

**BURGETTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 3, 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:

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

Mayor:

Luke Snatchko

Solicitor:

Lane Turturice

Secretary:

Debbie Resnik

Treasurer:

Debbie Resnik

Visitors:

Lisa Weaverling	Renee Gebhart
Jerry McClain	Boy Scouts
Sheila Golonka	Terri Fischer
Marcia Golonka	Lisa Slopek-Sinkko
Mike Liscinski	

Absentee: James Smith and Gary Manges

**Amendment to Agenda-** New Business: Code Enforcement

Pam Church would like to add Code Enforcement to the June 3, 2024, Agenda item.

Second by-Beth Hoppe

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Beth Hoppe made the Motion to pass the Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes held May 6, 2024.

Second by-Pam Church

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

Beth Hoppe made the Motion to pass the Workshop Meeting Minutes held May 28, 2024.

Second by-Pam Church

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion Carried-None Opposed

**1. Financials: Debbie Resnik**

Beth Hoppe made the Motion to pay the unpaid bills in the amount of \$4,475.94.

Second by-Pam Church

Questions/Comments:

Beth Hoppe questioned the Observer Reporter expenditure.

Resnik explained that was for three (3) ads.

Motion carried-None Opposed

Resnik paid the Fire Department \$5,000.00 out the Act 13 Fund.

**2. Council Reports:**

**Street Department** -Gary Manges (Absent)

**Park and Recreation**-James Smith (Absent)

Ken McKinney updated that the park is breaking ground should be completed by beginning of next week.

**3. Solicitor**- Lane Turturice

No Report

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

Fire Report-Jerry McClain

Burgettstown Fire Department will be QRS State Certified.

Burgettstown Fire Department has their first paramedic.

8 members will receive certificates on vehicle rescue.

Bingo will be held July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor welcomed the new officer, Max Paterni.

Police Report- Officer Paterni read the report as filed.

Questions/Comments:

None

**5. New Business –**

Motion to accept the WIC Lease-table.

Beth Hoppe made the Motion to discuss Code Enforcement.

Second by-Pam Church

Questions/Comments:

Pam Church had concerns about procedures on code enforcement complaints.

Pam Church questioned Debbie Resnik on the procedures of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Resnik explained the procedures on code and building procedures.

Lane, "I think what Pam is touching on is the county being concerned with the level of motivation on code violation and building code violations."

Pam, "Do you feel the borough needs to review and revise certain ordinances."

Resnik, "Yes, I do believe that certain ordinances need to be added and amended."

Jerry McClain notified the borough that certain buildings and homes are filled with

debris (hoarding).”

**5. New Business Continued-**

Resnik, “I do not know if there is an ordinance to cover these issues.”

Lane, “The borough needs to review and modify the Ordinances that are in place to address these issues.”

Pam, “Do you feel that the borough needs to move forward and advertise for a Code Enforcement Company?”

Resnik, “Please be aware of the pricing because it could become very pricey for the taxpayers.”

Resnik, “Change is good.”

Lane, “If the borough is concerned with blight, then let your code enforcement officer go target those areas and have them cleaned up or torn down.”

The council gave permission for Lane Turturice to move forward on looking into nuisance and other violations ordinances.

**6. Old Business -**

Lane Turturice opened and reviewed the two (2) sealed trash bids.

**Trash Bids-**

Two bidders: Waste Management and County Hauling LLC

Lane Turturice opened and read the bid results.

Waste Management lower bidder.

Pam Church made the Motion to accept Waste Management for a five (5) year contract with the HHW/E-Waste Collection Program as the lowest responsible bidder.

Second by-Ken McKinney

Opposed-Beth Hoppe

Questions/Comments:

None

Motion carried- 2 to 1 vote.

Ken McKinney made the council aware of the mower repair would be \$3,000.00 to repair.

Beth, “Would you feel repairing is the best option or purchasing a new mower.”

Ken, “I do not have the answer as I am not sure which mower went in for repair yet. I have not had the time to speak with Ragan’s on this matter.”

**7. Council Comments- None**

**8. Public Participation-Renee Gebhart-Murals**

Renee spoke on whether the borough was ready for the bypass underpass.

Renee would like to collect ideas on what the borough would like to see on the mural.

Luke, “What is the fee and how will the borough be paying for this project.”

Lisa Weaver, “I spoke with Gary Manges and stated that I would be willing to raise money for the Veteran’s Park Mural.”

Lisa, "As for the by-pass underpass she was under the assumption that the revenue would be coming from a grant but not sure."

Ken, "Not to my knowledge, but the borough could still get a proposal."

Ken asked Renee for some pictures of mural's she has painted.

The council will talk more at the upcoming workshop and be in touch with ideas.

#### **9. Meeting Adjourned into Executive Session @6:55 PM**

Litigation and real estate acquisitions.

Council came back into session @ 7:31PM

No action to be taken following the Executive Session.

Beth Hoppe made the motion to adjourn.

Second by-Pam Church

Motion carried-None Opposed