4,708.00

Second by-Susan Reynolds

### **Questions/Comments:**

Ken McKinney questioned is the \$4,708.00 the complete invoice as-to-date.

Resnik, "Yes, the additional fees were for upgrade programs that needed to be installed the old operating programs were not compatible with the new computer system."

Ken McKinney feels council should have asked for an entire install proposal.

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Ken McKinney made the Motion to pay the unpaid bills as read

Second by-Ross Johnson

### **Questions/Comments:**

Ken McKinney questioned Taylor Machines

Resnik, "Tax bill printing."

Council discussed the Animal Control bill

Resnik will contact her for a detailed monthly report

Motion Carried-None Opposed

## 3. Council Comments/Reports-

### **Public Works-Ross Johnson**

Discussed spending allowance for street department purchases for minor equipment.

- \$500.00

CCSI Paving Quotes: Charles Street, Maple Avenue and Erie Street

- Maple 80 x 20 x 1.5" \$9,200.00 (Washington Gaming Fund)
- Charles 50 x16 x1.5" \$4,600.00 (First National Paving Fund)

### **Questions/Comments:**

Ken McKinney, "Why didn't the borough ask Smith Township for the usage of their hot box and roller?"

Council after discussion accepted CCSI Paving to move forward on patching Maple Avenue and Charles Street.

Ross Johnson made the Motion to accept CCSI Paving to pave Charles Street and Maple Avenue and funds will be taken from Washington Gaming Account and First National Paving Fund.

Second by-Susan Reynolds

Motion carried-None Opposed

Street Department will be purchasing an Ultra-Tow Hydraulic Cane for pick-up

- Cost less than \$500.00

Ross Johnson made the Motion to scrap the Christmas Decorations for scrap

Second by-Ken McKinney

Motion carried-None Opposed

### **Parks and Recreation**-Susan Reynolds

Statue of Liberty previously discussed

- Work in progress
- Meeting will be scheduled with Library to work on movie night event

POW Flag

- Contacted person who was upset with POW flag removed from the park
- Explanation was given that council did not know who it belonged to and was put up without permission
- Concerned party would have to attend a meeting and explain who it is representing to get approval to put it up
- She stated she would attend the meeting, but absent tonight and the flag is up without any permission
- Borough needs to remove the flag and return it until party gets permission

#### **Questions/Comments:**

Annie, "I feel like it is just going to be getting put back up."

Ken, "I feel this is opening a window for any flag to be placed on our flag poles."

Susan, "Just not flags but any items without permission and this is not how it works."

Ross, "I agree it should be removed."

Ross, "Have Ted and an officer be present when removing and returning the flag to them."

### **Special Projects**-Ken McKinney

None

Questions/Comments:

Annie questioned if he had any updates on clean-up date

Mayor stated he would like to say PennDOT is giving the borough a new median on by-pass

- Work to begin June 26<sup>th</sup>
- Confirmation was given

#### **4. Mayor Report-Police /Fire Department** -Luke Snatchko

- Police contract still under negotiation with McDonald
- Meet on June 1<sup>st</sup> with Chief Alhborn and Mayor Cooper
- Police officer read report as filed

Fire Department-

- Fireman's Festival scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:00 PM
- food and live band

Veterans Park-Implementing Plan

- Needs to be a priority
- Veterans Park needs to be the focal point of Main Street Revitalization
- Move forward with a plan and expenditure cost so the borough could look forward to apply for matching grants, Washington County funding and any other investments will look at the plan and cost and will then see the borough is moving forward with this park
- Feels that this should not just be a Parks and Recreation Project

Susan Reynolds, "I agree but for now we need to get her up."

Luke, "Before we put her up, we need to get the electrical done to light up the area and her."

Susan, "We do not have money to completely move forward, and I am hoping on using Covid Funds which could be used for parks."

#### **4. Mayor Report-Police/Fire Department Continued-**

Mayor gave thanks to Kobe Sarracino for all efforts involved in the replacement of the by-pass lighting

Susan Reynolds, "Luke could your neighbor put a drawing together for us?"

Council discussed the location of where she would stand

Ross Johnson has concerns putting her up without lighting in place

#### **5. Solicitor's Report- No Report**

#### **6. New Business-No Report**

#### **7. Old Business-No Report**

#### **8. Correspondence-**

Dirt and Gravel confirmation was made for classes on 6/15 and 16/2022

#### **Code Violations-**

(5) -complied

(1)-1910 Main Street, recommends lien

Resnik would like permission to move forward to cut and lien property

- Letters were given
- No response (1) via mail, and (1) certified mail
- Council gives permission to hand over to attorney

#### **9. Council Remarks-**

Susan Reynolds questioned if street sweeper was booked

Resnik, "Yes, I contacted, and they have no availability until July 1<sup>st</sup>."

Susan Reynolds asked if the Main Island could be finished mulching

#### **10. Public Participation-**

John Cherek spoke on the Senior Center meals, driver, and membership fee

John inquired on the Main Street Ext building demolition updates

John Cherek inquired if the borough investigated cleaning the steam banks removing the vegetation

Ross Johnson, "I just took a stormwater class and the new theory they do not remove vegetation around the storm water drains as they feel it absorbs the water

Kobe Sarracino asked where 1910 Main Street property is located

Kobe Sarracino questioned if the home on Main Street that sits next to the BP got a letter to cut their vegetation

Kobe Sarracino questioned who owns the fence line on the by-pass and who would be responsible in cutting since it is PennDOT's fence

Reedy's Lawn Service is cutting the outside fence line but not the inside fence side

Ken McKinney thought it would come down to the property owner  
Kobe Sarracino. "Is the Senior Center was using the donation money which the  
Borough gave them to put the new air conditioning unit in?"

John Cherok clarified the monies came from grants

Mary Oddi asked Ken McKinney if he checked on the drainage at the Scout Hut and is it  
working?

John Cherok expressed his concerns on the speeding on Main Street

**11. Motion to Adjourn- @ 7:50 PM**

Ken McKinney made the Motion to adjourn

Second by-Ross Johnson

Motion Carried-None Opposed