

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
7:30 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Joseph A. Pompa, a little later than expected due to the conditional use hearing that was begun at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: A quorum was present including members of Council as follows: Joseph A. Pompa; Brady Leahey; James Mielnik; Richard A. Scholton; Sean Burke; Michele Baker; and Joyce Lowe. Also participating: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Attorney Jeff Muriceak; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; Chief Rodney B. Estep; and Director of Community Relations & Events Katrina Pope. Fire Marshal David Zeek was absent. Attorney Nathan Karn was absent.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that his manager's report was in their agenda binder. At this time, he gave an update on the 7:00 PM conditional use hearing that had been curtailed due to technical difficulties. The hearing will be held in person in a larger venue and at a date to be announced, and will be advertised to take place prior to the September 10th Borough Council Meeting.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that the Borough was slightly behind on earned income revenue.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that he would have recommendations as to the comprehensive plan update prepared for next month's council meeting.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Ms. Pope advised that at this time the August Downtown LIVE! Concert is canceled. She requested that council members email her with their opinion, comments, and/or recommendations with regard to holding the annual Pumpkinfest event this year.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported that Jim and he had worked on the Slinky portion of the video shoot for a small business and small towns video. He is also working on a project at Patriot Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street; Community Watchdog: Mr. Latker spoke about a right to know request regarding the firms who had responded to the request for proposals for the comprehensive plan update, the Watchdog's lawsuit with the Zoning Hearing Board, and the Zoning Hearing Board members.

OPEN AGENDA:

Brady Leahey: Discussion regarding electronic equipment for meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2020-16 for bill list number 8 totaling \$162,504.54 and one COA. A motion was made by Mr. Scholton and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik to approve Resolution No.2020-16, approving payment of Bill List number 8. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16
A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) **Bill List No. 8** dated August 13, 2020 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$162,504.54 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **One Certificate of Appropriateness** is to be Approved and Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:
 - A. **317 North Montgomery Street — Replacement Windows – Madeline Bayne**
 - Replace 16 wooden windows screened in porch
 - Replacements will be double hung vinyl windows

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 13th day of August, 2020.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

CDBG: Trina Illig was present to discuss the CDBG Cares Act Funding and the CDBG CV Funds. She advised that Blair County is requesting an extension to the August 31st deadline until the end of October to choose a project for funding. Borough Council discussed requesting to use the funding as 70% housing rehab and 30% urgent public service projects at this time in case the extension is not granted. A motion for this request was made by Mrs. Lowe and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the motion carried, seven votes to zero votes.

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE INVESTIGATION 408 BEAVER STREET: Mr. Harbison discussed the condition of this property following a fire there. A motion was made by Mr. Scholton and was seconded by Ms. Baker to authorize Mr. Harbison to proceed with the investigation. A vote was taken and all voted in favor with the motion carrying seven votes to zero votes.

RESIGNATION OF STEVE MARTZ FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: Long-time member of the Planning Commission Steve Martz had recently tendered his resignation from the commission due to relocating from Hollidaysburg. A motion to accept his resignation was made by Ms. Baker and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik. A vote was taken and all members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary