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Mr. Paone gave an update on the Refuse/Recycling numbers for 2021 vs. 2022 for the first quarter of 2022. Garbage is down 53.55 ton and Recycling is up 14.79 ton.

Mr. Paone gave an update on the new Electric Recloser/Tiebreaker Project. The borough has spoken to three different manufacturers and are close to deciding to order 3 reclosers and 2 tiebreakers from NOJA. These units will have remote capability and monitoring allowing for fast response times from the electricians.

Mr. Paone gave an update on the ARLE Grant for Depot St. Trail crossing. He stated that he met with PennDOT and when they are designing the curb cuts from 247, we may be able to utilize what they install and spend the grant money for more sidewalks, etc..

Public Comment

No Comments

Motion to Adjourn

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

April 18, 2022

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jeanette Acciare-Mariani - present
Jeff Cruciani - present Joseph Munley - present
Michael Henzes - present Patrick Zwanch - present
Kevin Swift - absent Louis Parri - present
Edward J. Alco Jr. - present Carlo Celli - 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. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Paone read a letter from Mr. Lloyd Swoyer, Gino Merli Dr., Peckville, notifying the borough that he is resigning from the Blakely Borough Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately. He wants to thank the borough for the opportunity to serve for the last 20+ years.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Mr. John Munley. I, John Munley, write this letter with the intent of expressing my interest of sitting on Blakely Borough's Zoning Board. As a lifelong resident of Blakely Borough, I would be honored to give back and serve the community in this way. If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to me via one of the methods below. Thanks, John Munley

Mr. Paone read the bills presented for payment.

Borough Bills Light Bills

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

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General Payable - \$138,752.86 Electric Payable - \$322,690.90

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report.

SOLICITOR- Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 19-2022 authorizing a sponsor agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the Rehabilitation of the Hulls Creek Flood Protection Project (Project NO. DGS 181-27). A motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Alco and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 20-2022 authorizing Christoher Paone to sign for and apply for a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Project grant in the amount of \$136,743.25 from the Commonwealth of Financing Authority. A motion to accept the resolution 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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Alco. 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, 2022. All mine openings and voids are secure as of April 18, 2022. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. 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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes

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EMERGENCY SERVICES - No report.

REFUSE - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - No report.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - No report.

EQUIPMENT - No report.

RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Rovinsky from Lackawanna County Office of Planning and Economic Development spoke about the 2022 CDBG Projects and funds available. The Mott Haven Paving Project Part 2 will be taking place this summer and to please let him know if we have any further questions.

A motion to accept the resignation of Lloyd Swoyer from the Blakely Borough Zoning Hearing Board was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

A motion to appoint John Munley to the Blakely Borough Zoning Hearing Board was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

Mrs. Palonis read a letter of complaint against Mr. Paone to the Blakely Borough Council and hand delivered a copy to Council President Louis R. Parri and Mayor Jeanetter Acciare-Mariani. Mrs. Palonis is requesting a response from council within 10 business days.

American Riders of the American Legion spoke to inform council and Chief Salerno of the ride that would be taking place

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throughout the area. He said that it is a ride at your own pace type of ride and no traffic control would be needed. Chief Salerno said he would talk to him more after the meeting about the details of the ride.

Michael Magnot, Lillibridge St, Peckville, asked about the feral cats throughout the town. Mr. Paone told him that the borough has recently enacted a new feral cat ordinance and he would investigate the matter. He also asked the borough about the project on Main St. and said that here is a lot of traffic throughout the neighborhood. Mr. Paone explained to him that the work was being done by UGI and it would be continuing for several more months. Chief Salerno said he would have his officers watch the back roads for speeding as best as possible with people trying to circumvent the traffic on Main St. He said his son who lives on Prynne St. was concerned about the proposed development behind his property. Mr. Paone informed them that it is in the preliminary stages of development, but the planned drainage is very significant and shouldn't cause any major issues and as the project moved forward they would watch everything very closely.

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

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