

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019
7:00 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; Patrick Plummer; Jeffrey Ketner; Mark L. Shawley; Sean Burke; Joyce Lowe, and Brady Leahey. Others in attendance: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Mayor Joseph R. Dodson; Attorney Nathan Karn, Building Code Official Gerald Harbison, Director of Community Relations & Events Katrina Pope, and Sergeant Bill Sheehan. JoNell Snider was there to transcribe the Public Hearings. Fire Marshal David Zeek and Chief Rodney B. Estep were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Pompa led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES: The minutes dated May 9, 2019 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Mr. Plummer. A vote was taken with the motion carrying in a vote of seven votes to zero votes.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 894: LIBERTY HALL PROPERTIES, LLC : Nathan Karn called the hearing to order. Persons who would testify were sworn in and the exhibits were introduced. Public Comment regarding the petition to amend the zoning map:

1. Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street: in favor.

The hearing was closed at 7:15 PM. Following Council discussion, Mr. Leahey made a motion in favor of adopting Ordinance No. 894. This motion was seconded by Mr. Shawley. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Leahey – yes
Mr. Shawley – yes
Mr. Burke – yes
Mrs. Lowe – yes
Mr. Pompa – yes
Mr. Plummer – yes
Mr. Ketner – yes

The motion carried with seven votes in favor to zero votes against to adopt Ordinance No. 894.

At this time, President Pompa moved to Staff Reports and Special Business as it was not time for the Public Hearing advertised for 7:30 PM.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised everyone to participate in the 2020 census and to get counted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that there was nothing new to report.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Gerald (Jerry) Harbison was welcomed as the new Zoning Officer for the Borough. He advised that his report had been included in the agenda binder.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 895: DANIEL KROKO: Nathan Karn called the hearing to order. Persons who would testify were sworn in and the exhibits were introduced. Public Comment regarding the petition to amend the zoning map:

1. Tony Fink, 316 Walnut Street: not in favor
2. Don Beerbower, 315 Allegheny Street: in favor but has issues with parking that he thinks can be worked out with the petitioner
3. Robert Rea, 415 Wayne Street, representing Rea, Rea and Lashinsky Law Offices: against
4. Alex Hawk, 312 Walnut Street, against
5. Paul Hawk, 906 Garber Street, against
6. Don Delozier, 401 South Juniata Street, in favor
7. Emily Bandstra, 314 Walnut Street, does not want boards removed from windows facing her yard

The hearing was closed at 8:26 PM.

Borough Council discussed the proposed ordinance. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Burke to adopt Ordinance No. 895. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mr. Burke- yes
Mr. Leahey – yes
Mrs. Lowe – no
Mr. Pompa – yes
Mr. Plummer – no
Mr. Shawley – no
Mr. Ketner – no

The motion did not get approved with a vote of four nays to three yeses and Ordinance No. 895 was not adopted.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS: Katrina Pope was welcomed as the Director of Community Relations & Events.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Dave Zeek was not in attendance.

GRANT NICKLAS AWARD: Don Delozier, representing Liberty Hall Properties, was presented the Grant Nicklas Historic Preservation Award for restoration work done at 411 and 413 South Juniata Street. Historic Preservation Commissioner Richard Latker presented the award plaque to Mr. Delozier.

MAYOR: Mayor Dodson reported on his last month's activities and requested donations for the Patriot Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Schaeffer, 606 Blair Street: spoke negatively about water issues at his property that he alleges are due to work performed by PENNDOT.

Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street, representing the Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog: spoke about Mr. Schaeffer's zoning map amendment request, the Presbyterian Home, the primary election results, and the fine for skateboarding.

Jeremy Shrader, Executive Director at the Presbyterian Home, 201 Jackson Street: spoke about the home's proposal to make a parking lot at 214 Jackson Street.

OPEN AGENDA:

Mr. Ketner – Mr. Schaeffer's allegations about the PENNDOT work near his property.
Mayor Dodson – Mr. Schaeffer and PENNDOT allegations about the work near his property.
Proposal that Borough Council purchase the vacant church on Allegheny Street to build a parking lot.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16, CONSENT AGENDA: Resolution no. 2019-16, Consent Agenda, approves Bill List # 6 in the amount of \$315,739.21, six Certificates of Appropriateness, and a final payment approval to BCS Construction. A motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-16 was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16
A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) **Bill List No. 6** dated June 13, 2019 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$315,739.21

consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.

2) **Six Certificates of Appropriateness as follows:**

410 Allegheny Street, Suite 101 – Business Signage

- 24” by 12” Shingle sign from existing bracket
- Decal signage on door measuring 25.14 inches by 5.5 inches high

412 Allegheny Street, Suite 103 – Business Signage

- Shingle sign to measure 24 inches by 12 inches from an existing bracket
- Door sign decal to measure 20” by 8”
- Window signage measuring 30” by 5.5”

422 Allegheny Street – Business Signage

- Sign will measure 30” by 25”, double sided
- The sign will be hung from a new custom bracket

512 Wayne Street – Repointing brick walls, new metal roof, replace wood fence and gate

- All brick walls will be repointed
- Asphalt shingles will be overlaid with a metal roof (not on dormers)
- A wooden fence and gate will be replaced with wood

522 Allegheny Street – Construct an addition to house a beer cooler

- A 6’8” by 18’3 ½” concrete and wood frame addition will be constructed
- A truss and roof with shingles will be built to match existing structure
- All appropriate building (Uniform Construction Code) permits shall be obtained

502 Mulberry Street – Construct a handicapped accessible building

- The building will be 30’ by 32’
- The building will be a single story
- Materials will be cement board hung horizontally
- Cement board will be painted
- All appropriate building (Uniform Construction Code) permits shall be obtained

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 13th day of June, 2019.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Councilman Burke had requested that this item be on the agenda for discussion. Zoning Officer Gerald Harbison was directed to have information for the July 11th

agenda regarding what the comprehensive plan is. Also, the update of the Borough's plan will be added to the budget for 2020.

AMENDMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION COLLECTIVE

BARGAINING AGREEMENT: A motion to approve the amendment to the Police Department Association Collective Bargaining Agreement was made by Mr. Leahey and was then seconded by Mr. Ketner. A vote was taken and the motion passed with seven votes to zero votes.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND NEW OFFICER: Officer Shea Stayer has submitted his resignation from the Hollidaysburg Police Department. At this time, Council took action to instruct the Civil Service Commission to begin the process to create a candidate eligibility list in order to hire a new officer. This motion was made by Mr. Plummer. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESEVATION COMMISSION: A motion was made to appoint Director of Community Relations and Events, Katrina Pope, to the Historic Preservation Commission by Mr. Plummer. Mr. Shawley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, seven votes to zero votes. This term will end on December 31, 2020.

APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: At this time Council entertained a motion to appoint Zoning Officer Gerald Harbison to the Historic Preservation Commission and Historical Architectural Review Board made by Mr. Plummer. Mrs. Lowe seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried, seven votes to zero votes. This term will end on December 31, 2020.

APPROVAL OF PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve a fireworks permit application submitted by Brumbaugh Fireworks Company. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burke. A vote was taken with the motion carrying unanimously, seven votes to zero votes.

VARIANCE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T: A variance agreement was submitted for approval to the Borough as an adjacent property owner from AT&T regarding the Fluke's property in Blair Township. A motion to sign the agreement was made by Mr. Leahey and was then seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17: Katrina Pope requested Council's approval to submit an application for the Arts Project Stream Grant. Resolution No. 2019-17 will approve an application to be submitted for the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Project Stream Grant to request up to \$2,500.00 to further assist with funding the 2020 Downtown LIVE! Concerts. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to approve Resolution No. 2019-17. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion. A vote was taken with the motion carrying unanimously, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION 2019-17
APPROVING
APPLICATION**

**OF
PROJECT STREAM GRANT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG
AND
THE PENNSYLVANIA PARTNERS IN THE ARTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania that the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts Project Stream Grant application request for up to \$2,500.00 be submitted by the Borough to further assist with funding the 2020 Downtown LIVE! Concerts is hereby approved; and

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 13th day of June, 2019.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 9:04 PM.

Patricia J. Duron
Borough Secretary