

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Joseph A. Pompa.

PRESENT: A quorum was present including members of Council as follows: Joseph A. Pompa; Patrick Plummer; Jeffrey Ketner; Mark L. Shawley; Sean Burke; Joyce Lowe; and Brady Leahey. Others in attendance: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Borough Solicitor Nathan Karn; Mayor Joseph R. Dodson; Chief Rodney B. Estep, Jr.; and Main Street Manager Jordan Futrick. Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Rabits was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Pompa led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES: The minutes dated December 13, 2018 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Mr. Plummer. A vote was taken with the motion carrying in a vote of seven votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that the sidewalk renovations at the municipal building were completed.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret's advised that no financial report will be available until after the audit.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Rabits was not in attendance.

MAIN STREET MANAGER: Ms. Futrick announced that the Springfest will be held on May 18. The Downtown LIVE! dates have not been decided so far.

FIRE MARSHAL: Dave Zeek advised that he is happy to be back after his illness.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor announced that Sgt. Mark Lingafelt is retiring from the police department. He introduced and welcomed new Police Intern Mark Blyler. He reported on a scholarship at St. Francis University. The Borough put up directional signs to the Veteran's Hospital within the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bob Shafer, 606 Blair Street: Spoke about a proposed PENNDOT project on Blair Street and his potential rezoning request.
- Representative Jim Gregory, 911 Poplar Avenue, office, 324 Allegheny Street: thanked everyone.

OPEN AGENDA:

- Jeff ketner: Wants to discuss an ordinance regulating electronic cigarette use by minors.
- Brady Leahey: Further discussion regarding the Old Canal Inn and outdoor amplified music.
- Patrick Plummer: Announced that there may be a SCCBA in February at the American Legion Social Hall.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2019-1 for bill list number 1 totaling \$92,242. A motion was made by Mr. Shawley and was seconded by Mr. Ketner to approve Resolution No. 2018-5 approving payment of Bill List number 1. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that:

- 1) **Bill List No. 1** dated January 10, 2019 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$92,242.54 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 10th day of January, 2019.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: OLD CANAL INN AND OUTDOOR AMPLIFIED MUSIC: Councilman Leahey reported on his discussions with Mr. Laratonda, advising that progress is being made. Chief Estep voiced some concerns.

PARKING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Chairman of the Parking Committee, Patrick Plummer, reported on the committee's recommendations regarding amendments to the Traffic Code. A motion was made by Mr. Plummer that Council move forward with preparations to amend the traffic code as the committee recommends. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burke and all present voted in favor. Motion carried, seven votes to zero votes.

APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION: A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to appoint Joseph Stanek to the Planning Commission to fill a term vacated by Dave Zeek. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously, seven to zero. This term will end on December 31, 2019.

DISCUSSION: REZONING THE 600 BLOCK OF BLAIR STREET: Mr. Rabits had advised Mr. Shaffer, 606 Blair Street, of the requirements to submit an application to request a change in the zoning designation. Borough Council discussed the procedure and had a consensus that they would discuss the request when a proper application had been filed and the required fee of \$600 had been paid.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL STORMWATER COMMITTEE (ISC) FEE SCHEDULE: Mr. Gehret discussed the fee schedule options of the ISC and how they choose to make the payment with Council Members. A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to pay a lump sum fee and exhibit number three from the options presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Leahey and a vote was taken. The motion carried, seven votes to zero votes.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF A PATROLMAN: Chief Estep advised that with the retirement of Mark Lingafelt, a sergeant will be promoted and a new patrolman will be needed. He advised that he wishes to hire from the Civil Service Eligibility List of three candidates. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Plummer. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF A SERGEANT: Chief Estep recommended the promotion of William Sheehan to sergeant. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Plummer. A vote was taken and the motion carried, seven votes to zero votes.

STIFFLER MCGRAW ASSOCIATES (SMA) ENGINEERING SERVICES 2019 AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve the 2019 SMA Engineering Services Agreement and was seconded by Mr. Shawley. Mr. Plummer abstained. A vote was taken and the motion carried, six votes to zero votes.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FOR 2019: A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to appoint the First National Bank for the Borough for 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Plummer and a vote was taken. The motion carried, seven votes to zero votes.

BLAIR COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: A motion to appoint Mr. Pompa to the Blair County Government Advisory Committee, with Mr. Gehret as the alternate, was made by Mr. Shawley. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried, seven votes to zero votes.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary