

BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES
JULY 11, 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.

Ross Johnson made the Motion to Pass the June 6, 2022, Agenda
Second by-Ken McKinney

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

Mayor: Luke Snatchko
Solicitor: Falco Muscante
Secretary: Debbie Resnik
Treasurer: Debbie Resnik

Visitors: Mary Oddi Raegene Stetar
Rich Oddi Karleen Roach
Bob Loveridge
John Cherok
Doug Keeter Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce

Roll Call Absentee:
James Smith II
Susan Reynolds

Persons to be heard-Doug Keeter Presentation on Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce

- Located in Moon Township
- Chamber of Commerce builds relationships and gets your organization out into the public
- Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce been in business for 118 years
- Over 900 businesses, corporations, large and small businesses
- Provides a directory, calendar, and website to members
- Provides events and overseas travel trips
- Membership costs is determined by prior budget
- Borough membership would be around \$263.00 year
- Discount of \$45.00 if members sign by July 2022 and extends to 18 months
- Discount card on prescription

Questions/Comments:

John Cherok, "Does the borough as an entity have to become a member of the Chamber before any an individual becomes a member of the Chamber?"

Doug Keeter, "The Borough is the member of the Chamber and would provide a member within the borough for the directing on questions from the borough."

Residence can view the Chamber of Commerce directory at no cost to view calendar and trips.

Persons to be heard-Reagene Stetar-Vegetation

- Presented council with photos of homes located on Lower Center Avenue
- Safety hazards, overgrown vegetation, critters, obstructing view
- Would like property owner to be addressed and cited
- Property has not been cleaned over 2 years

Ross Johnson agrees that action needs to be taken and he also wants these properties to be addressed.

Resnik stated a letter was written on June 6th to the property owner from the borough.

- Property owner did not comply to letter
- Compliant Form was filed by resident on 40 Center Avenue and sent to Municipal Consulting for review and further action
- 33 Center Avenue is in the Repository Sale

Reagene, "I am just asking for property to be cleaned-up."

Karleen Roach, "Those trees are falling on the roadway and property."

Reagene, "Can the borough at least trim the weeds for the property that is in the Repository sale?"

Falco Muscante, "I would reach out to county and see if in short term they could take care of the hazardous view."

Ken McKinney will contact the county to make them aware of 33 Center Avenue and to see if we can get them to act on this property.

Falco Muscante, "The other properties the borough must process before the borough has the rights to move forward and lien the property."

Person to be heard-Bob Loveridge, Blue Devil Franchise Agreement

- Franchise Agreement up for renewal on August 6, 2022
- Proposal given to council for review
- Serviced Borough for 47 years
- Upgraded internet and cable channels
- Section 8:01 -5% gross franchise fee

Comments/Questions:

Reagene Stetar, "If the contract is accepted can the residence still go with another carrier of choice?"

Response: Yes

John Cherok, "Where is the home office located?"

Bob, "Toronto, Ohio"

1. Review / Approval minutes from the Regular Meeting held June 6, 2022,

and Informational Session (no quorum) Minutes June 27, 2022.

Ross Johnson made the Motion to Accept Minutes and Informational Session

Question/Comments:

Ken McKinney, "Why does the borough hold informational meetings without a quorum?"

Annie Hull, "To be honest I did not think the last meeting was going to happen."

Annie, "I spoke with Susan, and she said that the council members in attendance decided on holding a discussion."

Mayor, "It was a workshop."

Falco Muscante, "You cannot vote or debate, but you can discuss information."

Ken McKinney, "Why are we paying for minutes to be taken on a none existing meeting?"

Annie, "Do we need to do minutes for Workshop Meetings?"

Ken, "If you have a quorum, you should."

Falco Muscante, "If you are meeting you will need the minutes, but you do not take Minutes in an Executive Session or discussion."

Ken, "Can the borough hold an Executive Session with a no quorum meeting?"

Falco, "As long as everyone was aware of the meeting being no voting then you can have an Executive Session for those who are present at the meeting."

Ken McKinney, "I am just questioning to cover the borough."

Second by-Ken McKinney

Motion Carried-None Opposed

2. Financial Report-

Questions/Comments:

Ross Johnson questioned the Unifirst Bill if it decreased since we have 1 employee

Resnik, "Yes"

Ross Johnson, "Do we have reflective gear for our part time employee?"

Resnik, "Yes but not thru UniFirst."

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

Second by-Ross Johnson

Donations Budget Expenses for the (5) organizations were paid and distributed

3. Council Comments/Reports-

Public Works-Ross Johnson

John will be taken his Eagle Scout project to the district from approval Tuesday night

Potholes are being worked on

By-Pass and Route 18 project is State Project not borough's

Questions/Comments:

Richard Oddi, "What Eagle project is John working towards?"

Ross, "Stottlemeyer Park"

Parks and Recreation-Susan Reynolds (Absent)

Special Projects-Ken McKinney

- Shred It
- 3 hours minimum
- \$375.00/hour

Clean up Days-James Smith II (absent)

- McKinney is against this project
- Waste Management is contracted out with unlimited trash service
- They take bulky items once a month
- Dumpster cost was reviewed

Code Enforcement/Building Permits-Updates on:

Complaint Form Filed on-40 Center Avenue (vegetation)

Complaint Form Filed on-93 Bell Avenue (drainage)

Building Permits-

13 Charles Street- (porch roof)

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

- Police Report filed as ready by Officer Metalik

Fire Department-

- Ms. Ferris complaint on fire whistle was addressed
- Whistle will remain status quo

Veterans Park-Implementing Plan

- Still waiting for West Penn Power

5. Solicitor's Report- No Report

6. New Business-No Report

7. Old Business-

Ross Johnson made the Motion to table any discussion regarding the Scout Hut and council

will provide updates as project progresses

Second by-Annie Hull

Motion Carried- 2 to 1

Ken McKinney-Opposed

8. Correspondence- No Report

9. Council Remarks- None

10. Public Participation-

John Cherok would like to have a response on the rear alley
Bridge Photos were given to council regarding potential flooding hazards

10. Public Participation Continued-

Mayor spoke to the Conservation District regarding the debris underneath the bridge and there needs to be a certain percentage of blockage and it is on their radar.

Mayor will keep John Cherok updated

Resnik responded that the alley way in question might not be a borough's alley
Municipal Consulting Services is working on this property

Mary Oddi stated a donation in the amount of \$200.00 will be coming to the borough to help with Scout Hut expenses

11. Executive Session-7:25 PM

- Personnel
- Potential Litigation
- No action taken

11. Motion to Adjourn- @ 8:41 PM

Ken McKinney made the Motion to adjourn

Second by-Annie Hull

Motion Carried-None Opposed