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**MEETING AGENDA  
HOLLIDAYSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HOLLIDAYSBURG MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024, 7:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
4. **Public Hearings**
  - a. **Ordinance No. 913 Petition to Rezone** - Great Commission Schools submitted a petition to rezone 60.47 acres of property in its ownership from Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) zoning district to Conservation/Recreation (CR) zoning district. The ground proposed for rezoning is located in the Gaysport neighborhood, and commonly referred to as the Stowell Farm. At its October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission recommended Borough Council approve the petition. Also, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Blair County Planning Commission found the petition to be consistent with countywide planning efforts.
5. **Staff Reports & Special Business**
  - a. Manager's Report
  - b. Monthly Financial Report
  - c. Community Development Report
  - d. Director of Community Relations and Events Report
  - e. Chief of Police Report
  - f. Fire Marshal Report
6. **Mayor's Report**
7. **Public Comments & Petitions** - Anyone wishing to address Borough Council, please step to the microphone, and state your name and address for the record. There is a five-minute time limit.
8. **Open Agenda**
9. **Consent Agenda** Resolution No. 2024-30

1. Approve Bill List No. 10
2. Approve Certificates of Appropriateness

## 10. Unfinished Business

- a. **Update on Comprehensive Plan** - Staff will update Council on two public hearings that were held in September to collect input for the comprehensive plan.
- b. **Borough Sidewalks Grant Reimbursement Program** - The Borough has an open and ongoing program to reimburse homeowners for up to 25% of the cost of new sidewalk and curb. Any projects completed and funded since the last meeting will be announced.
- c. **Stormwater Mitigation Update: East Side** - This project is proposed to mitigate stormwater management problems on the east side of Allegheny Street. Phase 1 of the project is currently in the planning and developmental stages for the area in the vicinity of Condron and Lindsay Streets. Once the project design, scope of work and preliminary budget are complete, staff will begin to seek funding for the project.
- d. **Resolution No. 2024-31 Approving the Execution of the 2024 CDBG Application** - Public hearings and discussions have been held regarding the Borough's 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation. Following the public input process, Council directed the County of Blair to prepare the application for half of the funds to be used towards blight remediation and half of the 2024 funds to be used for a microenterprise loan/grant program.
- e. **Appointment of Blight Committee Members** - The Borough continues to seek volunteers to serve on the Borough Blight Committee. It is anticipated a full slate of members will be presented for appointment at the November Council meeting.

## 11. New Business

- a. **Discussion: Speeding Remedies** - Councilman Gingrich and Mayor Dodson requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion about speed monitoring devices, placement and the cost.
- b. **Discussion: Stop Sign at Newry Street** - Councilman Gingrich requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.
- c. **Discussion: Bedford Street: Street Light** - Councilman Leahey requested that this item be placed on the agenda regarding a street light that was removed and not replaced.
- d. **Approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the County of Blair for CDBG Funds** - Since 2014, the Borough has contracted with the County of Blair to administer its annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In exchange for up to 18% of its annual allocation, the Borough receives application, monitoring and record keeping services from the County.
- e. **Resolution 2024-25 Naming a New Street in the Sixth Ward** - At its May 9<sup>th</sup>

- meeting, Council approved a land development for 28 new residential dwellings. The residential dwellings will be served by a private road to be owned and maintained by the property owner. Authority for naming Borough roadways belongs to the Borough. The property owner suggested Hunt Club Drive. Council reserves the right to select its own name for the street or concur with the property owner's suggestion.
- f. **Resolution 2024-33 Fair Housing Resolution** - In order to be eligible to receive federal funding, and specifically Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, Council must annually approve a resolution affirming its commitment to fair housing principles and guidelines specified by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
  - g. **MOU for Part-Time Finance Clerk Position** - A part-time clerk position has been advertised to work in the Borough finance office. The AFSCME bargaining unit and the Borough will agree to a memorandum of understanding for this part-time position at an hourly rate of \$16.50. Council will need to approve the established rate for this part time position.
  - h. **Approve a Workers Compensation Settlement with James Zimmerman** - Mr. Zimmerman and the Borough's workers compensation insurance have settled on \$50,000 to be paid to Mr. Zimmerman. The Borough's workers compensation insurance will cover the full cost of the settlement at no cost to the Borough.
  - i. **Ordinance No. 910** - The Borough has applied for a grant for the PA Department of Environmental Protection, and in order to obtain such grant, it is necessary that the Borough update its ordinance to comply with disposal of waste and recycling requirements. Ordinance No. 910 will amend Part 4 of Chapter 7 known as Fire Prevention and Fire Protection and Parts 1 and 2 of Chapter 20 known as the Borough's Solid Waste and Recyclables, Storage, Collection, Disposal and Processing Ordinance.
  - j. **Ordinance 913** - Great Commission Schools submitted a petition to rezone 60.47 acres of property in its ownership from Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) zoning district to Conservation/Recreation (CR) zoning district. The ground proposed for rezoning is located in the Gaysport neighborhood, and commonly referred to as the Stowell Farm. At its October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the Hollidaysburg Planning Commission recommended Borough Council approve the petition. Also, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Blair County Planning Commission found the petition to be consistent with countywide planning efforts.
  - k. **Discussion: Preliminary Budget for 2025** - Earlier in the evening Borough Council held a public budget workshop to discuss the preliminary draft of the 2025 Borough budget.
12. **Executive Session** - *The presiding officer will announce an Executive Session if one is needed.*
  13. **Adjourn**