

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021
7:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President Sean Burke.

PRESENT: A quorum was present including members of Council as follows: Joseph A. Pompa; James Mielnik; Sean Burke; Brady Leahey; Richard Scholton; and Joyce Lowe. Also participating: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Attorney Jeff Murceak; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; and Chief Rodney B. Estep. Michele Baker was absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the January 14th meeting were presented for Council's approval. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Scholton and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, six votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that his manager's report was in the agenda binder. There will be no monthly financials until April.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison reported that he hopes to be moving forward with the comprehensive plan update in March.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported on the procedure for renewals of the mechanical licenses within the Borough. He requested that the 2021 fees be waived.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street: Mr. Nale spoke with in favor of an appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.

OPEN AGENDA: The Mayor requested that discussion regarding the mechanical licenses fees for 2021 be waived to be added to the March 11th agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2021-2 for bill list number 2 totaling \$212,862.19 and three Certificates of Appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Pompa and was seconded by Mrs. Lowe to approve Resolution No. 2021-1. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-2
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. 2** dated February 11, 2021 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$212,862.19 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Three Certificates of Appropriateness** are to be Approved and Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:

A. 916 Allegheny Street – Restoration of original wooden windows – Michael & Amanda Selvenis

- The applicant will restore existing wooden windows

B. 910 Allegheny Street – Enclose a roof deck - Joshua Greenberg

- The applicant will enclose an existing second floor roof deck
- The applicant will install vinyl windows and siding
- All necessary zoning and Uniform Construction Code Building permits will be obtained

C. 319 Allegheny Street – Replace a front door- Donald Delozier/HDD Group

- The applicant will refurbish and refinish the existing entry doors

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 11th day of February, 2021.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: UPDATE ON VIDEO CONFERENCING: Mr. Gehret updated council about video conferencing in Council Chambers for future meetings. At this time there was discussion with Victor Curfman from the City of Altoona IT Department. He talked about how this works so that the public can see the meeting on YouTube. At this time, there was a motion by Mr. Scholton to accept the proposal for the video and broadcast of the council meetings. Mr. Leahey seconded the

motion. Vice President Burke asked for comments or questions of Mr. Pompa and Mrs. Lowe. Mr. Pompa advised that he had read the proposal and was ok to move forward. Mrs. Lowe suggested that they wait to vote on this pending more discussion. A vote was taken. The motion passed in a vote of five votes in favor to one vote against.

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE INVESTIGATION 215 - 217 BLAIR STREET: Mr. Harbison advised Council about the Borough Engineer's report on the condition of the structure at 215 – 217 Blair Street. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey that a show cause hearing be scheduled. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3 TO SUPPORT THE JUNIATA WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE: A motion was made by Mr. Pompa and was seconded by Mr. Leahey to approve this resolution. A vote was taken and the motion passed in vote of six votes in favor to zero votes against.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4 APPROVING THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GOVERNMENTAL RECIPIENT AGREEMENT: Mr. Scholton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-4. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion passed, six votes in favor to zero votes against.

APPOINTMENT OF DANIELLE FITCH TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to appoint Danielle Fitch to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Mielnik seconded this motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved, six votes in favor to zero votes against.

ADJOURN: Vice President Burke announced at 7:24 PM that they would have an executive session regarding personnel issues and would not return to the meeting.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary