

April 12, 2023
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		
Jeffrey Cruciani	- Present	Joseph Munley	- Present
Michael HENZES	- Present	Louis R. Parri	- Present
Edward J. Alco, Jr.	- Present	Patrick Zwanch	- Present
Kevin Swift	- absent	Carlo Celli	- 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. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

Reading of Correspondence

Release and Settlement of Claim for the damage that was done to the traffic signal loops on Main St./Gino Merli Dr./Hospital St. and Keystone Ave. and Gino Merli Dr. Peckville.

The borough received a letter the Pa Bureau of Occupational & Industrial Safety informing the borough that Blakely Borough has passed its five-year audit to determine if adequate administration and enforcement of accessibility requirements of the UCC is occurring. Inspector Thomas Cerra conducted the audit on June 30, 2022, and the borough was successful in the audit.

The borough received an email from Eric Middleton informing the borough the American Planning Association in conjunction with Lackawanna County is hoping to get South Abington Park and Blakely Borough Recreational Complex approved as a great public place to visit in Pa.

New Business

Resolution 17 of 2023 The Blakely Police Officer's Association moving under the Blakely Borough General Fund.

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Resolution 18 of 2023 Blakely/Peckville Crimewatch Association moving under the Blakely Borough General Fund.

Resolution 19 of 2023 Regulations for the installation of utilities for new developments within Blakely Borough.

Old Business

None

Public Comment

No Comments

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

April 17, 2023

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.	- absent	Carlo Celli	- present

Mr. Cruciani 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 an email from Eric Middleton informing the borough the American Planning Association in conjunction with Lackawanna County is hoping to get South Abington Park and Blakely Borough Recreational Complex approved as a great public place to visit in Pa. He will inform the borough when final approval is made by the planning association.

Mr. Paone read a Release and Settlement of Claim from UGI for the damage that was done to the traffic signal loops on Main St/Gino Merli Dr/Hospital St and Keystone Ave. and Gino Merli Dr. in Peckville.

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. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

General Payable - \$193,255.36 Electric Payable - \$36,884.88

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR- The Mayor read her report.

SOLICITOR - Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 17-2023 authorizing the formation of a Blakely Police Officer's Subcommittee and the ownership of Blakely Police Officer's Association funds for use by the Officer's Association. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 18-2023 authorizing the formation of the Blakely/Peckville Crimewatch Subcommittee and the ownership of Blakely/Peckville Crimewatch funds for use by the Crimewatch Association. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 19-2023 regulating the establishment of utilities with new residential developments within the Borough of Blakely. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the advertising of the vacant property ordinance for passage in May 2023. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize Mr. Parri to enter into an agreement for the sale of property located at 125 Ash St., Peckville. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

CONTROLLER - No Report

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of March, 2023. All mine openings and voids are secure as of April 14, 2023. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

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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

EMERGENCY SERVICES - No report.

REFUSE - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - Mr. Cruciani said we will be doing shut-offs at the end of April.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - Mr. Swift said the Fourth St. Sanitary Sewer Project has been completed.

EQUIPMENT - No report.

RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - Joe Rovinsky from Lackawanna County conducted a public hearing for the 2023 CDBG Program Funds. He read off all the criteria for the program and asked for council to look at new projects that Blakely may want to undertake for next year.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS: None

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary