

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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; Michele Baker; Walter Kalista, III; James Mielnik; and also Mayor Dodson. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Sergeant Richard Oldham; Attorney Jeff Muriceak; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; and Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey. Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett and Solicitor Nathan Karn were absent.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting held on April 14, 2022 were presented for Council's review and approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Ms. Baker. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, seven votes to zero votes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Gehret advised that he had nothing to add to his report or to the financial report in their agenda binder.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Harbison advised that his monthly report was in the agenda binder. No one had any questions for Mr. Harbison.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS:** Ms. Ramsey updated Borough Council on the status of the planned summer events in the Borough. She gave a sincere thanks to Evey Black Law Offices for their sponsorship of the Farmer's Market, and to the Rotary for a donation.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Richard Latker; 703 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog:** Mr. Latker discussed the Borough and the statute regarding funding of the volunteer fire department.

**Shaun Leydig; 211 Newry Street:** Mr. Leydig discussed that the American flags that his brother, Kelly, had donated to the Borough should be displayed somewhere. He also made an announcement that there will be a Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the American Legion, on May 30, after a two year hiatus.

**OPEN AGENDA:**

Mr. Leahey requested that the discussion regarding sidewalks, discussion regarding a past request of the Old Canal Inn, and the street sweeper be added to the next agenda.

President Pompa requested that the discussion regarding water being discharged into the Borough streets be continued next month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18: CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2022-18 for bill list number 5 totaling \$112,010.60 and the approval of three certificates of appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Leahey to approve Resolution No. 2022-18. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) **Bill List No. 5** dated May 12, 2022 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$112,010.60 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 Council Authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:
  - a. **909 ALLEGHENY STREET– REMODELING – MATT & ANNE DAVIS**
    - Replace shingled roofs of the front and rear porches with standing seam copper
    - Replace existing aluminum gutters and downspouts with copper ones
    - Cap all window pediments with new copper flashing as existing metal flashing has deteriorated and is no longer protecting the wood
  - b. **909 ALLEGHENY STREET–REMODELING – MATT & ANNE DAVIS**
    - Repair damaged front porch floor and railings
    - The porch will be rebuilt the exact same with the same materials
    - This is a contributing structure within the Historic District
  - c. **401 BLAIR STREET– WINDOW REPAIR – THE BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSURG**

- Repair/restore various windows at the Municipal Building

**DULY** adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 14<sup>h</sup> day of April, 2022.

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Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

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Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

**DISCUSSION: BOROUGH SIDEWALKS:** Mr. Gehret advised that a grant application for assistance with sidewalk repair work would be completed for approval at the June meeting as well as a consideration of the Borough's funding contribution for the grant.

**WATER DISCHARGE INTO THE STREETS:** Mr. Harbison advised that at this time that there was no resolution with regard to some properties and he would continue to work on the investigations.

**UPDATE ON 211 ALLEGHENY STREET DANGEROUS STRUCTURE REPAIRS:** Mr. Harbison advised that the owner will start repairs soon.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19 AWARDING THE STONE & BLACKTOP CONTRACTS:** A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to approve Resolution No. 2022-19 awarding the blacktop contract to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. and the stone contract to Grannas Brothers. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and all voted in favor with the resolution passing seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-19  
AWARDING THE 2022 CONTRACT FOR STONE & BLACKTOP MATERIALS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the 2022 contract for Stone is awarded to Grannas Bros. in the amount of \$21,951.25, and the contract for Blacktop Materials is awarded to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. in the amount of \$23,585.50.

**DULY** adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

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Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

**REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHTS ON CHERRY ALLEY:** Council considered a request to have two street lights installed on Cherry Alley near 415 N. Montgomery Street. At this time, Council's consensus was to take no action on the request.

**DISCUSSION: COHEN LAW GROUP PROPOSAL REGARDING THE COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to accept the proposal from the Cohen Law Group to represent the Borough in the negotiation of the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

**DISCUSSION: EVALUATION OF SECOND SHIFT DISPATCH:** Following discussion, Borough Council's consensus was to have the new Chief of Police, when hired, to make an evaluation of and a recommendation regarding the second shift dispatch.

**ADJOURN:** President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

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Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary