

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020
7:00 PM

TELECONFERENCE MEETING/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; Brady Leahey; James Mielnik; Richard A. Scholton; Sean Burke and Michele Baker. Also present: Borough Manager Jim Gehret. Others in attendance via telephone: Mayor Joseph Dodson; Councilwoman Joyce Lowe; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Borough Solicitor Nathan Karn; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; Chief Rodney B. Estep; Fire Marshal David Zeek; and Director of Community Relations & Events Katrina Pope.

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

MINUTES: The minutes dated May 14, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Mr. Scholton. The president asked for a vote and the motion carried in a vote of seven votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that his manager's report was in their agenda binder.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that the financials were included in the agenda binders.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that his report was in the agenda binder. He also advised that he is scheduling a virtual meeting for a Zoning Hearing Board appeal on June 24, 2020.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Ms. Pope advised that she was the annual Farmers' Market began on June 9th with many vendors selling out.

FIRE MARSHAL: Dave Zeek reported on a problem with a recreational burn causing smoke disturbance on Allegheny Street. He reported no fires in the Borough.

EMA COORDINATOR: Dave Zeek commended the Chief in the handling of the peaceful protests held recently.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Susan Dinges, 412 Holiday Hills Drive: Spoke about speeding in Holiday Hills and requested a speed hump.

Richard Latker, Watch Dog, 703 Allegheny Street, 511 Allegheny Street: Spoke about the Watch

Dog's lawsuit against the Zoning Hearing Board and McLanahan Corporation and about the application for a lot merge; hoping that no special favors will be granted.

Nadeen Nerenberg, 205 BelAire Road: Spoke about her application for a subdivision plan that had recently been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street: Spoke in favor of the approval of a lot merge application for the Presbyterian Home, and in favor of curbs and vegetation on the plan.

OPEN AGENDA: No one had anything.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor thanked the Hollidaysburg Police Department for their work.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2020-10 for bill list number 6 totaling \$82,106.82 and two COAs'. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Ms. Baker to approve Resolution No.2020-10, approving payment of Bill List number 6. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10
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 11, 2020 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$82,106.82 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 Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:
 - A. 522-24 Allegheny Street –Roof Replacement – Sunoco –Rajendra Patel**
 - The applicant will overlay a blue metal over the existing shingle roof
 - The application is consistent with zoning regulations
 - B. 310 Wayne Street – Roof Replacement – Terri Riggle**
 - The applicant wishes to replace a shingle roof with a green seamless metal roof

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 11th day of June, 2020.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICE ASSOCIATION: A motion was made by Mr. Burke for the execution of the collective bargaining agreement with the Hollidaysburg Police Association. Mr. Leahy seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11, APPROVE A PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN FOR NADEEN NERENBERG, 205 BELAIRE ROAD: A motion was made by Mr. Scholton to approve Resolution No. 2020-11 to approve a preliminary/final subdivision plan for 205 BelAire Road. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and all voted in favor and the motion carried seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11
APPROVING A MINOR SUBDIVISION/ LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN
FOR NADEEN A. NERENBERG 205 BEL AIRE ROAD, HOLLIDAYSBURG**

WHEREAS, an application for a MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN has been filed with the Borough of Hollidaysburg by Nadeen A. Nerenberg, property owner of 205 Bel Aire Road, Hollidaysburg and identified as tax parcel 11.07-12-003.00-000 (hereinafter referred to as the DEVELOPER); and

WHEREAS, the DEVELOPER desires to consolidate three (3) parcels described on a deed in Blair County Deed Book Volume 1172 at Page 790, 205 Bel Aire Road, and resubdivide to create two new lots – “Lot A” containing 15,479 square feet, 91 feet of frontage and the existing dwelling and driveway – “Lot B” containing 12,587 square feet and 74 feet of frontage (hereinafter referred to as the PROJECT); and

WHEREAS, the DEVELOPER has filed an application for a MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN approval of the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, Borough Staff has reviewed the proposed MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN and has found it to be in full compliance, as a MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN with all applicable provisions of the Borough's Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission reviewed the proposed MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN at its June 2, 2020 meeting, and has forwarded a recommendation for CONDITIONAL APPROVAL to Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the DEVELOPER has requested that the requirement of SALDO Section 403.1.F to show contours at two foot intervals on the plan be waived, and the Planning Commission finds the request justified as the scope the project does not warrant contour information since there are no improvements or construction; and

WHEREAS, the DEVELOPER has requested that the requirement of SALDO Section 602.5

to install sidewalks be waived since there are no sidewalks in the vicinity, and the Planning Commission is persuaded that a sidewalk deferral and not a waiver is appropriate at this time; and

WHEREAS, otherwise; BOROUGH COUNCIL has determined that the MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN constitutes a MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN in full compliance with the Hollidaysburg Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the BOROUGH has the power to APPROVE a MINOR SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN deemed to be in conformance with the Hollidaysburg Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the application and submission, as filed by the Developer, is hereby approved subject to the DEVELOPER following conditions:

1. That the applicant addresses to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer, the comments of the Borough Engineer, as contained in Mr. Gary Wisor's review letter dated May 27, 2020.
2. That the applicant obtains a letter from the PA Department of Environment Protection approving a sewage facilities planning module or an exemption letter from the planning requirements.

The requirement of SALDO Section 403.1.F to show contours at two foot intervals on the plan is hereby waived by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg.

The requirement of SALDO Section 602.5 to install sidewalks within the street right-of-way is hereby deferred until such time as the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg deems the improvement necessary.

DULY approved by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 11th day of June, 2020.

Joseph A. Pompa, Council President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12, TO APPROVE A PRELIMINARY/FINAL PLAN FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR A RESUBDIVISION: A motion was made by Mrs. Lowe to approve Resolution No. 2020-12 and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12
APPROVING A RESUBDIVISION/ LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN
FOR PRESBYTERIAN HOMES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON &
PRESBYTERIAN HOMES IN THE PRESBYTERY OF HUNTINGDON, INC.
502 BETTS STREET AND 214 JACKSON STREET, HOLLIDAYSBURG

WHEREAS, an application for a RESUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN has been filed with the Borough of Hollidaysburg by Presbyterian Senior Living, applicant for Presbyterian Homes In The Presbytery of Huntingdon property owner of 214 Jackson Street, and Presbyterian Homes In The Presbytery of Huntingdon, Inc. property owner of 502 Betts Street, Hollidaysburg and identified as tax parcels 11.06-06-037.00-000 and 11.06-06-037.00-000 (hereinafter referred to as the DEVELOPER); and

WHEREAS, the DEVELOPER desires to merge two (2) separate parcels described on Deed Instrument Nos. 201712144 and 201913126, 214 Jackson Street of 0.142 acres and 502 Betts Street of 0.078 acres, into one lot composed of approximately 0.220 acres (hereinafter referred to as the PROJECT); and

WHEREAS, the DEVELOPER has filed an application for a RESUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN approval of the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, Borough Staff has reviewed the proposed RESUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN and has found it to be in full compliance, as a RESUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN with all applicable provisions of the Borough's Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission reviewed the proposed RESUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN at its June 2, 2020 meeting, and has forwarded a recommendation for CONDITIONAL APPROVAL to Borough Council contingent upon the DEVELOPER adequately complying with any conditions of approval identified in the plan review letter dated April 22, 2020 prepared by the borough's engineer Stiffler McGraw, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the DEVELOPER has requested that the requirement of SALDO Section 403.1.F to show contours at two foot intervals on the plan be waived, and the Planning Commission finds the request justified as the scope the project does not warrant contour information since there are no improvements or construction; and

WHEREAS, the DEVELOPER has requested that the requirement of SALDO Sections 403.1.I and 506 to provide a fifteen foot wide perimeter utility easement be waived, and the Planning Commission is persuaded that the request has merit due to the scope the project and the fact that existing utilities are located within adjacent streets; and

WHEREAS, otherwise; BOROUGH COUNCIL has determined that the RESUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN constitutes a RESUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN in full compliance with the Hollidaysburg Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the BOROUGH has the power to APPROVE a RESUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION PLAN deemed to be in conformance with the Hollidaysburg Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the application and submission, as filed by the Developer, is hereby approved and the requirements of SALDO Section 403.1.F to show contours at two foot intervals on the plan and SALDO Sections 403.1.I and 506 to provide a fifteen foot wide perimeter utility easement are hereby waived.

DULY approved by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 11th day of June, 2020.

Joseph A. Pompa, Council President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary

APPOINT MICHAEL SELVENIS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMISSION (HPC): A motion was made by Ms. Baker to appoint Mr. Selvenis to fulfill an unexpired term on the HPC. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

DISCUSSION: BOROUGH MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: There was discussion about the renewal of Mr. Gehret's employment contract. Mayor Dodson and Councilman Scholton noted the manager's excellent work and Mayor Dodson thanked him. It was the consensus of Council that President Pompa will begin discussions regarding a new two year employment contract with Mr. Gehret, at this time.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary