

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

PRESENT: A quorum was present including members of Council as follows: Sean M. Burke; Jeffrey Ketner; Brady Leahey; David Jacobs; William Kitt; and Walter Kalista, III via telephone. Also participating: Interim Borough Manager/Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Director of Community Development Andrew Holodnik; and Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey. Council Member Clay Gingrich; Solicitor Nathan Karn; and Mayor Dodson were all absent.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on May 9, 2024 were presented for Council's review and approval. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Ketner. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously with six votes in favor.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Ms. Duron reported that we had new flags in chambers from Senator's Judy Ward's office and new manager, Ethan Imhoff, would begin work on Monday, June 17th.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was distributed to members prior to the start of the meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Mr. Holodnik reported on permit complaints and the sidewalk grant.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS REPORT: Ms. Ramsey reported on the numerous community events taking place this summer and thanked sponsors and volunteers.

FIRE MARSHAL: Ms. Hazlett congratulated the PVFD on 153 years of service. Reminded residents to have their address visible.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Storm was not in attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Dannenberg, 511 Allegheny Street, Community Watchdog: Provided the Watchdog's negative observations regarding the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department's (PVFD) fire siren.

Pamela Blackmon, 809 Walnut Street: Spoke negatively about the fire siren's frequency and volume.

Kerry Leydig, 315 Bedford Street: Advised that he is not in favor of Basin Street being made into a one-way street.

Mark Slonaker, President, PVFD: Presented a monthly fire department report, refuted statements made about the PVFD by the Community Watchdog. Discussed false statements made at last month's Council Meeting.

Stan Neal, 142 Beaver Street: Requested an update on the sale of property in Gaysport with respect to stormwater management.

Kevin Sommers, 104 Basin Street: Proposed that Basin Street be changed to one-way. Proposed that the intersection be made wider. Suggested a speed hump.

Shawn Leydig, 407 Beaver Street: Advised that the spring cleanup in the business district went well. Advised that he is against a one way on Basin Street. He presented Melanie Ramsey with a written history of the Chimney Rocks star.

Steve Albright, 421 Bedford Street: Thanked Rick Pope and Patti Duron for painting the curb yellow near his house. Advised he is in favor of the fire siren. He does not want Basin Street to be made one-way.

Regis Nale, 202 Spruce Street: Discussed the Community Watchdog's viewpoint about the siren stating that it serves no real purpose.

OPEN AGENDA:

Mr. Leahey: Basin Street parking issue/site distance.

Mr. Kitt: East end stormwater management project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17: CONSENT AGENDA:

- a.) Resolution No. 2024-17 for bill list number 6 totaling \$130,422.31
- b.) One Certificate of Appropriateness – 601 Walnut Street

A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Jacobs to approve Resolution No.

2024-17. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, six votes to zero votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17

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. 6** dated June 13, 2024 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$130,422.31. consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **One Certificate of Appropriateness** is to be Approved and Council Authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificates of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:

A. 601 WALNUT STREET – PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT – ROOF X, INC.

- Replace some of an existing shingle roof with shingles
- The project will need a zoning permit
- This is a contributing structure within the Historic District
- The work has already been done

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 13th day of June, 2024.

Sean M. Burke, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Mr. Holodnik reported that there had been a productive meeting last month.

STORMWATER MITIGATION IN GAYSPORT UPDATE: At this time; it was reported that Solicitor Karn is waiting on an updated appraisal of the Stowell Farm property to complete the sale.

DISCUSSION: BOROUGH SIDEWALKS: Mr. Leahey advised that applications are still available.

APPROVE AN UPDATED COMMITMENT LETTER FOR CANAL BASIN PARK

CONNECTOR BRIDGE: Borough Council had a request to approve the execution of an updated support letter by President Burke. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to sign the support letter. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

TRANSPARENCY AND THE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA: This item was tabled until the July Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18 APPROVAL FOR FRANKSTOWN TOWNSHIP TO JOIN THE BLAIR REGIONAL CODE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve Resolution No. 2024-18. Mr. Kitt seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18
APPROVAL TO JOIN BLAIR REGION CODE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Hollidaysburg Borough has adopted the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (hereinafter “UCC”); and

WHEREAS, the UCC, specifically, 35 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 7210.501(c) required Hollidaysburg Borough to create and appoint members to serve on a Board of Appeals to hear appeals from decisions of the code administrator; and

WHEREAS, Hollidaysburg Borough entered into Joint Articles of Agreement with other Blair County municipalities that chose to enforce the UCC for the establishment of the Blair Region Code Administration Committee (Committee); and

WHEREAS, Section 7.2 of the said Joint Articles of Agreement allows other municipalities to join the said Board of Appeals upon a municipality’s written request to, and a recommendation from, the Committee after which approval of two thirds (2/3) of the municipalities participating in the Committee is required; and

WHEREAS, Frankstown Township submitted a written request to the Committee and the Committee reviewed the same on May 9, 2024 and now recommends that the participating municipalities of the Committee permit the said Townships and Borough to join the Committee; and

WHEREAS, Hollidaysburg Borough, as a participating municipal member of the Committee desires to allow Frankstown Township to join the Committee as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hollidaysburg Borough, as a participating municipal member of the Committee hereby approves the written request of Frankstown Township to become a municipal member of the Blair Region Code Administration Committee upon said Municipality enacting the appropriate ordinance pursuant to the

Intergovernmental Cooperation Act 53 Pa. C. S. A. § 2301 et seq. which will adopt the said Joint Articles of Agreement.

This Resolution made and adopted this 13th day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:

Borough Secretary

By: _____
Council President

APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS TO THE PHOENIX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Leahey made a motion that the funds allocated in the 2024 budget be released to the PVFD. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

DISCUSSION: THE PVFD'S FIRE SIREN: President Burke discussed the PVFD's fire siren.

DISCUSSION: JUNIOR COUNCIL PROGRAM: Mr. Kalista discussed the Junior Council Program from PSAB. There was a consensus of Borough Council to move forward with preparing a resolution to initiate the program once again for the Borough.

DISCUSSION: BASIN STREET SIGHT DISTANCE SITUATION: A motion was made by Mr. Ketner to table this discussion item. Mr. Kitt seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

APPROVE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS FOR THE CONNECTOR BRIDGE: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the commitment to fund \$12,000 toward an economic impact study for the Canal basin Park Connector Bridge Project. Mr. Kalista seconded and a vote was taken. All members were in favor. The motion passed.

ADJOURN: This meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Borough Secretary