

BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

WORKSHOP MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2024

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

All Public comments and questions pertaining to the agenda items will be addressed during Public Comments/ Questions

Attending: Ken McKinney (Absent)
Pam Church
Gary Manges
Beth Hoppe
James Smith II
Mayor: Luke Snatchko
Secretary: Debbie Resnik
Treasurer: Debbie Resnik
Solicitor: Lane Turturice (Attendance not required)
Vistors: Kobie Sarracino
Lisa Slopek-Sinko

Roll Call: Ken McKinney

Motion to Pass January 22, 2024, Workshop Agenda

1. **Financial-**

- a. Liquid Fuels AG-385 completed and submitted January 17, 2024.
- b. Worker's compensation audit for 01/23 through 01/24 paperwork submitted.

2. **Council Comments/Reports-**

- a. Street Department-Gary Manges
 - Review tool list
 - Pam Church gave clarification that any tools the can be purchased but cannot exceed \$1,500.00.
 - Gary Manges can do that.
 - James Smith made the Motion to purchase tools from list not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Second by-Beth Hoppe

Questions/Comments:

Kobie Sarracino questioned why the street department needs a pull behind wagon.

Gary Manges explained to pull behind the tractor to pick up trash and other materials around town.

Motion Accepted-None Opposed

Gary Manges would like to discuss McDonald's paving roller for sale at the next meeting.

- b. Park and Recreation-James Smith II

- Thanked the road crew for doing an excellent job on the snow event.

DCED Park Grant-Denied

James would like to move forward with fundraising for park equipment and exploring other opportunities.

Pam Church questioned what James is looking at doing with the park equipment that is in park that the grant would have covered.

James Smith, "Some of the deplorable equipment was removed last year as for the big green slide he would like that to be removed. As for everything else just needs patch until we look at different avenues."

Gary Manges will the park be able to be open this summer.

James Smith, "My plan is to go after a different grant source or get donations from individuals or businesses and have a grant opening."

James Smith said that he would really like to do this for the community.

As I have extended that to Pam, and we have been thinking about the next options."

James Smith," The swings and basketball courts and other equipment can pass until we find out how we are going to move forward on this."

Gary Manges, "What I am getting at is can we open the park while we are waiting for this revenue."

Pam, "That is what I was asking. What does the borough need to remove so we may open the park."

James, "My problem is every piece of equipment has some form of damage."

Pam, "It is very difficult to keep people out."

James, "We need to discuss and look if we need to remove the monkey bars. If they are bad, then we need to remove them."

Resnik, "I am going to reapply again in February."

Pam, "I understand grants, and this is what happens, and we wait again till fall to see if we receive funding."

Pam, "I feel funding raising events and going to the businesses in town or donations is the avenue for now and see what we can get."

James, "That is what I am thinking have a grand opening with a banner made up for all those who donated and have a food event. It will have to be a community effort to make it happen at this time."

Borough Sign -Tabled until weather permits.

- The ground needs to thaw.
- Corner blocks
- This project will need to be bid out.

Facebook Page -Official

James would like to set up a Facebook page to keep borough citizens informed and up to date.

Pam Church, "I think it would be a good idea to have two administrators in charge of postings.

- Appoint one of the street department workers to be one administrators.

- James Smith feels Greg Javens should be appointed as he could post weather and road issues/emergency issues that might arise.

Luke Snatchko, "Are we going to get rid of our website and isn't this what the website is for?"

Pam, "I am not sure how many people actually knows about the borough's website but Facebook there is so many more followers."

Luke, "So what do you mean by more followers, the website is on the internet."

Luke, "The same people who access Facebook can access our website."

James, "It would be more instantaneous on Facebook I feel."

Luke, "The other issue would be our road crew men should be doing road maintenance not Facebook updating."

Luke, "Should we then be getting rid of One Call Now and just going to Facebook?"

Pam, "No One Call Now is just for emergencies."

Luke, "So, Gary what do you feel about having you men on Facebook."

Gary Manges, "They will not be on the computer during the day."

Luke, "That is what they are proposing."

Luke, "I think it is a bad idea having the road crew on Facebook giving updates."

Gary Manges, "I agree."

Luke, "I do not see the benefit."

Beth Hoppe, "I feel that it is going to be a target for the borough."

Luke, "I feel that the Website should be open to one borough councilmember to post other than Sophia Akis."

Discussion for Facebook -Tabled

3. **Solicitor's Report**-None

4. **Mayor Report/Police Report** – Luke Snatchko

LSA Grant-

- LSA presentation was given by Keith Straight

Questions/Comments:

Pam Church asked if they asked many questions.

Luke, "Yes, if it was a revamping or if it was a new park and to explain the work in progress."

Pam Church, "We should know around February 1st."

EMC Coordinator-Resignation letter Greg Javens dated 2/22/24.

James Smith made the Motion to accept Greg Javens resignation letter.

Second by-Beth Hoppe

Motion carried-None Opposed

5. **New Business-**

CBG Block Grant- grant update

- Finalizing with Washington County
- Need to resurvey one home currently.
- Grant will be approved if below household income.

Vacancy Board-Tabled

- No interest at this time

**5. New Business Continued-
Cameras-Revisit Tabled**

Make motion to approve Lane Turturice to move forward with bid documentation for the sale of borough properties. – Attorney attendance not required. (tabled)

Questions/Comments:

Luke Snatchko questioned if the borough needed to provide any additional documentation that might be holding up the Real Estate sale.

Resnik, “No this was tabled as Lane’s attendance was not required and will be ready to move forward in February.

James Smith made the Motion to bid out police scales and police safe.

Second by-Gary Manges

Motion carried-None Opposed

6. Old Business- None

7. Correspondence- Bridge Replacement

Resnik discussed the replacement of SR 7404 bridge located at West Pittsburgh Street.

- Completion year 2026

8. Public Comments/Questions-

Kobie Sarracino questioned the age of the police scales.

Resnik thought 8-9 years ago.

Kobie Sarracino questioned the grant deadline for the DCED grant.

Resnik could not answer at that time.

Kobe Sarracino questioned where the Revenue went from the Scout Hut sale.

Resnik, “I put it in the Capital Improvement Fund.”

Kobe Sarracino addressed the potholes entering the Family Dollar parking lot.

Kobe Sarracino expressed her concerns about why she feels that cameras are not needed.

Pam Church expressed her concerns on financial spending for 2024 taxes have not been sent out and revenue is not coming in yet.

Boot Camp on February 16 and 17th was reviewed.

9. Motion to Adjourn- @ 6:56 PM

James Smith made the Motion to adjourn.

Second by-Beth Hoppe

Motion carried-None Opposed