

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

January 22, 2024

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 (Absent)
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
Lisa Slopek-Sinko

Roll Call Absent:

Ronald Allison
Annie Hull

James Smith made the Motion to pass the January 23, 2023, Work Session Agenda Second by-Gary Manges

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

Persons to be heard John Cherek

- a. Working on a scheduled of events for the entire Burgettstown Area
- b. Will have a mock sample next meeting for council's review.
- c. Spoke on mural projects.
- d. Spoke on the advantages of brick roads and would like to see Main Street replaced with them.

1. Financials: Debbie Resnik

- a. 2 mill fire check cut to BVFD for 2022
- b. Discussed Resolution for 2020-003 (License Fee/Per Day Fee)
- c. Ordinance needs amended for Council Meeting times and Police Ordinance will be revised and ready for advertising changes.

Questions/Comments:

Luke Snatchko concerns would be with the length of time a food truck would setup.

Questions/Comments:

Gary Manges questioned if the Smith/Burgettstown Police Department is all in agreement.

Ken McKinney, "Yes"

Resnik explained why Ordinances in the Code Book needs to be amended and changed.

2. Council Reports:

a. Street Department – Ronald Allison (Absent)

- James Smith made the Motion to accept Green's Towing for the purchase of four backhoe tires in the amount of \$1,807.48.

Second by-Gary Manges

Questions/Comments-

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

b. Park and Recreation-James Smith II

- No report

3. Mayor Report-Police/Fire Department-

- No report

4. New Business-

Vacancy Board Appointment-

James Smith made the Motion to accept Pam Church to the vacancy board.

Gary Manges declined vote.

Motion carried- died lack of second.

Questions/Comments:

Council and Mayor reviewed the position of a vacancy board member.

Gary Manges asked John Cherok for his interest.

John Cherok accepted to write a letter of interest.

James Smith made the Motion to accept Pam Church to the vacancy board.

Second by-Ken McKinney

Motion Carried - 2 Yes

1 Opposed -Gary Manges

Resignation -Teresa Walsh

James Smith made the Motion to accept Teresa Walsh letter of resignation.

Second by-Gary Manges

Question/Comments-

Luke Snatchko questioned if council is going to advertise for this position.

Ken McKinney and Debbie Resnik was approached by Amy Yadrack, Tax Collector for Smith Township to take over position.

Ken explained to council PA Tax Collectors Association sent Amy a State Law that was passed that a tax collector can work for a different

Questions/Comments Continued-

Municipality, Borough than the one they live in. The collector would have to get okayed by their Municipality, Borough to do so. They would also have to run on both ballots on upcoming year.

Luke Snatchko feels that this would be the best idea for the borough.

Ken McKinney stated, "This can not be voted on tonight as the solicitor needs to provide legal documentation for transition."

5. Old Business-

James Smith made the Motion to Adopt the Amending Articles I and II of Chapter 137 Section 137-1 and 137-2 amending the salaries for the Mayor and Council Salaries

Second by-Gary Manges

Question/Comments:

None

Motion carried-None Opposed

Scout Hut-

Gary Manges made the Motion to accept Tasz Construction proposal in the amount of \$3,580.00

Second by-James Smith

Question/Comments-None

Motion carried-None Opposed

6. Correspondence-None

7. Council Remarks-None

8. Public Comments/Questions-

Kobe Sarracino-

- a. Questioned the 2 mills check amount.
Resnik, "I do not have the exact amount here but will get figure."
- b. Where did the food trucks want to set up.
Resnik, "No place in general just reviewing Ordinance at this time."
- c. Amy Yadrack being a new tax collector is that conflict of interest.
Ken, "No it is legal. The state passed a new law."
Kobe, "I think that is a good idea."
Kobe, "When did Teresa Walsh put in her letter of resignation."
Resnik, "Around the last week of December."
- d. How much was spent on the backhoe YTD and how old is the machine.
Resnik gave explanation of the Liquid Fuel Account and how the borough utilizes this account for equipment purchases.
- e. Questioned the Leaf Truck progress.
Resnik explained that the grant is just in process of being put together, and the question regarding last meeting where the disposal borough of the composite was addressed.

8. Public Comments/Questions Continued-

John Cherok-

- a. Surprised the borough has nothing to discuss for Park and Recreation. Is the borough not planning for Spring.

Council addressed that the park will not be ready for Summer, and they will be taking additional measures as summer approaches.

Ken, "The borough will be fencing off park equipment before Summer arrives."

Council is beginning to investigate a grant for Park and Recreation equipment.

Kobe Sarracino questioned if any pollutants are in the area.

Ken, "When the park equipment is removed all materials will be removed."

Kobe, "Could the playground be downsized and is this renovation really a need."

Gary Manges feels that the borough needs legal guidance on these matters.

Park equipment is extremely expensive.

Kobe, "Will the borough solicitor oversee these questions and issues if they occur."

Kobe asked if the meetings could go back to 6:30 PM

Jamie, "No there were times we did not get out of meetings till 11:00 PM."

9. Executive Session-Litigation and Personnel @ 6:45 PM

Council intervened back into session @ 7:50 PM

No action taken.

10. Motion to Adjourn-

Gary Manges made the Motion to adjourn.

Second by-James Smith

Motion carried-None Opposed