

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021
7:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING/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; James Mielnik; Sean Burke; Michele Baker; Brady Leahey; Richard Scholton; and Joyce Lowe. Also participating: Borough Manager Jim Gehret; Mayor Joseph Dodson; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Attorney Nathan Karn; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; and Chief Rodney B. Estep.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the December 10th meeting were presented for Council's approval. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Mr. Burke and was seconded by Mr. Leahey. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved seven votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S REPORT & MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that his manager's report was in the agenda binder. He also discussed some necessary capital purchases that needed to be made within moderation at this time as they had been put on hold in 2020 due to the pandemic. Council was ok to proceed. No monthly financials at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Mr. Harbison reported that there is a COA for approval in the agenda packet for repointing of bricks. The property owner was put on notice for doing the project without a permit. HARB wanted Council to know that the owner was not aware that the property was in the Historic District and that he needed a COA. He updated them on a recent Zoning Hearing involving the Hollidaysburg Area School District. A hearing officer had been appointed and the school district accepted the hearing officer's ruling.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported on the procedure for renewals of the mechanical licenses within the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Regis Nale, 210 Jackson Street: Mr. Nale spoke with approval about the proposed CDBG project of sidewalks on Bel Aire. He also spoke about the comprehensive plan update and where it stands.

Richard Latker, 703 Allegheny Street, and Hollidaysburg Watchdog, 511 Allegheny Street: Mr. Latker spoke favorably about the appointment of Jeff Ketner to the Civil Service Commission, negatively about the appointment of the Borough Solicitor for 2021, and about video conferencing for meetings.

OPEN AGENDA: No one had anything for open agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2021-1 for bill list number 1 totaling \$264,930.52, two Certificates of Appropriateness, and the 2021 service agreement for the generator with Cleveland Brothers.. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mrs. Lowe to approve Resolution No. 2021-1. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1
A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) **Bill List No. 1** dated January 14, 2021 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$264,930.52 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.
- 2) **Two Certificates of Appropriateness** are to be Approved and Authorize the Zoning Administrator to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:

A. 1011 Allegheny Street – Repair and repoint exterior brickwork – Kenneth & Carmen Bilek

- The applicant wishes to repair exterior brickwork

B. 415 N. Montgomery Street – Replace 14 windows and a door – Sam Thurua

- The applicant wishes to replace 14 windows
- Replacement of front plate windows will look similar but be of modern insulation materials with aluminum frames
- The entry door will be replaced but look identical
- The side windows are currently bricked over
- The side windows will be restored
- All the side windows will have grids

- 3) **Approve Cleveland Brothers 2021 Agreement for the Generator Maintenance**

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 14th day of January, 2021.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

DISCUSSION: VIDEO CONFERENCING: Mr. Gehret updated council on setting up video conferencing in Council Chambers for future meetings by providing two estimates for the work. At this time, Council requested that he look into the access channel.

DISCUSSION: CDBG PROPOSED SIDEWALK PROJECT: Mr. Gehret advised that he had received notice from the CDBG Coordinator Trina Illig that the proposed sidewalk project was not considered to be an allowable project.

APPOINT THE BOROUGH ENGINEER: A motion was made by Mr. Scholton to appoint Stiffler McGraw as the Borough Engineer for 2021. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously, seven votes to zero votes.

APPOINT THE BOROUGH FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: Mr. Burke made a motion to appoint the First National Bank as the Borough Financial Institution for 2021. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried, seven votes to zero votes.

APPOINT THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR: Mrs. Lowe made a motion to appoint Nathan Karn as the Borough Solicitor for 2021. Mr. Burke seconded that motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously, seven votes to zero votes.

APPOINT THE BOROUGH AUDITOR: Mr. Scholton made a motion to appoint Young Oakes Brown & CO as the Borough Auditor for 2021. Ms. Baker seconded that motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE BLAIR COUNTY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE: A motion was made by Mr. Burke to appoint Joseph Pompa as the member and Mr. Gehret as the alternate member. Mr. Leahey seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE MDIA CONTRACT: Mrs. Lowe made a motion to approve this addendum to the existing MDIA Contract for UCC permit application reviewing services. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

APPOINT JEFFREY KETNER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to appoint Jeffrey Ketner to fill a term vacated by Kirk Kratzer on the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Mielnik seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed, seven votes to zero votes.

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE INVESTIGATION 215 - 217 BLAIR STREET: Mr. Harbison advised Council of the condition of the structure at 215 – 217 Blair Street, and indicated that an investigation was warranted. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey that the investigative procedure be

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started. Mrs. Lowe seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously, seven votes to zero votes.

ADJOURN: President Pompa announced at 7:30 PM that they would have an executive session and would not return to the meeting.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary