

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023, 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; Michele Baker; James Mielnik; Walter Kalista, III; Jeffrey Ketner; and Brady Leahey. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Mayor Joseph Dodson via telephone; Solicitor Nathan W. Karn, Sr.; Sgt. Richard Oldham; Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey and Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett. Councilman Sean Burke was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on May 11, 2023 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, six votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that his reports were in Council's agenda binder. He also reported that he had attended the annual PSAB Conference in Hershey. While there he accepted a second-place award for the Borough's website from Borough News Magazine.

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.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS REPORT: Ms. Ramsey reported on sponsorships and upcoming events in the Borough.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Sgt. Oldham presented the report of the department's month's activity.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson thanked the Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stan Neal; 142 Beaver Street: Asked about PennVest funding for stormwater projects.

Jim Fitch; 109 Bel Aire Road: Discussed the speeding and installing a traffic light for his intersection. Discussed warehouses.

Shaun Leydig; 211 Newry Street: Discussed that the Borough keep work local and in support of radar signs on Murphy Street.

Elda Jean Boose; 121 Bedford Street: Talked about the stormwater management, and asked that Council support the renewal of the agreement with ISC.

Steve Albright; 421 Bedford Street: Spoke about drivers running the stop sign near his home.

Regis Nale; 202 Spruce Street: Spoke about parking on Jackson Street related to the request regarding requests to change parking from the Presbyterian Home.

Mark Slonaker; PVFD: Presented the last two months' reports, the red flag warning and the Father's Day BBQ Chicken Sale for the fire company.

Gerard Nale; 109 Bedford Street: Asked that Borough Council renew the agreement with the ISC.

OPEN AGENDA:

Ms. Baker: Flooding in Gaysport.

Mr. Ketner: Report on COVID funding monies.

Mr. Leahey: Update on the search for a Zoning Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret requested Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2023-16 for bill list number 6 totaling \$56,002.90 and the approval of one Certificate of Appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Kalista to approve Resolution No. 2023-16. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16
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 8, 2023 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$56,002.90 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. **503 ALLEGHENY STREET – REPLACE WINDOWS – RICHARD & ELAINE GALLAGHER**
- Replace the existing front wooden windows with Andersen 100 series Single Hung, White Interior, Black Exterior finish windows
 - Windows not visible from the front street can be replaced with either Andersen or vinyl windows
 - The project will need a zoning permit
 - This is a contributing structure within the Historic District

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 8th day of June, 2023.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: No update.

STORMWATER/BEDFORD STREET UPDATE: Mr. Gehret advised that all of the applications for grant funding had been submitted, however the awards may not be announced until August or September.

BOROUGH SIDEWALKS: The Borough is continuing to approve sidewalk grant applications.

STREET SWEEPER: Mr. Gehret advised that the Borough is continuing to look at various types of street sweepers. There will be a report at the July meeting.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION LETTER: The Civil Service Commission formally advised Council that the current police eligibility list has been exhausted. Want Ads were published for officer candidates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17 DISPOSITION OF RECORDS: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approved Resolution No. 2023-17 for the Disposition of Records for the Police Department. Mr. Kalista seconded this motion and a vote was taken. The motion was approved, 6-0 votes.

POSSIBLE DANGEROUS STRUCTURE 328-330 MULBERRY STREET: Manager Gehret advised that the Borough had received a complaint of a dangerous structure at this address. A motion to initiate an investigation into the property was made by Mr. Ketner and Ms. Baker seconded that motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with six votes in favor.

DISCUSSION: PARKING IN THE 200 BLOCK OF JACKSON STREET: After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Leahey to leave the parking as it is. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with six votes in favor.

DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL STORMWATER (ISC) COMMITTEE: Mr. Kalista made a motion to approve the renewal of an agreement with the ISC. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion was passed with six votes in favor.

REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (PVFD): A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to release the funds for the PVFD. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with six votes in favor.

ADJOURN: At 7:45 PM President Pompa adjourned the meeting.

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary