

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 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; Jeffrey Ketner; Brady Leahey; Sean Burke; Michele Baker; and James Mielnik. Councilman Walter Kalista, III and 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 February 10 was presented for Council's review and approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Ketner. 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 monthly financial reports will resume in April.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that he had nothing to add to his report.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Ms. Ramsey advised that she was taking applications for the Hometown Hero Banners until April 9. She also applied for a Partners in the Arts grant.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett reported that they were going over fire safety protocols and drills.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street; Hollidaysburg Watchdog: He spoke about the PVFD and a mortgage, as well as relations between the department and the Borough. He voiced a concern that the Borough does not have a new chief of police hired. He also made reference to other entities that the Watchdog is observing. He advised that the Watchdog will begin a monthly publication.

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street; Hollidaysburg Watchdog: Spoke about the proposed Traffic Code

amendment for the Holiday Hills area.

Laurah Zeek, 315 Hickory Street: Spoke about handicapped accessibility in areas of the Borough with reference to curb cuts and handicapped parking on the streets.

Mark Slonaker; PVFD President: Gave a report on the first quarter of 2022 for the PVFD.

OPEN AGENDA: Mr. Burke requested that the Second Amendment Sanctuary Agreement be added to April's agenda. Mr. Leahey requested that the discussion regarding sidewalks and a committee be continued.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2022-12 for bill list number 3 totaling \$180,338.53, and the appointment of a voting delegate (James Gehret) to the PSAB Conference. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Ms. Baker to approve Resolution No. 2022-12. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12

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. 3** dated March 10, 2022 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$180,338.53 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Appoint a Voting Delegate to the Annual PSAB Conference:**
James Gehret is hereby designated as the Voting Delegate representing the Borough of Hollidaysburg at the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs to be held at the Hershey Lodge from May 22 through April 5 2022.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 10^h day of March, 2022.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 903 TRAFFIC CODE AMENDMENTS: A motion was made by Mr. Burke

to adopt Ordinance 903. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows:

- Mr. Burke – yes
- Mr. Leahey – yes
- Mr. Kalista- yes
- Mr. Pompa – yes
- Ms. Baker – yes
- Mr. Mielnik - yes
- Mr. Ketner - yes

Ordinance No. 903 was adopted with seven votes in favor and zero votes against.

ORDINANCE NO. 903

**ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG,
BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING PART 4 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO
TRAFFIC AND GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS**

The Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hollidaysburg adopted on the 13th day of April, 1987, is hereby amended, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 15, Part 4, Section 403 is hereby amended to include the following streets to the list of streets where parking is prohibited at all times in certain locations:

§403. Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Between</u>
Edgar Street	Both	Garber Street and Lily Avenue
Elm Avenue	East	N. Montgomery Street and Cedar Boulevard
Hedge Street	West	Spruce Street north for 50'
Holliday Hills Drive	South	Holliday Hills Circle (west) to Bose Alley
Jackson Farm Drive	East	Holliday Hills Circle (west) to Dead End
Jones Street	West	Walnut Street and Spruce Street
Wayne Street	East	Spruce Street and Pine Street

Section 2. Chapter 15, Part 4, Section 403 is hereby amended to modify the location where parking is prohibited at all times on the south side of Betts Street between Jackson Street and Good Lane to include no parking west of Jackson Street to Lowe Street as follows:

§403. Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Between</u>
Betts Street	South	Lowe Street and Good Lane

Section 3. Chapter 15, Part 4, Section 403 is hereby amended to modify the location where parking is prohibited at all times on the north side of Holliday Hills Drive between Holliday Hills Circle (East) to

Macintosh Lane to include no parking for the entire segment of Holliday Hills Drive between Holliday Hills Circle (East) and Holliday Hills Circle (West) as follows:

§403. Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Between</u>
Holliday Hills Drive	North	Entire Length

Section 4. Chapter 15, Part 4, Section 412.2 is hereby amended to include the following parking spaces to the list of reserved parking spaces for the Handicapped:

§412. Reserved Parking Places for Handicapped May be Provided.

2. The following locations are hereby added to the designated spaces for handicapped parking as defined above:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Location</u>
Union Street	East	First space north of Rose Alley
Front Street	West	First metered space south of Allegheny Street

Section 5. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinances. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Council of the Borough that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 6. Except as set forth herein, no other amendment is made to Chapter 15 or any prior amendments to Chapter 15, and the existing provisions un-amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the earliest date provided by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg held this 10th day of March, 2022.

BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG

BY: _____
Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

Approved this 10th day of March, 2022.

By: _____
Joseph A. Dodson, Mayor

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 discussed the pros and cons of possibly awarding grants to property owners. There was discussion about forming a committee of three to evaluate the topic further, but no committee was formed at this time. President Pompa requested a report for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION: WATER DISCHARGE TO THE STREETS: Mr. Harbison reviewed the Borough's ordinances regarding water discharge from properties to the streets. Council discussed occurrences of this from sump pumps in the Borough. President Pompa wants to see the properties identified and owners contacted. This item should be left on the agenda for the April Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOLLIDAYSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Burke made a motion to appoint Andy Haines to the Planning Commission. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Leahey made a motion to appoint Terry Pennington to the Planning Commission. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION: MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to table this agenda item until the April Meeting. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to appoint Mr. Pompa to the Government Advisory Committee. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-13; SUPPORTING TH EFFORTS OF THE ALTOONA BLAIR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO REQUEST FOR THE CREATION, AND ADMINISTER THE COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE AND REPRESNET THE BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG'S MEMBERSHIP: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to adopt Resolution No. 2022-13. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion passed with seven votes.

**RESOLUTION 2022-13
SUPPORTING TH EFFORTS OF THE ALTOONA BLAIR COUNTY**

**DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO REQUEST FOR THE CREATION, AND
ADMINISTER THE COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE AND REPRESENT THE
BOROUGH OF HOLLIDAYSBURG'S MEMBERSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hollidaysburg has expressed support for the creation of a Blair County state designated Enterprise Zone to encompass core areas in the County to include the City of Altoona, Logan Township, Hollidaysburg Borough, Tyrone Borough, Williamsburg Borough and Roaring Spring Borough.

AND WHEREAS, after reviewing the Five-Year Strategy of the proposed Enterprise Zone Program application, the Borough of Hollidaysburg has expressed support of the Five-Year Strategy, which aligns with economic goals and objectives of the Borough of Hollidaysburg.

AND WHEREAS, the Borough of Hollidaysburg expresses a willingness to participate in the Blair County Enterprise Zone program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Hollidaysburg supports the efforts of the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation to request for the creation, and administer, the Blair County Enterprise Zone and represent the Borough of Hollidaysburg's membership through the term of the Enterprise Zone designation.

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

ATTEST

Patricia J. Duron
Borough Secretary

Joseph A. Pompa
Council President

AGREEMENT TO LEASE THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE REISER HOUSE TO THE ALLEGHENY RIDGE CORPORATION FOR AN OFFICE: Mr. Burke made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously, with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF AN ACCOUNTING CLERK: Mr. Leahey made a motion to approve the hire of an accounting clerk. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF SEASONAL WORKERS FOR THE WWTP AND PUBLIC WORKS: A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to approve the hire of seasonal workers for the WWTP and the Public Works Department. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The

motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14 DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS: A motion was made by Ms. Burke to adopt Resolution No. 2022-14. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14
DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No. 2009-17 adopted the 9th day of April, 2009, the Borough of Hollidaysburg declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968, each act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of public records attached hereto as Exhibits A, B and C.

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

Joseph A. Pompa,
President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to approve the purchase of a police vehicle. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

APPROVE A LOCATION AGREEMENT WITH TUPELO ENTERTAINMENT LLC: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to approve the agreement with Tupelo Entertainment LLC. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion carried with seven votes in favor.

ADJOURN: Council announced an Executive Session at 7:50 and that they would not be returning to the regular meeting.

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Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary