

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**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; Brady Leahey; Richard Scholton; Michele Baker; and Joyce Lowe. Also participating: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Borough Solicitor Nathan Karn; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; and Chief Rodney B. Estep.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented for Council's approval. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, seven votes to zero votes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Gehret advised that his reports were in the agenda binder. He discussed the need to advertise for a Parks Maintenance/Class C Operator position. A motion was made by Ms. Baker to advertise for this position. Mr. Scholton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Harbison discussed a possible dangerous structure at 810 and 818 North Montgomery Street. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and seconded by Mr. Mielnik to begin an investigation into the structure. A vote was taken and the motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The Mayor spoke about deteriorating properties in the Borough.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carol Dannenberg from Hollidaysburg Watchdog, 511 Allegheny Street: Ms. Dannenberg spoke negatively about purported recording difficulties for public meetings as unfair to the public and also about 1217 Poplar Avenue and the Zoning Hearing Board.

**OPEN AGENDA:**

Councilman Leahey requested that discussion regarding the 521 Pine Street property be on the June meeting agenda.

Councilman Burke requested that the discussion regarding the reopening process for the Borough's

meetings and building be on the next agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12: CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2021-12 for bill list number 5 totaling \$174,311.65 and seven COAs. A motion was made by Ms. Baker and was seconded by Mr. Milenik to approve Resolution No. 2021-12. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12  
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 20, 2021 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$174,311.65 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Seven Certificates of Appropriateness** are to be Approved and Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:
  - A. **214 ALLEGHENY STREET – REPLACE LOWER REAR ROOF– YODER**
    - Repair/replace rear roof
    - Shingles will be replaced with metal roofing
  - B. **516 ALLEGHENY STREET– REPLACE FRONT SHINGLE STYLE SIGN – MONA FREY**
    - A new sign will be added to an existing bracket
    - The new sign measures 18” across and 12” tall
    - The new sign’s material is aluminum
  - C. **909 ALLEGHENY STREET– REPAIR/RESTORE FOUNDATION – MATT & ANNE DAVIS**
    - Cover existing brick and cement foundation with stone
    - The new stone will match the existing stone foundation
  - D. **909 ALLEGHENY STREET– REPLACE WINDOWS – MATT & ANNE DAVIS**
    - Replace existing single pane windows with energy efficient vinyl windows
  - E. **909 ALLEGHENY STREET– REPAIR/RESTORE FRONT STEPS – MATT & ANNE DAVIS**
    - Repair/restore front steps to original design
  - F. **522 WAYNE STREET– REPLACE THREE WINDOWS – JOSEPH DODSON**
    - Applicant proposes to remove and to replace three vinyl windows
    - The existing vinyl windows will be replaced with vinyl windows
    - The replacement windows will be the same size as the existing windows

**DULY** adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

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Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

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Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

**APPROVE THE HIRE OF MELANIE RAMSEY AS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS:** Mr. Scholton made a motion to approve the hire of Melanie Ramsey as the Director of Community Relations and Events. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13 AWARD THE 2021 STONE & BLACKTOP CONTRACT:** A motion to award the 2021 Stone & Blacktop contract to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the motion passed seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13  
AWARDING THE 2021 CONTRACT FOR STONE & BLACKTOP MATERIALS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the 2021 contract for Stone is awarded to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. in the amount of \$20,980.00, and the contract for Blacktop Materials is awarded to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. in the amount of \$20,681.75.

**DULY** adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

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Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

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Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14 APPROVING A LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE BUILDING:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve Resolution No. 2021-14. Mr. Scholton seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed, seven votes to zero votes.

**APPROVE A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH THE HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING:** A motion to approve this agreement was made by Mr. Leahey and was then seconded by Mr. Mielnik. A vote was taken and the motion passed seven votes to zero votes.

**HIRE OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES WWTP AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** A motion to approve the hire of seasonal employees was made by Mr. Burke. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed seven votes to zero votes.

**SUPPORT LETTER FOR THE BLAIR REGIONAL YMCA EARLY LEARNING BUILDING:** A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the support letter to Congressman Joyce for the Y's project. Mr. Mielnik seconded this motion and all voted in favor, the motion was passed.

**GRETKA REQUEST TO REZONE:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke to move forward with the GRETKA request to rezone property they own in the Borough. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

**DISCUSSION: PETITION REGARDING FEDERAL MANDATE TO REMOVE SEDIMENT FROM STREAMS & WATERWAYS:** A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to sign the petition to request funding for unfunded federal mandates. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed, seven votes to zero votes against.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15 DENYING A COA FOR 909 ALLEGHENY STREET:** Following discussion, a motion was by Mr. Scholton to approve Resolution No. 2021-15. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed, six votes in favor to one vote against.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15  
A RESOLUTION DENYING A  
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS  
FOR  
909 ALLEGHENY STREET**

**WHEREAS**, an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness has been filed with the Borough of Hollidaysburg by Matthew Davis, owner of 909 Allegheny Street (hereinafter referred to as the "APPLICANT"); and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant proposes to replace a front porch rectangular window with two arched vinyl windows to include pediments above both windows; and

**WHEREAS**, the application has been reviewed by the Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB) at its May 6, 2021 meeting and has forwarded a recommendation of denial to Borough Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, defines the following:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.

The building is a contributing resource in the Historic District and the neighborhood streetscape.

2.

The applicant proposes to replace a front porch rectangular window with two arched vinyl windows to include pediments above both windows at 909 Allegheny Street.

3.

The HARB determined the improvements will have a negative impact on the building and the Historic District.

4.

This is the second consideration of this application and the applicants have not provided any compelling reasons to overturn the prior denial.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Permitting the replacement of the front porch rectangular window with two arched vinyl windows to include pediments above both windows would be detrimental to the historic nature of the district, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 27 (zoning ordinance), Part 3, Section 301.8.B(6) of the Hollidaysburg Code of Ordinances, which states that “Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, whenever possible. In the event replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historic, physical or pictorial evidence rather than in conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.”

#### **DECISION**

The request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace a front porch rectangular window with two arched vinyl windows to include pediments above both windows at 909 Allegheny Street is denied. In order for this application to be considered appropriate, the applicant must agree to repair or to replace the existing front porch rectangular window with new material that matches the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of any missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of those features.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for

the replacement of a front porch rectangular window with two arched vinyl windows to include pediments above both windows at 909 Allegheny Street is hereby denied.

**DULY** adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 20th day of May, 2021.

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Joseph A. Pompa  
President

ATTEST:

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Patricia J. Duron  
Secretary

**REPORT ON DANGEROUS STRUCTURE HEARING FOR 215-217 BLAIR STREET:** A report was prepared by Solicitor Karn following the dangerous structure hearing for 215-217 Blair Street. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Leahey. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

**ADJOURN:** President Pompa adjourned this meeting at 7:40 PM.

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Patricia J. Duron, Secretary