

BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 September 12, 2022, Agenda
Second by-Ken McKinney

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

Mayor: Luke Snatchko
Solicitor: Krisha DiMascio
Secretary: Debbie Resnik
Treasurer: Debbie Resnik

Visitor Pam Church
Kobe Sarracino
Shawn Sandridge

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1. Review / Approval minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 1, 2022
Ken McKinney made the Motion to Accept Regular Business Minutes
Second by-Ross Johnson
Questions/Comments:
None
Motion Carried-None Opposed

Persons to be Heard- Shawn Sandridge

- Concerned with grass violation adjoining property

Resnik addressed property owner (complied)

Annie Hull will have borough do visual inspections

- Drain clogged and would like borough to look at problem

Ross Johnson will send the street department to evaluate issue

Annie Hull recommended that Mr. Sandridge contact the office and have a work order written so he does not have to wait for a monthly meeting to address his concerns.

2. Financial Report-

Gaming Funds deposited in the amount of \$29,872.41

- Amount was determined by fiscal year 2017-2018

Road Permits

- Peoples Natural Gas for East Pittsburgh Street in the amount of \$750.00

American Rescue Relief money

- 2nd quarter funds deposited in the amount of \$68,722.60

Paris Contracting final payment was issued to close out the Little Shady Avenue Bridge LSA Project

- Borough's responsibility to Paris Contracting is \$224.80

Washington Financial Bank will be permanently closing in Borough

- Hickory branch will remain open

Unpaid bills were read by Resnik in the amount of \$2,689.24

Ross Johnson made the motion to pay the unpaid bills

Second by-James Smith

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

3. Council Comments/Reports-

Public Works-Ross Johnson

Liquid Fuel Representative

- Looked at three allies located at Hillcrest, Hindman area
- Proposal estimates \$28,000.00
- Would like council to consider bidding in the Spring of 2023

Parks and Recreation-Liaison pending

- Kosol Electric bid was received in the amount of \$1,975.00 with the borough digging the trenches
- Machek Electric bid was received in the amount of \$2,950.00 with the borough digging the trenches

Questions/Comments:

Ken McKinney questioned was the old foundation buried around the perimeter

Ross Johnson, "I will dig the trench if necessary."

Ross Johnson made the Motion to accept Kosol Electric proposal in the amount of \$1,975.00

Second by-James Smith

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Parks and Recreation Continued-

American Rescue Funding was discussed

- Park playground equipment is needed

Resnik questioned with the solicitor the broadening of funding in which the money can now be distributed

- Paving with piggybacking a storm water project
- Paving in general was discussed
- Solicitor will investigate more details in what this funding will cover

Annie Hull discussed the condition of the playground equipment

- Equipment needs to be replaced
- DCNR Grant money is available

Special Projects-Ken McKinney

- Date: October 22nd
- Time: 10:00 to 1:00 PM
- Location: Borough Building
- Washington Federal is having a slide advertisement at branch offices
- Event advertising needs to be put up on Website, One Call, Facebook, and Flyers
- Paper only

Code Enforcement Updates-Debbie Resnik

- 1926 Main Street letter – Debris on Sidewalk Complied
- Rite Aid Main Street-Building Permit (Interior Remodel)
- 8 Hillcrest -Vegetation letter (complied 8/6/2022)
- 1809 Main Street -Blue Devil Beer Dist. (Occupancy Permit issued)
- 18 Studa Street-Letter written July 14th ***
 - Extension given until July 25th
 - No progress being made
 - ***Next course of action to be taken certified letter (10 days) -Municipal Consulting -Magistrate

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

- Police Report filed as read by McDonald Police
- Fire Department report on file

James Smith made the Motion to accept the letter written to the PA Department of Transportation for permission to temporary road closure for Homecoming parade on October 15, 2022

Second by-Ross Johnson

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

5. Solicitor's Report- No Report

Memorandum was passed out to all council members on resignation procedures
Recommendation by Maiello, Brungo and Maiello, LLP firm is to accept Susan Reynolds resignation letter this evening

Questions/Comments:

Ken McKinney questioned on the procedure on reducing board to 3 party board
Krisha DiMascio explained the procedures

Center Avenue Stop Signs -Reviewed

Questions/Comments:

Ken McKinney questioned if Falco investigated making Center Avenue one way
Krisha DiMascio stated, "The borough can make any road they own one way by Ordinance if they deem necessary."

Speed Humps -Reviewed

Ken McKinney questioned if Falco investigated taking our Liquid Fuels money away on roads the borough might consider placing speed humps on

Krisha DiMascio explained the difference between Speed Humps and Speed Bumps
Borough can not reduce the speed limits no lower than 15 mph

Krisha DiMascio explained the signage importance on placing the speed humps to be very legal

Agenda New Business- WIC Lease

Error- Agenda states Falco reviewed WIC lease for renewal

Agenda should read – Falco did not review the WIC lease for renewal

Ken McKinney accepted the WIC lease for two years

Second by-Ross Johnson

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Ken McKinney made the Motion to accept Susan Reynolds resignation

Second by-James Smith

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

6. New Business-Discussed and amended above under Solicitor's Report

7. Old Business-

Falco agreed with Blue Devil Cable Agreement after his review

- Resnik will email new agreement to all council members for review

8. Correspondence- Eagle Scout Project

- Progress in place

- New picnic table
- New sign
- Shrubs were removed
- Project should be completed by homecoming

Chamber of Pittsburgh Airport Area

- Legislative Breakfast
- September 23, 2022 (Friday)
- Time: 7:30 – 10:00 am

Annie Hull stated borough needs to register on website link

9. Council Remarks-None

10. Public Participation-

Pam Church expressed concerns on Stormwater Management

- a. Short Street flooding and storm drains
- b. Was a meeting held which was scheduled to take place in May with Engineer and Phil Esno
- c. Problem has been going on for over one year and expressed that the borough has Ordinances in place and are responsible for controlling Stormwater Management
- d. Borough Code holds the boroughs responsible
- e. Legally can something be done if it is a safety hazard
- f. Is the Street Department going to have enough number of employees to keep up with the winter roads
- g. concerned borough was breaking the Sunshine Act posting Agenda properly

Council's Responses:

Council explained that the borough is working on this problem area.

- Meeting was not held as stated in minutes. Council did not feel Mr. Esno needed to be part of this discussion and the engineer and the borough needed to discuss putting a plan in place to control this water flow
- The first step council got a survey of the entire Short Street area which was a fact finding mission, to see exactly who owns the parcel for the stopping and starting point of the road beginning and ending.
- The survey did not favor the borough in solving the problem
- This area is more complicated than anticipated
- The stormwater is flowing from the top of Smith Township, coming from the mine, and coming into the borough onto Short Street.
- The infrastructure that is in place cannot manage the flow of the water
- last storm our engineer Keith Straight came in during storm to evaluate the water flow
- Borough is waiting Keith Straight determination on how this area should or needs to be controlled and managed
- Solicitor responded that water can be diverted off your property onto a public roadway, but it can not cause a public nuisance in doing so.

- The property owner is not diverting the water the infrastructure cannot manage the flow that is coming off the hill
- Over the course of time the area in question has debris filled into the stream and the DEP disagrees that this was not intentional but if they would investigate the stream bed and see all the debris that comes off the property I think they might agree
- Council has gone to DEP, EPA, Army Core of Engineers, Washington County Conservation., Borough Zoning Hearing Board and with those agencies we have only gotten raw answers
- Borough is trying to correct this area
- legal action might need to take place
- Solicitor addressed concerns on the procedure of the Sunshine Act posting

Kobe Sarracino questioned if she could obtain information on employee hours
Solicitor stated she could fill out a Right-to-Know Request for the Employee Handbook and any additional information regarding employees will be conducting in an Executive Session

11. Executive Session-7:36 PM

- Action will be taken

12. Council intervened back into Session -@ 9:06 PM

Ken McKinney made the Motion to Amend the agenda items discussed during the Executive Session following amendments are:

- a. Hiring of a Full Time Employee
- b. Closing of the Borough Park effective 9/13/2022

Second by-Ross Johnson

Questions/Comments-None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Ross Johnson made the Motion to advertise for one full time employee for the Public Works Department

Second by-James Smith

Questions/Comments-None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

James Smith made the Motion to close the Borough Park effective 9/13/2022 considering safety concerns raised in tonight's meeting

Second by-Ken McKinney

Questions/Comments-None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

13. Motion to Adjourn-

Ken McKinney made the Motion to adjourn

Second by-Ross Johnson

Motion Carried-None Opposed

