

April 14, 2021
Peckville, PA 18452

The Regular Public Work Session of the Blakely Borough Council was held at 6:00 P.M. in the Blakely Borough Municipal Building, 1439 Main Street, Peckville, PA 18452.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeanette Acciare-Mariani - present
Jeff Cruciani - present Joseph Munley - present
Michael HENZES - present Louis Parri - present
Joseph Ercolani - present Patrick Zwanch - present
Kevin Swift - absent Edward Alco - present

Mr. Parri presided. Solicitor - Atty. Abrahamsen

Be it known a quorum was present.

A motion to accept the public hearing meeting, special meeting, public work session meeting, and regular meeting minutes was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

Reading of Correspondence

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Boy Scouts of America NEPA Council. On behalf of the NEPA Council, Boy Scouts of America, we would like to gratefully acknowledge your generosity in opening your facilities at the Recreation Complex to host our recent event once again on March 6.

Mr. Paone read a notice from the Pa Liquor Control Board with the boroughs Liquor and Malt Beverage License Fees in the amount of \$1,400.00.

Mr. Paone read from McTish-Kunkel and Associates informing the borough of a Priority 1 repair that will be undertaken on the bridge that spans Hulls Creek on Route 347 (Scott Rd.) The bridge is considered to have a serious structural deficiency that could lead to load restrictions, lane and/or bridge closures or, if not corrected, may jeopardize public safety.

Mr. Paone read over the updated liability insurance information from Assured Partners, Kincel and Co. for the 2021-2022 renewal.

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The overall premium increased \$10,232 for the same coverage. The stated most of the increase was due to automotive increases that was seen across the board throughout the industry.

Mr. Paone read three quotes from 1st Alarm Security for a monitored fire alarm system for Blakely Hose Co. No. 2 - \$2,638.00, Wilson Fire Co. No. 1 - \$2,830.00 and Blakely Ambulance - \$5,976.00

New Business

Mr. Paone gave a copy of the electric ordinance amendment to council for their comment and informed them that it would be passed at the April 19, 2021 council meeting.

Mr. Paone gave a copy of Resolution 14-2021 authorizing a cooperation agreement with the County of Lackawanna for the FFY CDBG Program Administration.

Mr. Paone gave a copy of Resolution 15-2021 authorizing a cooperation agreement with the County of Lackawanna for the Blakely Borough Mott Haven Section 3 Improvement Project.

Mr. Paone gave a copy of Resolution 16-2021 authorizing Christopher Paone to assign all applicable paperwork for the Lackawanna County Community Re-Invest Grant for 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. ZWANCH. All ayes.

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

April 19, 2021

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ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeanette Acciare-Mariani	- present		
Jeff Cruciani	- present	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael HENZES	- present	Patrick Zwanch	- present
Joseph Ercolani	- present	Edward Alco	- absent
Kevin Swift	- absent	Louis Parri	- present

Mr. Parri presided.

Be it known a quorum was present.

A motion to accept the public hearing meeting, special meeting, public work session meeting, and regular meeting minutes was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. HENZES. All ayes.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Boy Scouts of America NEPA Council. On behalf of the NEPA Council, Boy Scouts of America, we would like to gratefully acknowledge your generosity in opening your facilities at the Recreation Complex to host our recent event once again on March 6.

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Mr. Paone read the bills presented for payment.

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The bills were approved by the finance committee. A motion to accept the bills was made by Mr. Erclani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

General Payable - \$149,243.40 Electric Payable - \$27,799.67

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report.

SOLICITOR - Atty. Conaboy read Ordinance 3-2021 amending the Blakely Borough Electric Ordinance allowing for the correction of billing. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 14-2021 entering into a cooperation agreement with the County of Lackawanna for the FFY 2020 CDBG Program Administration. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 15-2021 entering into a cooperation agreement with the County of Lackawanna for the Blakely Borough Mott Haven Section Phase 3 Improvement Project. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 16-2021 authorizing Christopher Paone to sign all applicable paperwork for the Lackawanna County Community Re-Invest Grant for 2021. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Ercolani. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy asked for authorization to advertise for the amendment to Ordinance 6-2020 regulating open burning. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Paone read the Treasurers Report. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Ercolani. All ayes.

CONTROLLER - No report.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR - No report.

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of March, 2021. There was one (1) mine subsidence in the Borough of Blakely during the month of March. This opening has been investigated by the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection Mine Reclamatin Department. They have filled the site and will be continually monitoring it. All other minde opendings and voids are secure as of April 19, 2021. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

POLICE - No report.

BUILDINGS - No report.

FINANCE - Mr. Henzes read the Financial Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes

FIRE - No report.

REFUSE - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - Mr. Cruciani said there was a small outage on the 800 block of Main St. on Friday due to a pole fire. The electricians were aboe to repair the problem and return power within an hour.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - No report.

EQUIPMENT - No report.

RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

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Tom Elkins, Hickory St., Peckville asked if there will be a cleanup this year. Mr. Paone stated that we do not really do a specific day or week for cleanup.

He also asked if there would be a place to place old flags in town. Mr. Wascura told Mr. Elkins that he could bring it to the Peckville VFW and Mr. Puhalla would take care of the flags. Commissioner Chermak also stated that you could bring them to the County Government Center on Wyoming Ave. in Scranton and they have a drop box setup all the time.

He asked about Bear Owen's property on Reserves Alley specifically asking about the trees that are dying or are dead. Why does everything look so bad and why can't something be done to clean up the area especially since it is a residential area. Mr. Paone told Mr. Elkins that he would look into the situation.

Mr. Elkins thanked everyone who helped his daughter find a home.

Mr. Elkins asked about Main St and Hickory St and when they would be paved. Mr. Paone told him that Hickory St work should begin within the next 2 weeks. He did not have answer on Main St., but did inform him that UGI would be performing a gas main replacement that will help with the condition of the road once it is complete.

Chris Chermak, Commissioner Lackawanna County, spoke about the flag drop and that he is running for PA State Senate in the 22nd District. He stated that he would always work as hard as he could for his district and promised to only be a phone call away.

John Pastula, Ash St., Peckville, asked about the house on Ash St. that the firefighters have been practicing at periodically. Mr. Paone told him that the borough purchased the property through the Lackawanna County Land Bank and would be tearing it down within the next few weeks. The fire departments are going to use the house until it is torn down as a training site.

Katherine and Rich Koch, 416 Main St., just saying hello and they just wanted to be informed about the community. Asked about a tree in front of her property that is beginning to grow into the power lines. Mr. Wascura told her that we would investigate it and have it trimmed.

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Chet Merli, Hospital St., asked questions about the amended electric ordinance that was passed at the meeting. Mr. Paone stated that the amendment was to put in a standard operating procedure for instances where over or under billing may occur.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

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