

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022, 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; Walter Kalista, III, Jeffrey Ketner and Sean Burke. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey; Attorney Jeff Murceak and Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett. Mayor Dodson was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the meetings held on October 13, 2022 were presented for Council's review and approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Kalista. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, seven votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: These reports were in the agenda binders. Mr. Gehret advised that rain was forecasted for Friday and that the Borough crews were cleaning up leaves all week. He advised to keep the inlets open as much as possible.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that his report was in the agenda binder.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Ms. Ramsey discussed the Winterfest 2022 events.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett presented her monthly report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson was absent. President Pompa passed on his thank you to the veterans.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Matthew Davis, 909 Allegheny Street: Spoke of his application to the HARB to install vinyl windows and their denial.

Richard Latker; 703 Allegheny Street; Community Watchdog: Mr. Latker spoke about the PVFD's fire siren, the sidewalk grants, the work being done on Penn Street, and the lack of transparency

the comprehensive plan update planning process.

Gerald Nale, 109 Bedford Street: Spoke about the flooding in Gaysport, the CDBG funding, and MS4.

Mark Slonaker; President; Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department: Mr. Slonaker reported on the department's activity in the last month.

Stan Neal; 142 Beaver Street: Mr. Neal spoke about the Gaysport flooding, the Minnie Ditch, and Blair Township and the flooding.

Regis Nale; 204 BelAire Road: Mr. Nale discussed the 100-year floodplain and flooding.

Andy Haines; 917 Walnut Street; HARB Chairman: Spoke about the owners of 909 Allegheny Street and their application to the HARB, and them not getting permits for the work beforehand.

Ted Biddle; 135 Bedford Street: Spoke about the flooding in Gaysport.

Mike Selvenis; 916 Allegheny Street, HARB Member: In reference to the Davis' situation, advised that the Borough of Hollidaysburg is on the National Registry and that the historic fabric of the Borough needs to be maintained.

Elda Boose, 141 Bedford Street: Mrs. Boose spoke about the Stowell Farm property and its Traditional Neighborhood District zoning designation.

Emily Davis; 1310 Spruce Street: Spoke about the Davis' HARB application and denial.

Mike Davis; 1310 Spruce Street: Spoke about the Davis' HARB application and denial by the HARB.

OPEN AGENDA:

Mr. Burke: The comprehensive plan update.

Ms. Baker: Flooding in Gaysport.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-36: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2022-36 for bill list number 11 totaling \$470,938.60 and the approval of one certificate of appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Ms. Baker to approve Resolution No. 2022-36. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-35 CDBG APPLICATION: A motion was made by Ms. Baker to approve the submission and the execution of the CDBG application for a project to abate the flooding in Gaysport. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-36
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. 11** dated November 10, 2022 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$470,938.60 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.

- 2) **One Certificate of Appropriateness** is to be Approved and Council Authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:
 - a. **1011 ALLEGHENY STREET– ROOF REPLACEMENT & LIGHTING – JON BILEK**
 - Remove slate shingles
 - Replace slate shingles with charcoal grey GAF Timberlines HDZ Dimensional asphalt shingles
 - The two-family residence is a contributing structure in the Historic District

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 10th day of November, 2022.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mr. Harbison advised that a rough draft for the update to the comprehensive plan was presented and that comments on such should be submitted later this month.

DISCUSSION: STORMWATER RUNOFF: Mr. Gehret and Greg Geishauser, P.E.; Stiffler McGraw, and Todd Banks, as well as Blair County CDBG Coordinator Trina Illig discussed information about the stormwater issues in the Borough and a grant opportunity. A motion was

made by Mr. Leahey to authorize the Borough to apply for a COVID 19 ARPA H2O PA Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Projects Grant to assist with these stormwater issues. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried with seven votes in favor.

DISCUSSION: SIDEWALKS IN THE BOROUGH: Mr. Leahey advised that sidewalk grant checks had been awarded to nine grant applicants. The grant program is still open for 25% reimbursement on sidewalks and curbs.

DISCUSSION: THE BOROUGH STREET SWEEPER: Mr. Gehret advised that the street sweeper is in the 2023 budget, however, Council may revisit the purchase to consider a vac truck purchase.

HIRE CHRISTOPHER STORM AS POLICE CHIEF: A motion was made by Mr. Kalista to hire Christopher Strom as Police Chief. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes.

DISCUSSION: FINAL 2023 BUDGET: Mr. Gehret reviewed the final budget with Borough Council.

APPROVE THE AFSCME COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR 2023-2025: A motion was made by Mr. Burke and Mr. Kalista seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with seven votes in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-37 REQUESTNG A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT FOR THE GATEWAY/CONNECTOR BRIDGE PROJECT: A motion was made by Ms. Baker and was seconded by Mr. Kalista. A vote was taken and the motion passed with six votes in favor and one against made by Mr. Leahey.

ADJOURN: At 8:35 PM President Pompa adjourned the meeting.

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary