

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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; Sean Burke; Jeffrey Ketner; Brady Leahey; Michelle Baker; and James Mielnik. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Solicitor Nathan Karn; Sgt. Richard Oldham; Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey; and Building Code Official Gerald Harbison. Councilman Walter Kalista, III participated by telephone.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the October 14th meeting were presented for Council's approval. A motion to approve these 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.

MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that his reports were in the agenda binder. He also advised that there was an article in the *Altoona Mirror* newspaper that day regarding the 911 Trail that may interest Borough Council.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison's reports were in their meeting agenda binders. He advised that a request to amend the Traffic Code (Chapter 15) to include a handicapped parking space on Union Street was made by the American Rescue Mission. As there are other items to be amended in Chapter 15, this will be a November agenda item. The Comprehensive Plan Update consultants will hold public workshops on October 15th and at the PumpkinFest on Saturday. He also reported on Dangerous Structure Hearings held regarding 210 Allegheny Street and 818 N. Montgomery Street. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to amend the current meeting agenda to add ***Discussion on properties at 210 Allegheny Street and 818 N. Montgomery Street pursuant to dangerous structure status.*** This motion was seconded by Mr. Ketner and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against and the agenda was amended. Following discussion about 210 Allegheny Street and 818 N. Montgomery Street, a motion was made by Mr. Leahey to proceed with the Borough to make repairs to 210 Allegheny Street and 818 N. Montgomery Street and place a lien on the properties for the costs. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ketner and a vote was taken. The motion was passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Melanie updated all about the PumpkinFest scheduled for Saturday.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett thanked Council for her appointment to the office.

2020 AUDIT REPORT: Chris Shyrock, of YOBCO, reviewed the 2020 Borough Audit.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson thanked all for the Patriot Park donations. He reminded all that Trick or Treat Night is October 28th. He presented a donation for Winterfest to the Borough from the American Legion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Latker, Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog, 703 Allegheny Street: Mr. Latker congratulated Mrs. Duron on her pending appointment as the Open Records Officer. He discussed the Shade Tree Commission with respect to a sidewalk deterioration situation on Penn Street. He also discussed negatively the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company regarding felony convictions and their finances. He spoke about the rezoning request from GRETKA Realty and also the comprehensive plan update process and Gannett Fleming consultants.

OPEN AGENDA: No one had anything for the next agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2021-23 for bill list number 10 totaling \$143,559.99 and five Certificates of Appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik to approve Resolution No. 2021-23. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

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. 10** dated October 14, 2021 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$143,559.99 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Five Certificates of Appropriateness** are to be Approved and Council Authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:

400 ALLEGHENY STREET– DEMO SHED & FENCE, REMOVE VEGETATION, REPAIR DRAINAGE – JJ KELLER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

- Demo existing shed and fencing
- Remove tree and other vegetation in rear yard
- Excavation repair of drainage issues in rear yard

321 ALLEGHENY STREET– COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SIGNAGE – PAIGE PADULA

- Use wood block lettering for window sign

413 JONES STREET– REPLACE SOFFIT AND FASCIA ON UPPER MAIN ROOF– PRISCILLA DANIELL

- Repair/replace rotted wooden fascia and soffit of upper main roof
- Repair/replace wood on the front and side porches (in kind)

118 MONTGOMERY STREET– REPOINT BRICK– DAN KLINGBEIL

- Repoint exterior brick

709 ALLEGHENY STREET– REPLACE ONE REAR WINDOW– GEORGE FOSTER

- Replace one kitchen window in the rear of the home

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 14^h day of October, 2021.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

ABCD MANAGING THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND: The group discussed the proposals, identified as scenario #1 and #2. Following this discussion, a motion was made to prepare an agreement using scenario #1 to be considered at the November Council Meeting by Mr. Burke. This motion was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the motion carried seven votes to zero votes.

DISCUSSION: PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Councilman Jim Mielnik presented an update regarding a meeting with members of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department.

DISCUSSION: PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Council members advised the Manager to move forward with the preparation of the final 2022 budget at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24 CDBG APPLICATION: A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2021-24 for the submission of the CDBG Application by Mr. Burke. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor.

COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH BLAIR COUNTY FOR THE CDBG

ADMINISTRATION: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve the agreement with Blair County for CDBG administration. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mielnik and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor.

APPOINT PATRICIA DURON AS THE OPEN RECORDS OFFICER: A motion to appoint Patricia Duron as the Open Records Officer for the Borough was made by Mr. Ketner. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried with seven votes.

REQUEST TO RELEASE FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR PRESBYTERIAN SR. LIVING PARKING LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to release \$54,830 to the Presbyterian Sr. Living, retaining \$5,000. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes.

APPROVE A WAGE INCREASE FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE & A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLIDAYSBURG POLICE ASSOCIATION: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve a wage increase for Sgt. Oldham as the Officer in Charge and the memorandum of understanding with the Hollidaysburg Police Association. Ms. Baker seconded this motion and a vote was taken. All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

OFFICER VANOUTRYVE LETTER OF RESIGNATION: Officer Vanoutryve submitted a resignation letter, effective October 11, 2021. Mr. Ketner made a motion to accept Officer Vanoutryve's resignation. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION: POTENTIAL HIRE OF NEW POLICE OFFICER: Mr. Leahey made a motion that the Borough advertises for a new chief of police and to advise the Civil Service Commission to begin the process to create a new officer eligibility list. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25 TO APPROVE A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve Resolution no. 2021-25 approving the preliminary engineering agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried with seven votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26 APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT: A motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-26 to request a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik. A vote was taken with the motion passing unanimously.

ADJOURN: This meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary