

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 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; Jeffrey Ketner; Brady Leahey; Sean Burke; Michele Baker; Walter Kalista, III; and James Mielnik. Mayor Dodson participated via phone. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Sergeant Richard Oldham; Solicitor Nathan Karn; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey; and Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on March 10, 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. Milenik. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, seven votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that he had nothing to add to his report in their agenda binder. He advised that the audit work has been completed and that formal audit report will be presented in June or July.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that there will be a zoning hearing later in April.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Ms. Ramsey advised that the hometown hero banners campaign was closed. It was an overwhelming success. She advised that the Annual Allegheny Street Cruise in would be June 3, 2022.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett reported that she received her child abuse clearance and was starting fire prevention programs for the Hollidaysburg schools.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson gave thanks to the police department for an outstanding job.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street; representing the Hollidaysburg Watchdog: Spoke about the repair of sidewalks in the Borough with respect to the cost for the work causing a burden to some families.

Joe Addink, 1202 Elm Avenue, representing the Republican Tea Party: Spoke about the Second Sanctuary Amendment and the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement.

OPEN AGENDA: Mr. Leahey requested that the discussion regarding sidewalks be continued to next month.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2022-15 for bill list number 4 totaling \$71,529.26 and the approval of four certificates of appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Burke to approve Resolution No. 2022-15. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-15
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. 4** dated April 14, 2022 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$71,529.26 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Four Certificates of Appropriateness** are to be Approved and Council Authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:
 - a. **304 WAYNE STREET – REPLACE SIDING – BRANDON MONTERO**
 - Replace all exterior siding with board and batten metal siding on a residence classified as a contributing structure
 - The siding will be dark gray/black
 - b. **213 WALNUT STREET– INSTALL METAL ROOF – ZACH BECKEL**
 - Install a metal roof over existing shingles on a residence classified as a contributing structure
 - c. **420 PENN STREET– REPAIR SOFFIT & FASCIA – SUZANNE JONES**
 - Replace rotted wood in fascia & soffit with new wood and apply paint in a color to match the residence classified as a significant structure
 - d. **422 ALLEGHENY STREET– REPAIR STEPS – JOSEPH KELLER**

- Replace damaged stone steps that face Union Street with either wood or concrete steps on a structure that is classified as a significant structure
- Install rod iron hand railing

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 14th day of April, 2022.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: BOROUGH SIDEWALKS: Mr. Leahey addressed the group with his findings about the condition of sidewalks in the Borough and about trying to assist property owners with repairs. Manager Gehret reported on a discussion with the Blair County CDBG Administrator Trina Illig.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16 & SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY REFERENCED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve Resolution No. 2022-16. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and discussion took place. Following discussion a vote was taken. The motion passed with six votes in favor to one vote against.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO A REFERENDUM QUESTION APPROVAL UNDER 53 Pa C.S.A. §2306 DECLARING HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF TAXPAYER RESOURCES TO ENFORCE ANY LEGISLATION PASSED AFTER NOVEMBER 2, 2021, THAT WOULD INFRINGE UPON AN ELIGIBLE CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

The Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg (hereinafter "Municipality") hereby resolves as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.

The Municipality is required to enter into this agreement by virtue of an approved referendum under 53 Pa.C.S.A. §2306. The agreement is drafted to be consistent with 53 Pa.C.S.A. §2307 and be approved by this resolution as required by 53 Pa.C.S.A. §2305.

SECTION 2. INCORPORATION OF AGREEMENT.

This resolution incorporates the agreement as if fully set forth at length herein without further repetition or elaboration with the intent of the attachment and incorporation of said agreement into this resolution being to satisfy 53 Pa.C.S.A. §2307.

SECTION 3. APPROVAL and EXECUTION.

The agreement attached hereto is hereby approved by the Municipality. After approval of this resolution, the Agreement shall be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Municipality, and the corporate seal of the Municipality shall be applied and affixed to the Agreement.

DULY, adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania this 14th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

WATER DISCHARGE INTO THE STREETS: Mr. Harbison advised that he is notifying property owners of any violations of this by letter. The discussion will remain on the agenda for the May Council Meeting.

DISCUSSION: 408 PENN STREET DANGEROUS STRUCTURE INVESTIGATION: Mr. Harbison discussed the Borough Engineer's report on the status of 408 Penn Street. It was the consensus of Borough Council to proceed with a Dangerous Structure Show Cause Hearing to be scheduled for May 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT RENEWAL: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to remove this agenda item from the table. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion. The item was removed from the table. A motion was made by Mr. Kalista to approve the Manager's employment contract renewal. Mr. Leahy seconded that motion and all members voted in favor.

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE INVESTIGATION FOR 211 ALLEGHENY STREET: Mr. Harbison advised that the owner requests additional time to address the structure's issues. Mr. Leahey made a motion to grant the property owner one month to remedy the situation. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17 EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL/PRELIMINARY APPROVAL GRANTED TO A FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT – MAINTENANCE BUILDING AT 1510 N. MONTGOMERY STREET: Mr. Kalista made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-17. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion passed with seven votes to zero votes.

DISCUSSION: PROPOSED COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE: Following discussion, it was the consensus of Borough Council to proceed with negotiating a cable franchise agreement with Comcast.

DISCUSSION: NAME A ROADWAY: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the name of Pullman Drive for the Everett Rail Company for a private road on their property. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and a vote was taken. All members voted in favor and the motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

DISCUSSION: ARPA FUNDS: Mr. Gehret led discussion regarding the ARPA funds that the Borough received and taking the deduction. There was a consensus to take the deduction on the grant of funds in the amount of \$596,000.

APPROVE PARKING SPACES FOR THE DREAM RESTAURANT: Mr. Harbison presented a request from Mr. Peters, owner of The Dream, to add outdoor seating and to adjust the number of parking spaces down by two spaces from what is currently available. Mr. Kalsita made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Pompa announced an Executive Session at 7:40 PM and advised that they would not be returning to the regular meeting.