

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

June 26, 2023

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: Beth Hoppe
Ronald Allison (Absent)
Ken McKinney (Absent)
James Smith II
Gary Manges

Mayor: Luke Snatchko
Solicitor: Lane Turturice
Secretary: Debbie Resnik
Treasurer: Debbie Resnik

Visitors: Kobe Sarracino Mary Oddi
Pam Church Chief McClain

Roll Call Absent:

Ronald Allison
Ken McKinney

Beth Hoppe Vice President gave explanation to council and attendees that the workshop will be discussion only. No voting will take place due to agenda was not posted within 24 hours on the website.

Opening of Sealed Bids for 2023 Paving Program-

- a. El Grande - \$112,935.00
- b. Alex E. Paris Contracting -\$105,085.00.

- 1. Financials: Debbie Resnik
2018-2023 Pension audit still on going.
\$75.00 tee shirt allowance discussed.
- 2. Council Reports:
Street Department – Ronald Allison (Absent)
No Report

Park and Recreation -James Smith II
No Report

3. Solicitor Report –Lane Turturice
No report other than email that was sent to council.
4. Mayor Report-Luke Snatchko
Proposal for Kosol electric in the amount of \$2,500.00 will be tabled until the discussion for flag poles takes place. Currently in the process of that. Gary Manges received a verbal price of \$400.00 each for flag poles to be made. Materials needed to fabricate are in back order.
Phil Hoberek will put a proposal in for drilling the holes for the flag poles.
By-Pass fencing cannot be removed per Penn Dot because of the type of highway it is.
The mayor asked Penn Dot if they would maintain and replace the fencing but, he has not received a response back from Penn Dot.
Proclamation ready for the July 10th meeting holding July 15th as the Burgettstown Volunteer Fire Department 100th anniversary day.
5. New Business-
No Report
6. Old Business-
PLP Co. Pavement Marking Contractor
 - a. Price \$2,675.00
7. Correspondence-
None
8. Public Comments-
Chief McClain-
Questioned the dirt removal on the bypass where it was dumped at along with pothole and concrete slabs in parking and sidewalk which need repairs.
 - a. Stated he asked for some to be put behind fire department and was denied.
 - b. Stated he asked if the pothole and repairs could be done and nothing was done.

Gary Manges was unaware of these requests.
Beth Hoppe, “We will speak with Ron Allison and the Street Department on these issues and requests and we will see what is going on.”

The opening of the park was discussed.
Chief McClain as permission to borrow the bleachers for the anniversary event.
Council granted.
Street Department hiring for a 2nd employee was discussed and will be discussed July 10th.

Kobe Sarracino-Tree which was donated in memory of her family.

- Gave her concerns and explanations as to why she felt the tree should not have been trimmed.
- Statement was given by James Smith at a prior meeting that the Borough would not touch the tree.

The council discussed the donation of the tree and legal ownership of the tree.

- Borough members must have the right to prioritize and act on maintenance throughout the borough.

Chief McClain gave his explanation on how the bald tree was placed there originally in the dedication of the Sarracino family.

Chief McClain, "Originally that tree was to be placed in the Main Island and was denied. So, it ended up being planted down at Main Street Extension." Chief, "So I thought it would be a nice dedication since you found the tree and they had to plant it there next to Sarracino property to dedicate it to the family name."

Kobe Sarracino addressed to the solicitor the Code of Conduct posted on the council chamber door.

- Brought to his attention the code of how people talk, and council members speak to the public that is not permitted.
- Would like the solicitor to handle that.

Mary Oddi-Scout Hut

Beth Hoppe, "That will be discussed in Executive Session because council received the appraisals."

Mary questioned what that has to do with the Scout Hut.

Mary Oddi disagrees that the property should not be sold.

Mary Oddi questioned why this matter must be discussed in an Executive Session and not in public.

Lane Turturice explained that they have the right under the Sunshine Act to discuss the pros and cons of selling or whatever.

Lane Turturice assured Mary Oddi the property can be sold even with the scout wording in the deed.

Mary Oddi is just trying to find out a timeline of when the Scouts can re-enter and begin using the building.

Mary Oddi and Luke Snatchko discussed the Scout Hut and storing of scouts items.

Mary Oddi feels that Luke Snatchko slandered her to two directors of national organizations.

Mary Oddi would like to say on record: She is planning on pursuing a lawsuit.

Mary Oddi feels that Luke Snatchko has bullied her and lied to her numerous times. Mary Oddi feels that she has been put through hoops on every single lie Luke Snatchko put out about her and the council has the letters to prove it.

9. Executive Session- Council entered Executive Session @ 6:54 PM
Council returned from Executive Session @ 7:28 PM

- No action

10. Motion to adjourn- Council adjourned @ 7:29 PM