

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 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; Brady Leahey; Michele Baker; James Mielnik; and Sean Burke. Councilmen Walter Kalista III and Jeffrey Ketner were both absent. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Solicitor Nathan Karn; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; and Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey. Sgt. Richard Oldham; Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett; and Mayor Dodson were all absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on July 14, 2022 were presented for Council's review and approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved, five 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 nor for the financial report.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison advised that his report was in their agenda binder. He advised that he had received an update on the comprehensive plan process that day and he would email an executive summary to Borough Council. He also advised that the consultant is requesting a four-month extension to complete a draft. Council was in agreement that Gannett Fleming could make that request.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: Ms. Ramsey presented an overview of what she is working on as the Farmers Market and the Downtown LIVE! Concerts continue. She requested that council vote for the Hollidaysburg Farmers Market at markets.farmland.org.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett was absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson was absent; however, he had requested that his congratulations to the Hollidaysburg Little League be announced.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Latker; 703 Allegheny Street: Mr. Latker announced that the Republican Tea Party would hold their annual event at the Legion Park. He gave a brief update on the Community Watchdog

activities. He spoke about the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department and their personnel, and the funding request to Borough Council.

Laurah Zeek, 315 Mulberry Street: Ms. Zeek discussed the status of sidewalks with regard to wheelchair navigation within the Borough.

J.S. Vipond, 1001 Church Street: Mr. Vipond discussed the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department's mortgage, and the Chief of Police hiring for Hollidaysburg as well as the number of police officers.

Regis Nale, 204 BelAire Road: Mr. Nale discussed the comprehensive plan delay and the shortage of school crossing guards.

Jim Fitch, 109 Bel Aire Road: Mr. Fitch discussed that no police officer had been hired yet nor the police chief.

Mark Slonaker; President; Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department: Mr. Slonaker reported on the department's activity in the last month.

OPEN AGENDA:

Mr. Leahey requested an update on the sidewalks.

Mr. Mielnik: Flooding, runoff water.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2022-27 for bill list number 8 totaling \$117,779.62 and the approval of three certificates of appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Ms. Baker to approve Resolution No. 2022-27. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, five votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-27
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. 8** dated August 11, 2022 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$117,779.62 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 Council Authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permits as follows:

a. 408 PENN STREET– CARPORT RECOMMENDATIONS – CHRIS COOK

- Seek a recommendation from HARB to either remove and replace the roof system or remove the roof completely
- The structure will require professional analysis to constructively determine the renovations necessary to remove the building from the dangerous structure category
- The applicant is working under an agreement to address the structural deficiencies of the building
- The structure is classified as a Contributing Structure within the Historic District

b. 106 WAYNE STREET– BUSINESS SIGNAGE–CANAL PLACE SHOPPES & LIBERTY HALL- DON DELOZIER

- Install an attached 18” by 60” sign above the porch door
- Install an attached 30” by 48” sign on the north wall above the ramp
- Install a 24” by 30” free standing sign on the north side of the Wayne Street driveway
- The structure is classified as a Significant Structure within the Historic District

c. 620 WALNUT STREET– PARTIAL PORCH ENCLOSURE – STACEY L. PARRIS

- Enclose a six-foot portion of the front porch facing Clark Street for a closet extension
- The enclosure will match the existing siding of the house
- The project complies with R2 Zoning Regulations
- The project will require a UCC building permit
- The structure is a contributing structure within the Historic District

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 11th day of August, 2022.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

WATER DISCHARGE INTO THE STREETS: Mr. Harbison gave an update on this item.

DISCUSSION: THE BOROUGH STREET SWEEPER: Mr. Gehret presented an update on the Borough Street Sweeper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28 APPOINTING A TOWING COMPANY FOR THE EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve Resolution No. 2022-28. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, five votes to zero votes. Resolution No. 2022-28 appoints Burchfield as the towing company.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWING COMPANY FOR THE BOROUGH OF
HOLLIDAYSBURG**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that Burchfield is hereby appointed to serve as the towing company for the Borough of Hollidaysburg.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 11th day of August, 2022.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS TO THE PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (PVFD): Mr. Gehret advised that the total funds needed to reimburse for expenditures made in through July 5, 2022 is \$27,950. He also advised that it is necessary that the PVFD must provide documents back to January of 2019 to the Borough. Mr. Burke made a motion that the Borough release funds in the amount of \$27,950.00 to the PVFD, conditioned upon a satisfactory review of the documents back to 2019. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. All five members present voted in favor. The motion passed, five votes to zero votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 PM President Pompa announced an executive session to discuss litigation and that Borough Council will not be returning to the regular meeting.

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary