

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 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; Michele Baker; James Mielnik; and also Mayor Dodson. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Sergeant Richard Oldham; Solicitor Nathan Karn; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; and Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey as well as Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett. Councilman Sean Burke and Councilman Walter Kalista, III were both absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on May 12, 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, five votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that he had provided council with a draft of the duties of the Fire Marshal for their review. He also advised that the Borough needs to switch phone service for the municipal building from Windstream to Breezeline. He advised that the financials are progressing well.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that there will be a conditional use hearing on June 28th. He also advised that he hopes to have a draft of the comprehensive plan update by the end of June. He also gave updates on the status of several dangerous structures in the Borough.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Ms. Ramsey updated Borough Council on the status of events and thanked various sponsors for their support. She announced a Downtown LIVE! Concert that will take place on Thursday, June 16th from 6-9 pm; and a Third in the Burg event for Friday, June 17th from 5 – 8 pm.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett reported on a burning of brush investigation that she responded to in the last month.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson gave thanks to the police department and to Melanie Ramsey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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.

Brian King, Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog, 511 Allegheny Street: Mr. King reported on the group's monthly meeting.

Mark Slonaker, President; Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department: Mr. Slonaker reported on the department's activity. He also announced that due to the high fuel cost, that the department will curtail participating in out of town activities. He requested that the fire department be notified of any dangerous structures within the Borough.

Carol Dannenberg, Country Club Terrace: Ms. Dannenberg thanked the Mayor for his support of an event regarding veteran's suicide prevention.

OPEN AGENDA:

Mr. Leahy requested that the discussion regarding sidewalks, discussion regarding a past request of the Old Canal Inn, and the street sweeper remain on the next agenda.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2022-20 for bill list number 6 totaling \$93,600.07 and the approval of two certificates of appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Ms. Baker to approve Resolution No. 2022-20. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, five votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-20
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. 6** dated June 9, 2022 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$93,600.07 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Two Certificates of Appropriateness** are to be Approved and Council Authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:
 - a. **210 ½ ALLEGHENY STREET– BUSINESS SIGNAGE – INNOVATIVE EXTRACTS, LLC**
 - Apply a 40" round vinyl decal to the store front window
 - This is a contributing structure within the Historic District

- The signage is in compliance with zoning regulations per the district

b. 418 WALNUT STREET-REMODELING – REPLACE SHINGLE ROOF WITH A METAL ROOF- MATTHEW KIRSCH

- Install a metal roof over existing shingles on a residence
- This is a contributing structure within the Historic District
- The project is in compliance with zoning regulations per the district

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 9th day of June, 2022.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: BOROUGH SIDEWALKS: Mr. Gehret advised Council that a draft “sidewalk repair assistance” grant application was included in their agenda binder for their review. Mr. Leahey made a motion that grant money in the amount of \$50,000 for assistance with sidewalk repair be appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion was passed; five votes to zero votes.

WATER DISCHARGE INTO THE STREETS: Mr. Harbison advised that at this time there will be citations issued for some addresses that are in violation of the ordinance.

DISCUSSION: OLD CANAL INN: Mr. Leahey began discussion regarding outdoor amplified music at the Old Canal Inn. He advised that Senate Bill 1212 is under consideration in PA and that this bill will address the issue. The discussion will remain on the agenda in order to provide updates of the progress of the adoption of this bill.

DISCUSSION: BOROUGH’S STREET SWEEPER: Discussion took place regarding the status of the street sweeper and some options for the future.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF A FULL-TIME PUBLIC SAFETY CLERK: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Ms. Baker to hire Ellen Miller as the full-time public safety clerk. A vote was taken and the motion carried, five votes to zero votes.

APPROVE TRANSFERRING PHONE SERVICE AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO BREEZELINE FROM WINDSTREAM: At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Ketner to transfer phone service to Breezeline from Windstream with a three year agreement. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor; five votes to zero votes.

AWARD THE BIDS FOR A USED UTILITY TRUCK AND A USED PAVEMENT ROLLER: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to award the bids for a used utility truck and a used pavement roller to Gordon L. Delozier, Inc. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion was passed, five votes to zero votes.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary