

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 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 M. Burke; Joyce Lowe and Brady Leahey. Others in attendance: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Attorney Nathan Karn, Building Code Official Gerald Harbison, Director of Community Relations & Events Katrina Pope, Fire Marshal David Zeek and Chief Rodney B. Estep. Mayor Dodson was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes dated September 12, 2019 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Shawley 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 in favor to zero votes not in favor.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret reported that his manager's report was in their agenda binders.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that the pension payments had not been distributed out of the funds yet.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Gerald (Jerry) Harbison advised that his report was in their agenda binders. He answered some questions regarding the fire company's permit for the new siren.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS: Katrina advised that the last Downtown LIVE! Concert was a great success and that Pumpkinfest was scheduled for Saturday, October 12th.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Dave Zeek was there and reported that he was busy with activities related to fire prevention week. There was some discussion between Council Members and Dave regarding the recently installed fire siren.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor was absent but had requested the Borough Manager to thank everyone for the prayers and get well wishes for his grandson. Mr. Gehret also reported that there had been a \$100 donation for Patriot Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Wolfe, 209 Wayne Street: spoke negatively about the fire siren. Presented a petition against the siren to Borough Council.

Colleen Wolfe, 209 Wayne Street: spoke negatively about the fire siren.

Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg Watch Dog: spoke against the fire siren. He also made comments regarding the recent Zoning Hearing Board decision and the Borough's comprehensive plan.

Daniel Rhine, 309 Mulberry Street: made negative comments regarding the fire siren.

Don Delozier, 401 South Juniata Street: introduced Travis McCabe, representative of the Hollidaysburg Area Community Partnership. Invited people to a Meet and Greet on October 16th.

Walt Zolna, 602 Clark Street: spoke in favor of the fire siren and suggested a compromise.

Eric Schmidt, 1303 Pine Street: spoke in favor of the fire siren.

Curtis Greenland, 519 Garber Street: spoke in favor of the siren as he cannot hear it, but suggested another method be used.

Steve Albright, 419-421 Bedford Street: spoke in favor of the fire siren, and voiced concerns about the intersection at Newry and Bedford Streets and the except right turn stop sign.

OPEN AGENDA:

- Councilman Ketner: the intersection at Newry and Bedford Streets and the except right turn stop sign.
- Councilman Plummer requested discussion regarding the intersection of Newry and Bedford Streets as well.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21: Resolution no. 2019-21, Consent Agenda, approves Bill List # 10 in the amount of \$390,837 and two Certificates of Appropriateness. A motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-21 was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21
A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that:

- 1) Bill List No. 10 dated October 10, 2019 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$390,837 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) Approve Two Certificates of Appropriateness and Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:
 - A. **206 ALLEGHENY STREET – BUSINESS SIGNAGE – SHEILA LITZENBERGER, FROM THE HEART PENN STATE**
 - Installation of business signage
 - Sign will be a double-sided, 1.5 inch thick sign foam shingle to hang from an existing bracket
 - The size of the sign will be approximately 11.5 inches by 18 inches
 - The sign will be in compliance with zoning regulations

- B. **500 ALLEGHENY STREET – MASONRY REPAIRS – ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH - SHAWN RESTLY**
 - Bricks will be replaced where needed
 - Veneers will be used where needed
 - Applicant will re-point some masonry joints and re-grout and seal slate steps
 - The access hatch to the sanctuary will be re-flashed

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

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23: Resolution No. 209-23 will approve the execution of the FY 2019 CDBG application and cooperative agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve Resolution No. 2019-23 and was seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken and the motion was approved, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Pennsylvania Act 179 of 1984, Hollidaysburg Borough, is eligible to apply for and receive an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant

(CDBG) funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (PA DCED) with said funds to be used to undertake housing and community development projects, which primarily benefit person of low-to moderate-income; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hollidaysburg has specifically designated the County of Blair to apply for and administer their Community Development Block Grant for Fiscal Year FY2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hollidaysburg has selected project(s) to be included within the application for Community Development Block Grant funds for Fiscal Year FY2019 and concur with the program contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hollidaysburg in cooperation with the County of Blair have conducted the required public hearings to obtain citizen input as well as to formulate a Community Development Plan, which identifies and prioritizes needs along with the activities to be undertaken with CDBG funds to address such needs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Blair on behalf of Hollidaysburg Borough have prepared an application for Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year FY2019 including all Understandings and Assurances contained within the application for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$108,297; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the person identified as the Chief Elected Official of the County of Blair may act in regards to the application for Community Development Block Grant for FY2019 funds and to provide such information as may be required; and the officers of the Borough, the President and Secretary, are hereby authorized to affix their signatures to the application for FY2019 funds.

DULY, adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg during a scheduled public meeting held on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Joseph A. Pompa, President

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: It was announced that this item is included in the 2020 budget, and that a Request for Proposals will be on the November agenda for Council.

DISCUSSION: RECONFIGURAITON OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CUSTOMER SERVICE AREA: A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to include this item in the 2020 budget and was seconded by Mrs. Lowe. The chief will get a preliminary plan for Council's review.

DISCUSSION: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: As the Mayor was not in attendance, this discussion was put on hold until another meeting.

ACCEPT PATRICK PLUMMER'S RESIGNATION FROM THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to accept the resignation. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a there was a vote. The motion passed, seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

APPOINT JOSHUA CHESTNEY TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION: A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to appoint Joshua Chestney to the Shade Tree Commission to a term that will expire on December 31, 2019. Mr. Shawley seconded the motion and it was approved seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22: Resolution No. 2019-22 will approve the execution of the Certification Agreement with the PA Historic and Museum Commission for the Certified Local Government Program. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Plummer. A vote was taken and the motion was approved, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATION
AGREEMENT WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE HISTORIC PRESRVATION
OFFICE FOR THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, the history and heritage of Borough of Hollidaysburg are important to our community's identity, culture, and uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, historic buildings, sites, landscapes and neighborhoods contribute to economic vitality, sense of place, and quality of life in the Borough of Hollidaysburg; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hollidaysburg has adopted ordinances, policies, and programs designed to preserve and enhance these important assets; and

WHEREAS, to serve our residents, property owners, and visitors to our community, the Borough of Hollidaysburg strives to implement these programs according to best practices and wishes to take advantage of the technical and financial resources available to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Local Government program administered by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office in partnership with the National Park Service, will provide the Borough of Hollidaysburg with these tools and resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg hereby authorizes the Council President to execute all necessary agreements between the

Borough of Hollidaysburg and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office as may be required for participation in the Certified Local Government program.

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

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: REQUEST FROM A PROPERTY OWNER TO WAIVE REAL ESTATE TAX PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT: Following this discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burke not to waive the tax penalty for late payment. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion was approved, seven votes to zero votes.

APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AWARD FROM PA PARTNERS IN THE ARTS: Mr. Shawley made a motion in favor of the execution of a grant award for \$978 towards the 2020 Downtown LIVE! Concerts from the PA Partners in the Arts. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion was approved, seven votes to zero votes.

CCAP WEBSITE UPDATE ENROLLMENT FORM: A motion to approve the execution of the enrollment form to participate in an update to the Borough's website through the County Commissioners Association (CCAP) was made by Mr. Ketner. A second to the motion was made by Mrs. Lowe. A vote was taken with the motion approved, seven votes to zero votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Pompa announced that Council would have an executive session at 8:00 PM and that they would not be returning to the meeting.

Patricia J. Duron
Borough Secretary