

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023, 7:00 PM**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Leahey.

**PRESENT:** A quorum was present including members of Council as follows: Michele Baker; James Mielnik; Jeffrey Ketner; Sean Burke; and Brady Leahey. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Solicitor Nathan W. Karn, Sr.; Chief Chris Storm; Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey and Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett. President Joseph A. Pompa and Councilman Walter Kalista, III were absent.

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

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2023 were presented for Council's review and approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Baker and was seconded by Mr. Mielnik. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, five votes to zero votes.

**MANAGER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Gehret advised that his reports were in Council's agenda binder. He also reported that there will be a one-day hazardous waste collection sponsored by the IRC on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Nothing outstanding on the Finance Report.

**PLANNING/ZONING:** Interim Zoning Administrator Patricia Duron advised that she had nothing to add to the report in their agenda binder.

**FIRE MARSHAL REPORT:** Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett presented her monthly report reminding that fire pits are not meant for burning of trash. She also reminded that a house number should be readily visible from the street.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS REPORT:** Ms. Ramsey reported on sponsorships and upcoming events in the Borough: Downtown LIVE! Concerts, the Tuesday Farmers Market and Night Markets, and movie nights at the Canal Basin Park.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:** The Chief presented the department's June report. He discussed updating the surveillance cameras for the building, and added discussion about officer hiring practices for the August meeting agenda.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Dodson commended the Chief. He asked about the Borough's CDBG funding.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Latker; 703 Allegheny Street and 511 Allegheny Street, Community Watchdog: Spoke in opposition of the TEFFRA Bond for the Presbyterian Senior Living.

Andre Holsey, Community Watchdog: Spoke in opposition of the TEFFRA Bond for the Presbyterian Senior Living. Criticized Borough Council for spot zoning.

Regis Nale; 202 Spruce Street, Community Watchdog: Spoke about parking on Jackson Street related to the request regarding requests to change parking from the Presbyterian Home spoke in opposition of the TEFFRA Bond for the Presbyterian Senior Living.

Shaun Leydig; 211 Newry Street: Spoke in opposition of the TEFFRA Bond for the Presbyterian Senior Living and in favor of a new street sweeper for the Borough.

Mark Slonaker; PVFD: Presented the monthly fire company report.

Elda Jean Boose; 121 Bedford Street: Spoke in support of the purchase by the Borough of the Stowell Farm for a stormwater retention pond.

Byron Lasser, Blairmont Terrace: Spoke in support of Borough Council and criticized the Community Watchdog for their continuing attack on the Borough Solicitor and Manager.

Gerard Nale; 109 Bedford Street: Encouraged the Borough to make the purchase of Stowell Farm Property.

Steve Albright; 421 Bedford Street: Criticized the Borough Manager and the interim zoning administrator.

**OPEN AGENDA:**

Ms. Baker: Flooding in Gaysport.

Mr. Ketner: Discussion regarding police officer hiring.

Mayor: Raises.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18: CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Gehret requested Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2023-18 for bill list number 7 totaling \$185,477.34 and the approval of two Certificates of Appropriateness. A motion was made by Ms. Baker and was seconded by Mr. Ketner to approve Resolution No. 2023-18. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, five votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18**  
**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. 7** dated July 13, 2023 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$185,447.34 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
  
- 2) **Two Certificates of Appropriateness** is to be Approved and Council Authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:
  - A. **408 BLAIR STREET – REPLACE EXISTING SIDING WITH VINYL SIDING AND REPLACE GUTTERS – AMY HEVERLY**
    - Replace the existing siding with vinyl siding
    - Replace the gutters
    - The project will need a zoning permit
    - This is a contributing structure within the Historic District
  
  - B. **215 ALLEGHENY STREET – BUSINESS SIGNAGE – PAM JONES – DOODLE AND BRUSH PAINT BAR**
    - Place white vinyl on window identification signage
    - Place vinyl signage on door
    - The project will need a zoning permit
    - This is a non-contributing structure within the Historic District

**DULY** adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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**Brady Leahey, Vice President**

ATTEST:

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**Patricia J. Duron, Secretary**

**UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** No update.

**STORMWATER/BEDFORD STREET UPDATE:** : Mr. Gehret advised that the Borough has

a purchasing agreement and first rights for Stowell Farm land.

**BOROUGH SIDEWALKS:** The Borough is continuing to approve sidewalk grant applications. Four have been completed this year.

**STREET SWEEPER:** The search for a sweeper continues.

**DANGEROUS STURCTURE 328-330 MULBERRY STREET:** With the acceptance of the engineer's report, a hearing will be scheduled.

**COVID MONIES REPORT:** Manager Gehret advised that the covid funds need to be expended by the year 2026. A list of possible expenditures was presented.

**APPROVE THE HIRE OF A NEW ZONING ADMINSTRATOR/CODE OFFICER:** A motion to hire was made by Mr. Ketner and then seconded by Ms. Baker. All voted in favor and the motion carried with five votes.

**AMTRAN FUNIDNG REQUEST FOR 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,955.00:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve the request. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with five votes in favor.

**SEWER AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT:** Two volunteer service applications were received for a vacancy on the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority. A motion to appoint Randy Manning to the Authority was made by Mr. Mielnik. Mr. Burke seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with five votes in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19 TEFFRA:** A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve Resolution No. 2023-19. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with four votes in favor and one vote against.

**BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG,  
Blair County, Pennsylvania Resolution 2023-19**

WHEREAS, Presbyterian Senior Living (the "Corporation"), a Corporation-Not-for-Profit organized and existing under Pennsylvania laws and operating non-profit health center and retirement community facilities serving the public in this Borough has determined to finance a project of the Corporation consisting of various capital expenditures and improvements including renovations, restorations, expansions, upgrades, alterations, repairs, capital equipment and furnishing acquisitions and construction of general capital improvements to its facilities, including Presbyterian Village Hollidaysburg located in this Borough (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation desires to finance the Project by incurring debt to be

evidenced by one or more series of bonds or notes (the “Obligations”) to be issued by a governmental body for the benefit of the Corporation (the “Issuer”) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,725,000, with up to \$2,000,000 being expended in this Borough for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer and the Corporation intend that the interest on the Obligations will be qualified for exemption from federal income taxation under provisions of Section 103 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (the “1954 Code”), including amendments made by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “1986 Code”), the 1954 Code and the 1986 Code being referred to herein as the “Code” (such obligations are referred to herein as “tax-exempt obligations”); and

WHEREAS, Section 147(f) of the Code requires that the governmental unit having jurisdiction over the area in which a project to be financed with tax-exempt obligations is located give its approval for the project to have the benefit of the use of tax-exempt obligations after a public hearing on the matter.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg as follows:

1. The advertisement and holding of a public hearing on behalf of the Borough regarding the Project and the issuance of the Obligations as tax-exempt obligations, as required by Section 147(f) of the Code, is hereby authorized, approved, and ratified.

2. Having reviewed a synopsis of the public hearing, the Council of this Borough hereby authorizes and directs its President or Vice President to execute and deliver on behalf of the Council of this Borough a Certificate of Approval with respect to the Obligations, such Certificate of Approval to be substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, with appropriate insertions.

3. The approval granted hereby shall not, in any way, pledge or obligate the credit or taxing power of this Borough, nor shall this Borough be liable for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any obligations issued as conduit financing through the Issuer for the Project, including the Obligations.

4. Nothing in this Resolution is intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, an approval of the Project or the Obligations by this Borough for any purpose other than the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Code.

5. All prior actions of this Borough taken in conformity with the intent and purposes of this Resolution are ratified, confirmed, and approved.

6. All prior resolutions or parts of resolutions, insofar as such shall be inconsistent herewith, shall be and the same expressly are repealed.

DULY ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG,  
Blair County, Pennsylvania

ATTEST:

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Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brady Leahey, Vice President

(SEAL)

**EXHIBIT A**

**(FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL) BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG, Blair County, Pennsylvania CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL**

On behalf of the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg as a result of approval of a Resolution at its meeting on July 13, 2023, the undersigned, being the (Vice) President of the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, does hereby approve the issuance of obligations qualified under Section 103 of the Code to provide financing for the projects in the amount and on behalf of the Applicant as described below. This Approval is being given after due consideration of the minutes of a public hearing on the matter held on the date and at the time and place set forth below following reasonable public notice:

**Applicant:** Presbyterian Senior Living

**Operator or Manager of Facility:** Presbyterian Senior Living

**Maximum Aggregate Face Amount of Tax-Exempt Obligation to be Issued With Respect to the Facility:** \$30,725,000 (Up to \$2,000,000 within this Borough).

**Functional Description of the Type and Use of Facilities Being Financed:** Health center and retirement community facilities and equipment.

**Location of Facilities being Financed:** Presbyterian Village Hollidaysburg - 220 Newry Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

**Time, Date, and Place of Public Hearing:** 9:30 a.m., prevailing local time, Thursday, June 29, 2023, remotely held pursuant to Rev. Proc. 2022-20.

**Notice of Public Hearing:** Notice of Hearing published June 22, 2023, in the *Altoona Mirror*, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

**Synopsis of Hearing:** A Synopsis of the Hearing is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Supervisors.

This Approval is given by the Borough solely for the purposes of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The obligations to be issued shall not constitute a debt or obligation of the Borough, and the Borough hereby assumes no obligation whatsoever with respect to payment of the same. This Certificate of Approval is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, an approval of the obligations to be issued for the benefit of the Applicant or of the projects to be undertaken by the Applicant for any purpose other than the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his signature, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG,  
Blair County, Pennsylvania

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(Vice) President

**APPOINTMENT TO HARB/HPC:** A motion to appoint Patricia Duron to the HARB/HPC as the interim zoning administrator was made by Ms. Baker and Mr. Ketner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with five votes.

**BLINKING LIGHT REQUEST FROM MCLANAHAN CORP.:** After discussion, it was Council's consensus to not approve the request for a blinking light.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20 CBP CONNECTOR BRIDGE GRANT APPLICATION AND COMMITMENT LETTER:** A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to approve Resolution No. 2023-20 and the commitment letter. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was held. All



voted in favor, five votes to zero votes.

**ADJOURN:** At 8:10 PM Vice President Leahey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ketner made the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary