

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**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; Brady Leahey; Richard Scholton; Michele Baker; and Joyce Lowe. Also participating: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Borough Solicitor Nathan Karn; and Building Code Official Gerald Harbison.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 advised that Mockenhaupt Benefits Group had been in correspondence with him regarding changes to the actuarial assumption for the 2021 actuarial variance for the police pension plan. This item would be addressed later in the meeting. Mr. Gehret advised that the monthly financials were good.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Harbison discussed a possible public hearing for a rezoning request that may be scheduled for July.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS REPORT:** Ms. Ramsey advised that there will be a Night Farmers Market on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The Mayor requested an executive session of the Borough Manager and elected officials following the regular meeting to discuss personnel. He also thanked Mr. Harbison for doing a good job and working so hard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Richard Latker from Hollidaysburg Watchdog, 511 Allegheny Street:** Mr. Latker spoke negatively about the Phoenix Fire Company, the fire company's purchase and use of the fire siren, and the proposed rezoning request from GRETKA with respect to the update of the comprehensive plan in the Borough.

**OPEN AGENDA:** Nothing.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16: CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2021-16 for bill list number 6 totaling \$780,570.44 and three COAs. A motion was made by Ms. Baker and was seconded by Ms. Lowe to approve Resolution No. 2021-16. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16  
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. 6** dated June 10, 2021 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$780,570.47 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 Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:
  - A. **513 ALLEGHENY STREET – REPLACE ROOF– CENPENN REALTY**
    - Replace shingle roof
    - New roof will be metal
  - B. **519 ALLEGHENY STREET– REPLACE WINDOWS – RANDALL GREEN**
    - Replace vinyl windows
    - Replacement windows will be Anderson 100 series vinyl windows
  - C. **309 ALLEGHENY STREET– BUSINESS SIGNAGE – SUZANNE PEQUIGNOT**
    - Install a commercial shingle style sign
    - Sign will not extend more than two feet from the building
    - Vinyl adhesive signage will be placed in the windows
    - The window signage will not cover more than 20% of the glazed area
    - An existing flush façade sign will be updated with business name and new colors

**DULY** adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

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Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

**DISCUSSION: REOPENING THE BOROUGH:** Council discussed again this month about the reopening of the municipal building and the meetings to the public. The plan is to open July 6, 2021. It was recommended that the CDC guidelines will be followed.

**MOCKENHAUPT ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE POLCIE PENSION PLAN FOR 2021:** A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to move forward with an actuarial study of impact of recommended changes. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

**APPOINT MELANIE RAMSEY TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke to sign the petition to request funding for unfunded federal mandates. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed, seven votes to zero votes against.

**APPOINT SARAH CRIST AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BLAIR COUNTY TAX COMMITTEE:** A motion was made by Mr. Milenik and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the motion passed seven to zero.

**DISCUSSION: 521 PINE STREET:** The deteriorating condition of this house was discussed. Mr. Harbison advised that he advised having a dangerous structure investigation of the structure. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to proceed with the investigation. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed seven votes to zero votes. Mr. Leahey proposed that a committee of three be formed to discuss what can be done about deteriorating conditions of properties. Mr. Mielnik, Ms. Baker and Mr. Leahey volunteered to be on this committee.

**COUNCIL WOMAN LOWE'S RESIGNATION:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke to accept the resignation and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the motion passed seven votes to zero votes.

**FILL THE VACANCY OF JOYCE LOWE ON BOROUGH COUNCIL:** A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to appoint Walter Kalista to fill the vacant term of Joyce Lowe on Borough Council. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion passed seven votes to zero votes.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Harbison advised he needs Council Member volunteers for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Mr. Burke volunteered and suggested that Walter Kalista may volunteer if requested. Staff will contact him about this.

**COVID 19 ARPA APPLICATION:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke to submit the application for Covid 19 ARPA funding. Ms. Baker seconded and they voted. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** At 7:40 pm, President Pompa announced an executive session. They will not be returning.