

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020
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; Brady Leahey; James Mielnik; Richard A. Scholton; and Michele Baker. Also present: Borough Manager Jim Gehret. Others in attendance via telephone: Mayor Joseph Dodson; Councilman Sean Burke; Councilwoman Joyce Lowe; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Borough Solicitor Nathan Karn; Building Code Official Gerald Harbison; Chief Rodney B. Estep; and Director of Community Relations & Events Katrina Pope.

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

MINUTES: The minutes dated March 12, and March 19, 2020 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to approve the minutes, and was then seconded by Ms. Baker. The president asked for a vote and the motion carried in a vote of seven votes to zero votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one had called in to the meeting to make a public comment.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that there was no manager's report in their agenda binder. He reported that former Borough Council Member Paul Plummer had passed away. Paul had also served as a member of the Civil Service Commission and on the Planning Commission. Mr. Gehret advised that the Borough is continuing with the Borough's services. The most important concern at this time is the health of all employees with respect to COVID-19.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Nothing to add.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: No one had any questions for Mr. Harbison.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EVENTS: No questions for Ms. Pope.

FIRE MARSHAL: Dave Zeek was not in attendance.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson announced that he had a proclamation that Mr. Gehret will read.

OPEN AGENDA: Nothing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-7, CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Pompa asked for Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2020-7 for bill list number 4 totaling \$109,475.27. A motion was made by Mr. Scholton and was seconded by Mrs. Lowe to approve Resolution No.2020-7,

approving payment of Bill List number 4. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-7
A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 1) **Bill List No. 4** dated April 9, 2020 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$109,475.27 consisting of accounts payable and owing the Borough of Hollidaysburg from duly appropriated moneys is hereby approved.

DULY adopted by the Council of the Borough of Hollidaysburg this 9^h day of April, 2020.

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

AGREEMENT WITH PENNDOT FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE: A motion was made by Mr. Leahey to execute the agreement with PENNDOT for sidewalk maintenance for the N. Juniata Street project. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mielnik. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

DISCUSSION: There was a discussion regarding the layoff of the school crossing guards, at the request of Councilman Leahey.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion begun by Chief Estep regarding the process of hiring a new officer. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Leahey to authorize the Chief to hire from a certification list that will be certified to Council by the Civil Service Commission. The list will be certified following the completion of video interviews with the candidates. This motion was seconded by Mr. Scholton. President Pompa called for any public comment from any persons who had called into to the meeting for public participation. No one made comment. A vote was taken with the motion carrying in a vote of six in favor and one against.

ADJOURN: President Pompa adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary