

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023, 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: Michele Baker; James Mielnik; Jeffrey Ketner; Sean Burke; Walter Kalista, III; and Brady Leahey. Also participating: Borough Manager James Gehret; Borough Secretary Patricia J. Duron; Attorney Jeff Murceak; Chief Chris Storm; Planning/Zoning Administrator Andrew Holodnik; Director of Community Relations and Events Melanie Ramsey; and Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett. Mayor Joseph Dodson participated by telephone.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2023 were presented for Council's review and approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Leahey and was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved with seven votes to zero votes.

MANAGER'S/FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Gehret advised that he had nothing more to report. Nothing outstanding on the Finance Report.

PLANNING/ZONING: Mr. Holodnik advised that he would have a report for next month's meeting as he had just started in the position.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: Fire Marshal Amy Hazlett presented her monthly.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS & EVENTS REPORT: Ms. Ramsey reported on sponsorships and upcoming events in the Borough: Downtown LIVE! Concerts, the Tuesday Farmers Market and Night Markets, and movie nights at the Canal Basin Park as well as the use of the kiosk in front of the courthouse.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: The Chief presented the department's July report.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Chris Shirock reported on the Borough's completed audit for 2022.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodson was on the phone and discussed a salary increase for police personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shaun Leydig; 211 Newry Street: Spoke about a pothole repair and the Borough's Covid relief funds with respect to stormwater mitigation in Gaysport.

Eric Schmidt; PVFD: Presented the monthly fire company report and requested the Borough's support for a grant application that the department wishes to submit.

Gerard Nale; 109 Bedford Street: Discussed stormwater management in Gaysport.

Jim Fitch, 109 BelAire Road: Spoke about speeding on BelAire Road as well as zoning issues.

OPEN AGENDA:

Ms. Baker: Flooding in Gaysport and the PVFD grant application.

Mr. Ketner: PVFD grant application and flooding in Gaysport.

Mr. Burke: PVFD grant application.

Mr. Leahey: PVFD grant application.

Mr. Pompa: PVFD grant application and flooding in Gaysport.

Mr. Kalista: PVFD grant application.

Mr. Mielnik: PVFD grant application.

Mayor Dodson: Flooding in Gaysport.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21: CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Gehret requested Council's consideration of Resolution No. 2023-21 for bill list number 8 totaling \$215,988.52 and the approval of three Certificates of Appropriateness. A motion was made by Mr. Ketner and was seconded by Mr. Kalista to approve Resolution No. 2023-21. A vote was taken with the motion carrying, seven votes to zero votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21
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 10, 2023 authorizes payment of expenses totaling \$215,988.52 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 a Certificate of Appropriateness/Zoning Permit as follows:

A. 209 NORTH MONTGOMERY STREET – REPLACE WINDOWS, SOFFIT & FASCIA GUTTERS, REPOINT & REPAIR BRICK, REPLACE ATTIC WINDOW, REPLACE SCREEN DOOR, REPLACE ROOF LINE - ADAM MATHIAS

- Replace 10 existing 2nd story windows with single-hung composite windows (wooden trim to remain)
- Repoint and repair brick, replace a screen door, repair/replace gutters, repair/replace fascia trim board, paint soffit, fascia window & door trim, repair & paint porch, repair/replace porch and main roofs, replace roof line & replace one attic window (matching 2nd story replacement window)
- The project will need a zoning permit
- This is a contributing structure within the Historic District

B. 516 ALLEGHENY STREET –BUSINESS SIGNAGE – TIFFANY EBERSOLE

- Install a front window cling advertising Jeg Journey Bracelet Bar
- The sign will measure 16” by 20”
- The project complies with C-2 Zoning Regulations
- The structure is a contributing structure within the Historic District

C. 809 WALNUT STREET –REPLACE FRONT DOOR AND SIDELIGHTS – JASON FREEDMAN

- Replace the front door and side lights
- The project complies with C-2 Zoning Regulations
- The structure is a contributing structure within the Historic District

Joseph A. Pompa, President

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Duron, Secretary

UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The draft is complete. If Council has any questions, they can submit for next month’s meeting.

STORMWATER/BEDFORD STREET UPDATE: : Mr. Gehret advised that there is nothing new to report.

BOROUGH SIDEWALKS: The Borough is continuing to approve sidewalk grant applications.

STREET SWEEPER: The demonstration sweeper has been offered to the Borough for purchase at a discounted price.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS: Mrs. Ann Andrews was there to discuss recommendations to amend the current rules and regulations of the Commission. Discussion took place with Mr. Leahey making a motion for a Memorandum of Agreement to the Police Association Agreement to amend the residency requirement for new officer hires from 15 miles to 30 air miles. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor. Mr. Leahey made a motion to accept the proposed draft of the CSC rules and regulations. Ms. Baker seconded the motion and a vote was taken. The motion passed with seven votes in favor.

SALARY ADJUSTMENT: The Mayor requested a salary adjustment for the administrative officer in the police department. The request was discussed. Mr. Burke made a motion that longevity increases and salary modifications should take place during the budget discussions for next year. Mr. Kalista seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO THE HARB/HPC: A motion to appoint Andrew Holodnik to the HARB/HPC was made by Mr. Burke and Mr. Kalista seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with seven votes.

APPOINTMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL STORMWATER COMMITTEE (ISC): A motion to appoint Andrew Holodnik to the ISC was made by Mr. Kalista and Ms. Baker seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with seven votes.

APPOINTMENT TO THE BLAIR REGION CODE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: A motion to appoint Andrew Holodnik to the Blair Region Code Administration Committee was made by Mr. Burke and Mr. Kalista seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed with seven votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:55 PM, President Pompa advised that Council would go into an executive session to discuss real estate and that they would not return.