

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020
7:10 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; Brady Leahey; Sean Burke; James Mielnik; Joyce Lowe; and Richard A. Scholton. 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 Building Code Official Gerald Harbison, and Director of Community Relations & Events Katrina Pope. Councilwoman Michele Baker was absent.

MINUTES: The minutes dated January 6, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Mrs. Lowe. The president asked for a vote and the motion carried in a vote of six votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that there will be SCCBA dinner meeting on February 27th at 5:30 PM.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that his report was in their agenda binder and that he had nothing more.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Ms. Pope advised that she is the 2020 Borough event dates were included in her report in their agenda binders.

FIRE MARSHAL: Dave Zeek was not in attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor wished all a happy valentine's day and announced that it was Black Americans month.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jolene Kopriva, 531 Garber Street: Spoke in support of a pedestrian bridge to the Canal Basin Park.
- Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street: (representing the Community Watchdog) Voiced concerns about standing water in an alley in Ward 2. Spoke in support of the comprehensive plan update.
- Patrick Plummer, 510 Allegheny Street: Requested that Council update the Shade Tree Ordinance.

- Jane Sheffield, 802 Allegheny Street: introduced a member of the Blair County Historical Society.
- Julia Schokker, Blair County Historical Society: Spoke in support of the PHMC nomination for Chimney Rocks Park to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

OPEN AGENDA: Nothing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2020-3 for bill list number 2 totaling \$275,851.92. A motion was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Leahey to approve Resolution No.2020-3, approving payment of Bill List number 2, and of three Certificates of Appropriateness. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF POLICE DETECTIVE: Chief Estep requested that Council consider the promotion of the most qualified candidate for police detective following the interview process. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve that request. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion. President Pompa asked for a vote. The motion passed, six votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3
A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) **Bill List No. 2** dated February 13, 2020 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$275,851.92 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Three Certificates of Appropriateness** are to be Approved and Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:
 - A. 208 Allegheny Street – Business Signage – Sunshine Botanicals – Jape Stephens**
 - The applicant wishes to install a business sign
 - The new sign will hang from an existing bracket
 - The sign will measure 24 inches by 16 inches
 - B. 206 Allegheny Street – Business Signage – From the Heart – Nancy Frydrych**
 - The applicant wishes to install business signage

- The sign will be a window decal
- The decal will measure 12 inches by 18 inches
- The decal will be placed in the front window

C. 716 Mulberry Street – Renovations and Repairs – Stephen & Allison Senkevich

- The applicants wish to replace all the windows in the house
- The applicants wish to replace the front entry door of the house
- The replacement windows will be constructed of fiberglass sash with a wood casing
- As much trim as can be saved will be used
- Windows will be mostly the same size with four exceptions
- The applicants wish to install engineered wood siding and soffits
- Ornate cornices will be kept as existing
- The applicants may make porch repairs

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 13th day of February, 2020.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mr. Harbison presented information about an update to the existing comprehensive plan, including a proposed request for proposals (RFP). Following the presentation, a motion was made by Mrs. Lowe to proceed with the advertisement of the RFP. Mr. Scholton seconded the motion. President Pompa called for a vote. The motion passed in a vote of six votes in favor to zero not in favor.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF A SERGEANT: The Chief advised Council that sergeant teting had been completed and that interviews would be conducted by the members of the Civil Service Commission. He requested that Borough Council allow him to proceed with the hire of the best candidate following the completion of the interviews. A motion was made by Mr. Burke to direct the Chief to hire the best sergeant candidate following the completion of the interviews by the Civil Service Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mielnik and President Pompa called for a vote. The motion carried, six votes to zero votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 898: Mr. Gehret advised to changes in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Pension Plan for Borough employees. Ordinance No. 898 will approved the changes. A motion was made by Mr. Burke to adopt Ordinance No. 898. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and a roll call vote

was taken with the following tally:

Mr. Burke – yes
Mrs. Lowe – yes
Mr. Leahey – yes
Mr. Pompa – yes
Mr. Mielnik – yes
Mr. Scholton – yes

The motion was passed, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4: Resolution No. 2020-4 will approve the execution of grant documents accepting a 902 grant to purchase a packer. A motion was made by Mr. Scholton to approve the execution of the grant acceptance documents. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and President Pompa called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION 2020-4

**APPROVING THE
ACCEPTANCE
OF A**

**RECYCLING DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANT UNDER
SECTION 902 OF THE MUNICIPAL WASTE PLANNING, RECYCLING AND WASTE
REDUCTION ACT (ACT 101)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania that the Borough of Hollidaysburg accepts a grant of \$318,838.00 and authorizes Borough Council President Joseph A. Pompa to execute the grant agreement between the Borough of Hollidaysburg and the Department of Environmental Protection;

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 13th day of February, 2020.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

WAIVER TO PENNDOT: PENNDOT requested a waiver from the Borough's noise ordinance so that they may perform work overnight on North Juniata Street this summer. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to waive the noise ordinance regulations for this work. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, six votes to zero votes.

APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE COMMISSION: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to appoint Councilman Scholton to the Police Commission. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and all

voted in favor. The motion was passed, six votes to zero votes.

PHMC NOMINATION OF CHIMNEY ROCKS PARK: Elizabeth Rairigh of the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission was in attendance to discuss the nomination of Chimney Rocks Park to be on the National Register of Historic Places. Following her presentation, a motion was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Leahey to support the nomination of Chimney Rocks Park. A vote was taken and the motion passed, six votes to zero votes.

DISCUSSION: PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVER BRIDGE: Mr. Gehret and Ms. Pope discussed this proposal for a pedestrian crossover bridge to the Canal Basin Park as well as grant funding opportunities. Following the discussion, there was a consensus of Council to proceed with planning and applying for grant funding.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary