

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020
7:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING/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; James Mielnik; Sean Burke; Michele Baker; Brady Leahey; and Joyce Lowe. Also participating: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Attorney Nathan Karn; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; and Chief Rodney B. Estep. Fire Marshal Dave Zeek and Councilman Scholton were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Pompa led the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

MINUTES: The minutes from the October 12th meeting were presented for Council's approval. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mrs. Lowe. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved six votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that his manager's and financial reports were in the agenda binder. He also advised Council that their regular November meeting for 2021 will fall on Veteran's Day. As this is a legal holiday, Council advised that they would like to change that meeting date to Wednesday, November 10, 2021. This change will be added to the meeting schedule to be approved at the December meeting. He reported on the tree that will be put up on the Diamond soon. Mr. Gehret advised that it is smaller than other years as that is the only tree offered to the Borough that would work. Also, Penelec is delayed in helping to get it to town.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that that it is time for the five year audit from Labor and Industry, and that Council will receive a report when it is completed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor thanked all the veterans, wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and thanked Manager Gehret for keeping the building safe.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street, and Hollidaysburg Watchdog, 511 Allegheny Street: Mr. Latker spoke about the constitution and Council's obligation to uphold the law, negatively about the solicitor on the Hollidaysburg Zoning Hearing Board, negatively about the Kanish decision, and about Council going back to open public meetings.

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street: Mr. Nale spoke negatively about Zoning Hearing Board decision from the Kanish zoning hearing board decision and the issuance of a permit to Mr. Kanish.

OPEN AGENDA: Mr. Leahey asked that the Borough Manager update Council next month on the status of video meetings. Mayor Dodson asked for discussion regarding sidewalks getting blocked.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2020-24 for bill list number 11 totaling \$345,927.23, and two Certificates of Appropriateness for 210 Allegheny Street and 222-224 Mulberry Street. A motion was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Ms. Baker to approve Resolution No.2020-24. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24
A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) **Bill List No. 11** dated November 12, 2020 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$345,927.23 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Two Certificates of Appropriateness** are to be Approved and to Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows: A
 - a.) **210 Allegheny Street — Repairs – Robert & Lisa Swan**
 - The applicant wishes to repair the soffit and fascia
 - The applicant wishes to repair/replace concrete stairs at front entrance
 - The applicant wishes to paint the trim as needed
 - If a UCC building permit is required, the applicant will obtain one
 - b.) **222-224 Mulberry Street — Replace Roof – Jen Cherry**
 - The applicant wishes to install a black metal roof over the existing shingles

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 12th day of November, 2020.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: UPDATE ON VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR MEETINGS: Mr. Leahey had asked Mr. Gehret to update on getting equipment to have video meetings. Mr. Gehret advised that he was still searching for a company to assist with this as he had not had any success with the ones he had solicited so far.

2021 FINAL BUDGET: Mr. Gehret advised that the final 2021 budget is prepared and that it will be presented for final adoption next month. Copies were distributed to Borough Council for their review. A motion was made by Mr. Burke to accept the final budget as presented and to advertise it for adoption at the December meeting. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mr. Harbison advised that the contract to engage Gannett Fleming Consultants to update the Borough's Comprehensive Plan was presented for approval to execute. He also discussed the representatives who would meet with the consultants. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the execution of the agreement with Gannett Fleming and also that Councilman Burke and Councilwoman Lowe would continue in working with the comprehensive plan update. Mr. Burke seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, six votes to zero votes.

HOLIDAY METER PROGRAM: A motion was made by Ms. Baker to run the Holiday Meter Program from November 27, 2020 to January 1, 2021. Mr. Mielnik seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, six votes to zero votes.

YMCA INDEMNIFICATION LETTER: After discussion regarding this request from the Hollidaysburg Regional YMCA for an indemnification letter to the Commonwealth pursuant to the annual Turkey Trot 5K, Mr. Burke made a motion that Council supports the indemnification letter to the Commonwealth. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried, seven votes to zero votes.

DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH PRESBYTERIAN SR. LIVING FOR PARKING LOT: A motion was made by Mrs. Lowe to approve the developer's agreement with Presbyterian Sr. Living for a parking lot. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, six votes to zero votes.

DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH PRESBYTERIAN SR. LIVING FOR STORMWATER MAINTANCE FOR PARKING LOT: A motion was made by Mrs. Lowe to approve the stormwater maintenance agreement with Presbyterian Sr. Living for a parking lot. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed, six votes to zero votes.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.