

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

November 28, 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
Ronald Allison (Absent)
Ken McKinney
James Smith II
Gary Manges

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

Visitors: Kobe Sarracino Debbie Cowden
Anthony Penzone Dave Tomaino

Roll Call Absent:

Ronald Allison
Falco Muscante

Annie Hull made the Motion to pass the November 28, 2022, Work Session Agenda
Second by-Gary Manges

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

Annie Hull made the Motion to appoint Ken McKinney as President of the
Burgettstown Borough
Second by-James Smith II

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

1. Financials: Debbie Resnik

2023 Budget meeting was held on November 19th and finalized

Annie Hull made the Motion to pass finalized budget and authorize advertisement
for public inspection for the 10-day period before its adoption on December 12th.

Second by-James Smith II

Motion carried-None Opposed

Questions/Comments:

Funding for Library-

Luke Snatchko questioned why the Revenue Budget line for Library was showing zero-dollar amount

Resnik, "The council members voted to give all 5 Non-Profit \$500.00 across the board."

Luke, "The borough gave \$2,000.00 in the past?"

Luke, "So why did the library get eliminated \$2,000.00 for 2023 budget?"

McKinney, "We have a lot of projects that need to be funded."

Luke, "I do not understand as they provide a lot of services."

McKinney, "The decision was across the board."

Luke, "What projects does the borough have in mind?"

McKinney, "No specific project we have the park, new equipment that will require funding."

2. Council Reports:

a. Street Department – Ronald Allison (Absent)

- Main Island Christmas box was completed

b. Park and Recreation-James Smith II

- Playground specs not ready for review tabled until next meeting
- DCED Grant borough needs to investigate on how to apply

3. Mayor Report-Police/Fire Department-

- Questioned lights in Main Island time set
- Did not seem to think they were coming on
- Questioned lights timer on the Wreaths
- Did not seem to think they were coming on either
- Resnik will make call to Jerry McClain for review
- Had concerns on the by-pass paving
 - a. Low areas water is collecting
 - b. Would like to see if council would contact paving company
- Would like to see if the borough could reclaim the curb on the right-hand side when you turn on to Bridge Street.
 - a. Debris is accumulating
 - b. Can the Street Department remove this debris with the borough's high lift

Police Contract-Vote

Amendment to the November 28th Workshop Agenda to reflect a vote on the Police Contract.

Annie Hull made the amendment to the November 28th Workshop Agenda

Questions/Comments:

Gary Manges questioned the highlighted areas and why isn't council looking at a clean copy of the Municipal Police Cooperation Agreement.

Ken McKinney, "I feel the same way this contract was given to Smith Township and I am not sure as to why the changes were not made."

Annie Hull "I spoke with Tim Green and confirmed he received the contract last week and I spoke with him today. Smith Township is still accepting the contract but still needs to be voted on at Smith's meeting. Tim stated, for the borough to vote at tonight's meeting if this is the direction that the borough wants to take. The problem is we did not get a clean copy."

Gary Manges, "The borough does not have to sign off on this tonight correct."

Anthony Penzone, "Why would the borough vote on the contract in place without having Smith Township's Chief of Police involved in the negotiations?"

Gary Manges, "At some point someone at the borough spoke with Smith Township Supervisors."

Annie Hull, "Yes, we had a meeting."

Anthony Penzone, "Gary do you actually know about police work and procedures?"

Gary Manges, "No"

Anthony Penzone, "What do you think Smith Township Supervisors know about police procedures nothing."

Luke, "What makes you think the borough does not know what they are getting?"

Anthony, "You are getting what three supervisors put together."

Council disagreed and stated the solicitors drew up the contract and reviewed.

Luke, "I feel that this contract is a good contract."

Anthony Penzone stated he heard that the borough was not entering into a contract with Smith Township.

Gary Manges understands Anthony Penzone concerns and where he is coming from.

Luke, "The borough has not a right to ask Chief LaRue if he was involved in the contact that would be up to the Smith Township Supervisors and the Chief."

Kobe Sarracino, "Would the borough consider hiring retired state police officers as borough police officers?"

Annie Hull, "We did take into consideration other avenues, but the startup would be too costly for the borough."

Luke, "Salaries would be too costly along with the insurances."

Luke, "The problem with the vote is the presentation version is in black ink."

Annie Hull read Falco Muscante email regarding the direction of the council's vote:

"As long as Smith Township is aware that the borough is voting on the version with the proposed changes in redline and is alright with those changes it is alright for the Borough council to approve that version. Once approved the changes can be accepted and the borough officials can then sign it and send it to Smith Township Supervisors for their approval and signatures."

Annie Hull made the Motion to accept the changes of the Smith Township Municipal Cooperation Police Agreement that Falco has made
Second by-James Smith II
Poll Vote the Municipal Police Cooperation Agreement:
Ken McKinney-**No**, Annie Hull-**Yes**, Ronald Allison-**Absent**, James Smith II-**Yes**
Gary Manges-**Yes**
Motion carried – 3 to 2 Vote

4. New Business- **Meeting Schedule Notice 2023**

Council reviewed calendar dates and time change from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM for Regular scheduled and Workshop Meetings.

Questions/Comments:

None

James Smith II made the Motion to advertise Meeting Schedule Notice 2023 with corrections and time change for meetings

Second by-Gary Manges

Motion carried-None Opposed

Paving Loan -Tabled until December 12th need pay off amount

Resolution for Lien Letters-

Annie Hull made the Motion to authorize our solicitor to write a Resolution increasing the Lien Letters from \$25.00 to \$50.00

Second by-Gary Manges

Motion carried-None Opposed

Compensation for Elected Officials-

Annie Hull made the Motion for members of council to receive \$1,800.00 per year to be fixed by Ordinance

- a. Chapter 137
- b. Salaries and Compensation
- c. Article 137-1 and 137-2 (to be amended)

5. Old Business-Short Street

Annie Hull made the Motion to amend the November 28th Workshop Agenda to reflect the proposal in the amount of \$2,200.00 for the CCTV camera

Question/Comments:

Luke stated that he was under the impression that the \$7,500.00 was approved and in that \$7,500.00 covered this service for the camera.

Gary Manges, I thought it was also, but after speaking to Keith Straight his services have absorbed the \$7,500.00 for engineering fees/services this will be an added service

- Gary Manges will be the liaison for this project
- Waiting on engineering reports

- Working with Pete Blue

James Smith made the Motion to accept the proposal in the amount for the \$2,200.00 for the CCTV camera needed for the Short Street Project.

Second by-Gary Manges

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Special Event Ordinance-Tabled

6. Correspondence-None

7. Council Remarks-None

8. Public Comments/Questions-

CAT representative Dave Tomaio spoke on a new CAT machine and financing

Anthony Penzone-

- a. Complimented the two new Street Employees feels they are very efficient
- b. When in sight always doing something around the town

Gary Manges was complimented on wanting to hold a seat on the borough

- a. Despite rumors wanted to let council know he feels they made a great decision on nominating him and feels he should be the liaison for 80% of the borough construction projects
- b. Gary owns a construction business and come with great knowledge
- c. Luke was also thanked for working on the issue of Main Street
- d. Does not feel council would have reacted to the problem if he did not put an email out putting the borough on notice

Anthony Penzone disagrees with council's motion to give a raise to council members

Kobe Sarracino agrees with the raise and feels they are slapping the taxes payers in the face. She feels people need to run because they want to help the borough and not in it for the money.

Gary Manges, "Listen to me the \$1,800.00 is nothing to me or anyone of these members, I am sure. We are not here for the money but, it does help with gas, phone calls it is worth something for my time that I am taken out of my life it can not be bought or paid for."

Kobe, "Do you agree with the raise?"

Gary Manges, "I do"

Debbie Cowden, "Things go on behind the doors that the residents have no idea what goes on."

Gary Manges, "You are right, and I think things need to be brought more into the open. The chamber only has three residents sitting here with interest."

Kobie Sarracino commented that the borough should not be permitted to go into Executive Session all should be public heard.

Ken McKinney, "Some items can not be discussed which is legal matters, personnel issues, real estate and this can not be discussed with the public until council makes decisions on these matters."

8. Public Comments/Questions Continued-

Anthony Penzone expressed his feels on who does and who he does not feel does anything during their time held on council seat.

Kobe Sarracino questioned Ken McKinney on the Center Avenue what was going on with the Center Avenue project.

Ken McKinney, "Nothing at this time tabled until next year."

Ken McKinney, "Our Executive Session tonight will be conducting business on the sale of a piece of property within the borough limits."

Debbie Cowden was wondering when Smith Township Police was taking over Ken McKinney, "The first of the year."

9. Executive Session -Real Estate @ 7:35 PM

- No action taken

10. Motion to Adjourn- @ 8:07 PM

Annie Hull made the Motion to adjourn

Second by-James Smith II

Motion carried-None Opposed