

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019
7:00 PM
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; Patrick Plummer; Jeffrey Ketner; Mark L. Shawley; Sean Burke; and Brady Leahey. Others in attendance: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Mayor Joseph R. Dodson; Attorney Jeff Muriceak; and Chief Rodney B. Estep, Jr. Joyce Lowe and Borough Solicitor Nathan Karn were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Pompa led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Patrick Rabits, who passed recently.

MINUTES: The minutes dated January 10, 2019 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken with the motion carrying in a vote of six votes to zero votes.

OATHS OF OFFICE: Mayor Dodson administered the oath of office to William Sheehan, newly promoted to Sergeant and new hire, Bryan Ketner, patrolman.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret updated Council on the PENNDOT sidewalk project.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret's advised that no financial report will be available until after the audit.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that a want ad had been placed seeking a zoning administrator/code enforcement officer.

MAIN STREET MANAGER: Ms. Futrick had resigned so no report was available.

FIRE MARSHAL: Dave Zeek was not in attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Talked about Black History Month and Dr. Daniel Hale Williams' history in the Borough of Hollidaysburg. He also reported that the directional signs to the VA Hospital in the Borough had been unveiled.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Richard Latker, Hollidaysburg Watch Dog Group, 703 Allegheny Street: Spoke about the group's support of Mr. Schaeffer, 606 Blair Street, in his petition to rezone parcels on Blair Street within the block that he resides.

- Bill Brenner, 507 Montgomery Street: Expressed his opposition to the demolition of a home in Gaysport.

OPEN AGENDA:

- Patrick Plummer: *Announced that the SCCBA meeting had been postponed until the end of April.*

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2019-2 for bill list number 2 totaling \$485,0798, two Certificates of Appropriateness, and the appointment of Patricia J. Duron as the interim zoning officer. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Plummer to approve Resolution No. 2019-2. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) **Bill List No. 2** dated February 14, 2019 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$485,079.87 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Two Certificates of Appropriateness as follows:**
 - 520 Wayne Street –**
 - Replace the aluminum siding with new vinyl siding
 - Replace broken vinyl windows with new vinyl windows
 - Replace the front porch deck boards with new wood deck boards painted to match
 - 101 Montgomery Street –**
 - Demolish the entire structure (old barn)
- 3) **Appoint Patricia J. Duron** as the interim Zoning Officer.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 14th day of February 14, 2019.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 890 AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE: Following the presentation of the advertised ordinance by Mr. Plummer, Chair of the Permit Parking Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Leahey to table Ordinance No. 890. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burke and a vote was taken. The motion to table was passed with a vote of six votes in favor to zero votes against.

DISCUSSION: VAPING/E-CIGARETTE ORDINANCE: Chief Estep introduced amendments to Part 1, Chapter 6, Possession and Use of Tobacco by Minors. Following the presentation of the amendments, there was a consensus of Council to proceed with advertising the ordinance.

HARB/HPC APPOINTMENT: At this time, a motion to appoint Adam Conrad to fill a vacancy on the HARB and on the HPC was made by Mr. Plummer. This motion was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously, six votes to zero votes.

MAIN STREET MANAGER RESIGNATION: Jordan Futrick submitted her resignation as the Main Street Manager. At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Plummer to accept the resignation. Mr. Shawley seconded the motion. A vote was taken with the motion passing, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-3 REQUESTING A TIME EXTENSION TO THE KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

Due to the turnover in the Main Street Manager position, the Borough is requesting an extension to be able to use the remaining monies of the \$50,000.00 Keystone Communities/Façade Improvement Grant. The contract will currently expire on June 30, 2019. The extension will allow the monies to be used through June 30, 2020. A motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-3 was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Shawley. A vote was taken and the motion was passed, six votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-3
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A TIME EXTENSION TO THE KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES/FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Hollidaysburg Borough Council is the official governing body for the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hollidaysburg has received a Keystone Communities/Façade Improvement Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order for the Borough to continue the Keystone Communities/Façade Improvement Grant funding, the Borough is hereby requesting a time extension from the Department of Community and Economic Development until June 30, 2020.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 14th day of February, 2019.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-4 AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP): Mr. Gehret discussed this grant application. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Shawley and was seconded by Mr. Plummer. A vote was taken and the motion carried, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION 2019-4

**APPROVING
APPLICATION
OF
AN ACT 101, SECTION 902 GRANT
BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania that the grant application request for the DEP Act 101, Section 902 Grant, submitted by the Borough to further develop the recycling and composting programs with the assistance of the Intermunicipal Relations Committee (IRC), and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), is hereby approved; and **DULY** adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 14th day of February 14, 2019.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR 1313 BLAIR STREET: The developer's agreement for 1313 Blair Street, Joe Crossman, was presented to Council. A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to sign the agreement. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ketner. A vote was taken and the motion carried, six votes to zero votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:40 PM, President Pompa announced that Council was going into an executive session to discuss possible litigation.

ADJOURN: Following an executive session, President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary