

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022, 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

**PRESENT:** A quorum was present including members of Council as follows: Joseph A. Pompa; Jeffrey Ketner; Brady Leahey; Sean Burke; and James Mielnik. Councilman Walter Kalista, III and Mayor Dodson participated via phone. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Sergeant Richard Oldham; Solicitor Nathan Karn; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron and Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; and Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey. Councilwoman Michele Baker and Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett were absent.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the meetings held on January 3, reconvened until January 18, and on January 11, 2022 (a Conditional Use Hearing) were presented for Council's review and approval. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, six votes to zero votes.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE:** A motion to elect Sean Burke as President Pro Tempore was made by Mr. Ketner. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all voted in favor with the motion passing.

**MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Gehret advised that his manager's report was in the agenda binder. He advised that there would not be any financial reports until after the audit in March. He announced that there will be a SCCBA Meeting on March 2, 2022 at the American Legion Social Hall at 5:30 PM. Council is invited to attend.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Harbison advised that the PennMont Academy will be submitting a land development plan to the Planning Commission in March.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS:** Ms. Ramsey advised that she had sent out sponsorship requests and that the Hometown Heroes Applications were available for 2022 banners. The Sons of the American Legion are the 2022 Hometown Hero Program sponsors.

**FIRE MARSHAL REPORT:** Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett was absent.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Dodson gave kudos to the police department for an outstanding job.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

George Foster, 709 Allegheny Street: Spoke about the proposed Traffic Code amendments for Allegheny Street. He is not in favor of the proposed parking changes to Allegheny Street.

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street; Hollidaysburg Watchdog: Spoke about the proposed Traffic Code amendments. He is opposed to the Allegheny Street parking changes and the one-way street proposed for Wall Street. He is in favor of the Wayne Street parking changes.

David Krentzman; Krentzman & Sons: Spoke about the proposed Traffic Code amendments and is opposed to the one-way street proposed for Wall Street.

Sean McLanahan; 200 Wall Street; McLanahan Corp.: Spoke about the proposed Traffic Code amendments. He is opposed to the one-way street proposed for Wall Street.

Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street; Hollidaysburg Watchdog: He spoke about the draft intergovernmental agreement on the Borough Council Agenda, about the proposed Traffic Code Amendment to Wall Street (opposed). He also spoke negatively about the “criminal activity” of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department.

Steve Albright; 421 Bedford Street: He spoke about the proposed Traffic Code amendments on Wall Street, stop sign enforcement and a street light for the BCO side of the street.

**OPEN AGENDA:** Mayor Dodson asked for discussion about the renewal of the Borough Manager’s employment contract. President Pompa asked for discussion regarding the water being directed into the Borough Streets from private properties with regard to the use of sump pumps.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-9: CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Gehret asked for Council’s consideration of Resolution No. 2022-9 for bill list number 2 totaling \$1,227,834.60, two Certificates of Appropriateness, and a maintenance agreement with Cleveland Brothers. A motion was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Leahey to approve Resolution No. 2022-9. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

**DISCUSSION: ORDINANCE NO. 903 TRAFFIC CODE AMENDMENTS:** Following discussion with regard to public comment, the recommendation of Borough Council was to edit Ordinance No. 903 to remove the amendment to make Wall Street one way from Newry Street to Good Lane, to remove the amendment to prohibit parking on Allegheny Street, south side, between Union and Jones Street, and to adjust the parking prohibited on Betts Street. The edited Ordinance 903 will be advertised for the March 10<sup>th</sup> Borough Council Meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-8 APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE:** Only those members of council who attended the January 11, 2022 hearing were able to participate in the vote: President Pompa, Mr. Leahey, Ms. Baker, and Mr. Mielnik. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to adopt Resolution No. 2022-8 approving a conditional use for 211 Penn Street. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with three votes in favor to zero votes against. (Ms. Baker was absent at this time.)

**DISCUSSION: BOROUGH SIDEWALKS:** Mr. Leahey requested that this discussion get postponed until March.

**DISCUSSION: PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** It was advised that the CPA for the fire department will provide quarterly financial statements to the Borough in the future.

**DANGEROUS STURCTURE INVESTIGATION 408 PENN STREET:** Mr. Harbison advised Council of a dangerous condition at 408 Penn Street, requesting to proceed with an investigation and report from the Borough Engineer. Mr. Ketner made a motion to move forward with the investigation and Mr. Leahey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with six votes.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE HOLLIDAYSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL:** Sgt. Oldham presented the proposed amendment to Borough Council. Mr. Burke made a motion to approve the proposed addendum. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with six votes.

**DISCUSSION: LIGHT IT UP GREEN CAMPAIGN:** Lori Craine, Clinical Director of Blair HealthChoices, was present to discuss the Light It Up Green Campaign and to request that the committee may place green bows on the parking meters on Allegheny Street. This will take place in May, Mental Health Awareness month. Mr. Burke made a motion to grant the committee permission to place the bows on the parking meters on Allegheny Street during May, 2022. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with six votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10 CERTIFYING NEW SIGNERS FOR BANK ACCOUNTS:** A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to adopt Resolution No. 2022-10 certifying new signers for the Borough's bank accounts. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion passed with six votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-11 ACCEPTING ACTURIAL ASSUMPTION CHANGES TO THE HOLLIDAYSBURG POLICE PENSION:** Mr. Burke made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-11. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously, with five votes in favor to zero votes against. There was one abstention by Mr. Ketner.

**DISCUSSION: SANCTUARY REFERENDUM INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT:** Following discussion, it was the recommendation of Borough Council to hold a public meeting in Council Chambers to discuss the proposed intergovernmental agreement at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 10, 2022, before the 7:00 PM scheduled Borough Council Meeting.

**ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ETHAN IMHOFF FROM THE HOLLIDAYSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke to accept Ethan Imhoff's resignation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with six votes in favor.

**APPOINT JOHN P. STULTZ, JR. TO THE HOLLIDAYSBURG PLANNING**

**COMMISSION:** Mr. Leahey made a motion to appoint John. P. Stultz, Jr. to the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with six votes in favor to zero votes against.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

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Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary