

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018
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; Sean Burke; Joyce Lowe; and Brady Leahey. Others in attendance: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Borough Solicitor Nathan Karn; Mayor Joseph R. Dodson; Sgt. Rodney B. Estep, Jr.; Director of Wastewater operations Frank Hicks, Jr.; and Code Enforcement Officer Patrick Rabits. Mark L. Shawley was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Pompa led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

MINUTES: The minutes dated January 2, 2018 and January 11, 2018 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Mr. Plummer. A vote was taken with the motion carrying in a vote of six votes to zero votes.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS:

ORCHARD PARK TOWNHOUSES:

An application for a conditional use has been submitted by P. Joseph Lehman, General Partner, Holliday Hills, a Limited Partnership, for the construction of the Orchard Park Townhouses in Holliday Hills. This area is located within the Planned Residential Zoning District (PR). All permitted uses within this zoning district require conditional use approval.

Attorney Karn entered into the record the application, the proof of publication from the *Altoona Mirror* public hearing notice, the public hearing notice signs that had been posted at the site, and the letter from the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission recommending approval of the request. Following a presentation by Elizabeth Heggi, engineer on the project, Attorney Karn asked for public comment regarding the application. Two persons came forward to speak.

1. Bob Colondo, 504 McIntosh Lane, asked questions.
2. Cindy Steele, 506 McIntosh Lane, asked questions.

Neither person spoke for or against the request. At the conclusion of the hearing, Borough Council directed the solicitor to prepare a decision of approval for the March Council Meeting.

307 AND 307 ½ BLAIR STREET:

An application for a conditional use was submitted by Steve Genter, owner, Genter Realty LLC,

for property located at 307 and 307 ½ Blair Street, located in the Residential Business (RB) Zoning District. The applicant is requesting to use the 307 ½ side of the duplex, as a professional office. This use is permitted as a conditional use within the RB Zoning District. Attorney Karn entered into the record the application, the proof of publication from the *Altoona Mirror* public hearing notice, the public hearing notice signs that had been posted at the site, and the letter from the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission recommending approval of the request. No one was there to offer public comment regarding the application. At the conclusion of the hearing, Borough Council directed the solicitor to prepare a decision of approval for the March Council Meeting.

AWARDS AND ACCOMMODATIONS: At this time, Mayor Dodson presented accommodations to Officers Lingafelt and Oldham. He also presented an AAA award for safety to the police department.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that applications were being reviewed for the Main Street Manager position with interviews to be scheduled soon.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Rabits advised that his report was in the agenda binders.

FIRE MARSHAL: Dave Zeek reported on some incidents in the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson announced the creation of a police commission to include as its members; Brady Leahey, Jeff Ketner, and Sean Burke. He indicated that this commission's purpose is to improve the police department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street: Spoke about the PHMC grant to update the historic survey.
- Walter Zolna, 602 Clark Street: Spoke against the sewer project.
- Richard Reimer, 420 A Est Fir Street: Spoke against the sewer project.
- Bill Brenner, 507 Montgomery Street: Spoke against the sewer project.

OPEN AGENDA:

- Sean Burke: Wants to see the deliverables from McKissick regarding the fulfillment of the PHMC grant obtained by the Borough.
- Mayor Dodson: Wants to discuss the Borough Manager's contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-8, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2018-8 for bill list number 2 totaling \$199,436.14. A motion was

made by Mr. Ketner to approve Resolution No. 2018-8 approving payment of bill list number 2. Patrick Plummer seconded this motion. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-8
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 8, 2018 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$199,436.14 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 8th day of February, 2018.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE: Frank Hicks, Jr. was present for some discussion regarding the date that the Hollidaysburg Sewer Authority had voted on the decision to require underslab work to be done by property owners within the sewer project area. This information was requested by Councilman Brady Leahey at the January Borough Council Meeting.

PARKING AMENDMENTS: Ethan Imhoff, Chairman of the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27. At the conclusion of this presentation, a motion was made by Mr. Plummer that Council accept these recommendations and that the ordinance should be prepared for adoption at the April Borough Council Meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the motion carried, six votes to zero votes.

PERMIT PARKING: There was discussion regarding the permit parking sections of Chapter 15, (the Traffic Code) of the Borough Code of Ordinances. Mr. Plummer had requested that this item be added to the February Council Meeting agenda. During discussion, Councilman Plummer asked the Borough solicitor to offer his opinion regarding the legality of these parking permits. It was the opinion of the solicitor that the Borough's system that allows the issuance of the permits

is unconstitutional and illegal. Mr. Plummer made a motion to strike it down as it is. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burke. Discussion took place. Following the discussion, Mr. Plummer rescinded his motion. There was consensus to place this item on the March 8th Council meeting agenda for further discussion. Council also asked for a legal opinion from the Borough solicitor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-9, NEW SIGNERS FIRST NATIONAL BANK: A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to approve Resolution No. 2018-9. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried, six votes to zero votes.

SHADE TREE VACANCY: At this time, a motion was made by Mr. Plummer to appoint Chris Sawyer to the Shade Tree Commission. This motion was seconded by Mr. Leahey and all voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION/HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION VACANCY: A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to appoint Steve Martz to serve on the Planning Commission and to serve on the Historical Preservation Commission. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ketner and all present voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary