

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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; Richard Scholton; Michele Baker; and Joyce Lowe. Also participating: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Solicitor Jeffrey Muriceak; Sgt. Richard Oldham and Building Code Official Gerald Harbison. Brady Leahey was absent.

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

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Dodson administered the oath of office to newly appointed Councilman Walter Kalitsta, III.

MINUTES: The minutes from the June 10th meeting were presented for Council's approval. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Scholton and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, six votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that his reports were in the agenda binder. He also advised that two new recycling bins and lids are available to residents only through the water and sewer billing office. He advised that the financials are in line with the budget.

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS REPORT: Ms. Ramsey announced that the first Downtown LIVE! Concert will be on July 15th at 6:00 pm and that Night Farmers Market on Friday, July 16th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor welcomed the residents back to the meeting. He reported that new flag holders had been installed at Patriot Park thanks to donations. He introduced Sgt. Oldham.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Dannenberg from Hollidaysburg Watchdog, 511 Allegheny Street: Ms. Danneberg spoke negatively about the Phoenix Fire Company with respect to allegations of malfeasance. She discussed Poplar avenue Residents and neighboring residents who are being impacted negatively by the State

Police Barracks' HVAC unit. She discussed the comprehensive plan update and the community involvement. She spoke negatively about a zoning amendment request from GRETKA Real Estate with regard to "unfair methods".

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street: Mr. Nale made negative comments about the PVFC regarding the Ex-Fire Chief DiBona. He also spoke negatively about the GRETKA Real Estate rezoning request. He thanked the Borough for reopening.

Eric Schmidt, 1303 Pine Street: Mr. Schmidt spoke in support of the PVFC.

William Helsel, 314 Garber Street: Mr. Helsel spoke negatively about deteriorating properties near his home.

OPEN AGENDA: Mr. Leahey was not in attendance but he had advised that he wishes to have discussion regarding the Old Canal Inn and outdoor music on the next agenda for discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2021-17 for bill list number 7 totaling \$90,940.33 and three COAs. A motion was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Scholton to approve Resolution No. 2021-17. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-17
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. 7** dated July 8, 2021 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$90,940.33 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. **405 MULBERRY STREET – REPLACE ROOF– BURKHOLDER ANTIQUES**
 - Overlay a shingle roof with a metal roof
 - B. **217 BLAIR STREET– REBUILD FRONT PORCH –SCOT MCAFEE**
 - Rebuild the front porch
 - The leaning brick wall of the porch will be repaired with block and stucco
 - C. **405 NORTH MONTGOMERY STREET– RE-ESTABLISH A GARAGE DOOR IN THE FRONT WALL OF THE BUILDING – SAM THURAU**
 - Re-establish a garage door on front wall of the building

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 8^h day of July, 2021.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE REPORTS 521 PINE STREET & 810 & 818 NORTH MONTGOMERY STREET: Mr. Harbison advised that the Borough Engineer had made investigations of 521 Pine and 810 & 818 N. Montgomery Streets that establish the properties as dangerous structures according to the Borough Code. Council had a consensus to hold a Show Cause Hearing on August 10, probably at 6:00 pm. The hearing will be advertised.

PURDUE PHARMA CLAIM: Attorney Muriceak updated Council on the court outcome regarding this case. A motion that Council accept the plan established by the court with respect to claims was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Scholton. A vote was taken and the motion passed six votes to zero votes.

AMTRAN 2022 FUNDING REQUEST: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve the 2022 funding request from AMTRAN in the amount of \$15,039.00. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed six votes to zero votes.

ELECT A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE: With the resignation of Joyce Lowe, the President Pro Tempore office needed to be fulfilled. A motion was made by Mr. Burke to nominate Brady Leahy. This motion was seconded by Mr. Scholton. A vote was taken and the motion passed six to zero.

APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE HOLLIDAYSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION: A motion was made by Ms. Baker to appoint Michael Selvenis to a vacant term on the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18 CANAL BASIN PARK GATEWAY CONNECTOR BRIDGE MULTIMODAL GRANT FUNDING REQUEST: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve Resolution No. 2021-18. This motion was seconded by Ms. Baker. A vote was taken and the motion passed six votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND
GRANT
FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY
TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL BASIN PARK
GATEWAY/CONNECTOR BRIDGE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania that the Borough requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant of 2.1 million dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Financing Authority to be used for the construction of the Canal Basin Park Gateway/Connector Bridge and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg does hereby designate Joseph A. Pompa, President and Sean M. Burke, Vice President as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Hollidaysburg and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 8th day of July, 2021.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

I, Patricia J. Duron, duly appointed Secretary of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, PA, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2021-18 adopted by a majority vote of the Hollidaysburg Borough Council at a regular meeting held July 8, 2021 and said resolution has been recorded in the minutes of the Borough of Hollidaysburg and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 8th day of July, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19 AND COMMITMENT LETTER HOLLIDAYSBURG REVOLVING LOAN FUND: A motion was made by Mr. Scholton to approve this resolution and commitment letter to loan funds to JJ Keller Limited Family Partnership for a project for the former Methodist Church property at 400 Allegheny Street. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and Council voted. The motion passed unanimously, six votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION 2021-19
AUTHORIZING A COMMITMENT TO LEND FUNDS FROM THE
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH REVOLVING LOAN FUND
TO THE
JJ KELLER LIMITED FAMILY PARTNERSHIP**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania that the Borough intends to loan JJ Keller Limited Family Partnership an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 at a rate of 2.00% per annum for a period of fifteen (15) years from the Hollidaysburg Borough Revolving Loan Fund, with the final amount and terms to be set forth in a final commitment executed by the parties after JJ Keller Limited Family Partnership has obtained final project costs and other funding sources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania that the loan shall be guaranteed by all general and limited partners and their spouses of JJ Keller

Limited Family Partnership;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution of the final commitment as well as all documents required with respect to the loan closing is authorized and that the Borough Council President shall execute the same on behalf of the Borough.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 8th day of July, 2021.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

ADJOURN: At 7:35 pm, President Pompa announced an executive session to discuss personnel. They will not be returning.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary