

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023, 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; Brady Leahey; Michele Baker; James Mielnik; Jeffrey Ketner; Walter Kalista, III and Sean Burke. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; Solicitor Nathan W. Karn, Sr.; Chief Christopher Storm; and Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey. Mayor Dodson participated by phone. Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on January 12, 2023 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, seven votes to zero votes.

AMEND THE AGENDA: President Pompa explained that due to a request received late Wednesday, February 8th in the afternoon by the Borough engineer following conversations with the Commonwealth Finance Authority regarding the grant for the storm water project in Gaysport/Penn Farms, we need to amend the current agenda to add Resolution No. 2023-7 regarding the COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA Program Grant Application, which will rescind the resolution we passed in December and authorize a grant solely for the Gaysport portion of the project with the Penn Farms portion being undertaken by Blair Township. President Pompa further advised that the specifics would be discussed later under old business, but that they needed to proceed under the Sunshine Act to amend the agenda at this time, which requires a motion, second and a vote. A motion to amend the agenda was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Ms. Baker. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that there will be no financial reports until after the audit.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that his report was in the agenda binder. He announced that a conditional use hearing will take place on February 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS REPORT: Ms. Ramsey announced the Annual Cruise-In for May 26, 2023. At this time, she is working on acquiring grants, sponsorships and

planning the summer events. She announced that the Hometown Hero Banner Campaign was open and that applications would be accepted until April 7, 2023.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett was absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson expressed a thank you to the police department via the telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stan Neal; 142 Beaver Street: Spoke about the Minnie Ditch.

Elda Jean Boose; 121 Bedford Street: Thanked Borough Council for the stormwater management project for Gaysport and thanked the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee for their efforts toward stormwater management.

Regis Nale; 202 Spruce Street: Discussed the Comprehensive Plan's Planning Procedures.

Mark Slonaker, PVFD: Presented the PVFD Monthly Report. Thanked everyone for their continuing support.

OPEN AGENDA:

Ms. Baker: Flooding in Gaysport.

Mr. Pompa: Water discharge to the streets.

Mayor: Speeding on BelAire Dr. and students failing to yield at N. Montgomery Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-5: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2023-5 for bill list number 2 totaling \$368,119.42. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Kalista to approve Resolution No. 2023-5. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-5
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. 2** dated February 9, 2023 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$368,119.42 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 9th day of February, 2023.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mr. Burke offered a summary of the Comp Plan Steering Committee meeting that was held on February 7, 2023. Mr. Harbison advised that Council will need to extend the contract with Gannett-Fleming.

WATER DISCHARGE INTO THE STREETS: Mr. Harbison advised that the issue on Hickory Street was resolved. He arranged a meeting with the property owner on Allegheny Street to discuss the violation there.

STORMWATER/BEDFORD STREET UPDATE: Nothing new to add.

BOROUGH SIDEWALKS: The Borough received two grant applications so far this year.

STREET SWEEPER: Mr. Gehret advised that the street sweeper has been taken apart for the winter to have maintenance work performed.

SR0036 PENN STREET/LOGAN BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COST SHARING AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the agreement when it is prepared for execution. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried with six votes in favor and one against.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-7 RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2022-47 AND REQUESITNG A COVID-19 ARPA H20 PA PROGRAM GRANT: A motion was made by Ms. Baker and was seconded by Mr. Kalista to approve Resolution No. 2023-7. A vote was taken and the motion carried with seven votes in favor.

Resolution No. 2023- 7
Requesting a COVID-19 ARPA H20 PA Program Grant
From the Commonwealth Financing Authority
To be used for the Gaysport Stormwater Improvements

Be it RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 2022-47 is rescinded.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hollidaysburg Borough Council of Blair County does

hereby request a COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA Program grant of \$707,250.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Gaysport Stormwater Improvements.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Joseph A. Pompa, Council President and Jim Gehret, Borough Manager as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Hollidaysburg Borough Council and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Engineer, Stiffler McGraw, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit the grant application (Web Application #9496013) to the Commonwealth Financing Authority on behalf of Hollidaysburg Borough.

Joseph A. Pompa, Council President
Attest:

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary

I, Patricia J. Duron, duly qualified Secretary of the Hollidaysburg Borough Council, Blair County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Hollidaysburg Borough Council at a regular meeting held February 9, 2023 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Hollidaysburg Borough Council and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Hollidaysburg Borough Council this 9th day of February, 2023.

Hollidaysburg Borough Council
Name of Applicant

Blair
County

Secretary

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CLEVELAND BROTHERS FOR THE GENERATOR: A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to approve the maintenance agreement with Cleveland Brothers for the year 2023. Mr. Leahey seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6 APPROVING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH PENNDOT: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik to approve Resolution No. 2023-6. A vote was taken with the motion passing seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the President of Borough Council be authorized and directed to submit the attached Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement, to submit future modifications to the attached Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement, and to submit future Applications for Traffic Signal Approval either in writing or via electronic signature, to the Department of Transportation and to sign this Agreement on behalf of Borough of Hollidaysburg.

Borough of Hollidaysburg

Attest:

Signature Date

Borough Secretary

By: _____
Signature Date

Council President

HIRE JOSEPH HERR AS A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to hire Mr. Herr as a school crossing guard upon the recommendation of the Hollidaysburg Education Agency. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mielnik and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor.

LIGHT IT UP GREEN CAMPAIGN: Missy Peters was in attendance on the behalf of Blair Health Choices to request that they could display green ribbons the parking meters to recognize Mental Health Awareness Month in May. Mr. Leahey made a motion to allow Blair Health Choices to place green ribbons on the parking meters in May. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and a vote was held. The motion passed with seven votes in favor.

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

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary