

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019
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; Mark L. Shawley; Sean M. Burke; Joyce Lowe and Brady Leahey. Others in attendance: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Attorney Nathan Karn, Building Code Official Gerald Harbison, Director of Community Relations & Events Katrina Pope, Mayor Dodson; and Chief Rodney B. Estep. Fire Marshal David Zeek was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes dated October 10, 2019 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Shawley to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Mrs. Lowe. A vote was taken with the motion carrying in a vote of seven votes in favor to zero votes not in favor.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret reported that his manager's report was in their agenda binders. He also reported on a vehicle accident at Patriot Park when a Blue Spruce tree was damaged. The driver's car insurance paid for the damages, and the trees will be replaced with White Spruce trees.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that the financial report was in their packets.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Gerald (Jerry) Harbison advised that his report was in their agenda binders. There were no questions.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS: Katrina advised that the Winterfest Committee was planning the events. She announced the names of contributors and workers for the Pumpkinfest.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Dave Zeek was not there due to another commitment.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor praised Ms. Pope for Pumpkinfest. Announced the Citizen of the Year was Donna Malone. Thanked everyone for prayers for his grandson.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Albright, 419-21 Bedford Street: spoke about an accident at the Newry and Bedford Street

intersection, the police report and his conversation with the Chief about stop sign enforcement.

Heather Conrad, Hollidaysburg Herald: spoke about the Newry and Bedford Street intersection.

OPEN AGENDA:

- Council President Pompa requested discussion regarding the fire siren.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24: Resolution no. 2019-24, Consent Agenda, approves Bill List # 11 in the amount of \$64, 151.79 and three Certificates of Appropriateness. A motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-24 was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Ketner. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1) Bill List No. 11 dated November 11, 2019 authorizes payment of expenses totaling **\$64,151.79** consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) Approve Three Certificates of Appropriateness and Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:

A. 514 PENN STREET – REPLACE SINGLE PANE WINDOWS WITH DOUBLE PANE WINDOWS – SANDER RIK VANOJTRYVE

- The applicant will replace single pane windows with double pane windows
- The windows will be vinyl and fill all openings
- The wood frame on the outside of the windows will remain
- The exterior storms will remain
- The windows will appear the same as existing from the exterior

B. 614 WALNUT STREET – REPAIR/REPLACEMENT WORK – JOHN GRAHAM

- The applicant will replace the front porch posts
- The applicant will repair the carport
- The applicant will reinstall metal roofing where damaged by wind
- The applicant will replace missing shingles, repair stucco on the side and paint the building.
- The applicant will repair/replace side steps

C. 206 and 208 ALLEGHENY STREET – REPLACE ROOF – JENNIFER CHERRY

- The applicant will replace two shingle roofs on two adjacent properties
- The replacement roofs will be metal
- All downspouts and gutters will be replaced

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this **11th day of November, 2019.**

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: Mayor Dodson had requested this item to be on the agenda. He advised that it was his opinion that the code needed to be “tighter” and that he had concerns for blight.

DISCUSSION: 2020 BUDGET: Chief Estep made a presentation regarding the addition to the roster of a ninth police officer to be funded in 2020. There was discussion about the funding for the salary and benefits projected at \$100,000. Following this discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ketner to include raise the tax millage by .45 This motion was seconded by Mr. Burke. A vote was taken with the motion being approved in a vote of five in favor with two votes against.

DISCUSSION: INTERSECTION AT NEWRY AND BEDFORD STREETS: Mr. Gehret advised that he had consulted with PENNDOT about this stop except right turn sign at this intersection. He was advised that it would not be in the best interest to remove it. Following discussion, it was the consensus that staff will talk to the Borough Engineer regarding the installation of a flashing red light attached to the sign post at the intersection.

HOLIDAY METER PROGRAM: A motion was to approve the implementation of the Holiday Meter Program to run from November 29, 2019 through January 1, 2020. The Borough will sponsor this program to help holiday shoppers in the downtown if their parking meter expires sooner than they return to their parked vehicle. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to approve the program and Mr. Shawley seconded the motion and a there was a vote. The motion passed, seven votes in favor to zero votes against.

AFSCME COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: The changes to the current labor agreement with AFSCME employees were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Burke to execute the agreement. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and it was approved seven votes to zero votes.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM WILLIAM SHEEHAN AS SERGEANT: A motion was

made by Mr. Ketner to accept a resignation from William Sheehan as the sergeant. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion was approved, seven votes to zero votes.

APPROVE THE EXECUTION OF THE CGI AGREEMENT FOR THE WELCOME VIDEO ON THE BOROUGH WEBSITE: Mr. Shawley made a motion in favor of the execution of this agreement. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion was approved, seven votes to zero votes.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ED POTTMAYER FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: A motion to accept Mr. Pottmeyer's resignation from the Civil Service Commission was made by Mr. Burke. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken with the motion approved, seven votes to zero votes.

APPOINTMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to appoint Kirk Kratzer to the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy of Mr. Pottmeyer. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion. All seven members voted in favor.

ACCEPT THE UPDATE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS: A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to accept the update to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Mr. Shawley seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH SERGEANT TESTING: Chief Estep requested that he moves forward with testing process for applicants for the sergeant position. A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to approve the request. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPT JANE SHEFFIELD'S RESIGNATION FROM THE HARB/HPC: A motion was made by Mr. Plummer to accept the resignation. Mr. Ketner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed, six votes to one.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Patricia J. Duron
Borough Secretary