

August 11, 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	- absent		
Jeff Cruciani	- present	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael HENZES	- present	Louis Parri	- present
Joseph Ercolani	- present	Patrick Zwanch	- present
Kevin Swift	- present	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. Swift and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

**Reading of Correspondence**

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Conservation District with notice to Mr. Adam Touch owner of the Ace Beverage Fill Site that recent earth disturbance activities at the Ace Beverage Fill Site are in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Department and the Clean Streams Law, the Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987 as amended, 35 P.S. 691.1.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection informing the borough that their inspection of the Hulls Creek Flood Protection Project for 2021 found that the project was minimally acceptable. The enclosed inspection report provides you with a condition rating for each of your project features as well as an overall project rating.

Mr. Paone read an email from Nicole Shapiro, Recycling Manager/Coordinator for the Lackawanna County Office of Environmental Sustainability informing the borough that the county will be holding its tire recycling event the week of October 18, 2021. They are asking if and when we would like to have a drop off at the borough building. The cost of the tires

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will be \$4 for passenger tires, \$5 for dirty passenger tires, and \$10 if the tire is still on the rim. No truck tires, only passenger tires.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Auditor General with the annual report of our Liquid Fuels Fund. Everything was in order and in compliance with all applicable state laws.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection informing the borough that their inspection of our Underground Storage Tank has violations that need to be corrected.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Comcast informing the borough that our second quarter franchise fee in the amount of \$15,314.98.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Paone spoke to council about 2017 Takeuchi TL10V2 that was damaged in an accident on July 14, 2021. The insurance company has totaled the machine and will be issuing a check in the amount of \$44,813.00. Mr. Paone also informed council that the purchase of a new 2021 Takeuchi TL10V2 would be \$73,872.20. The difference of \$29,059.20.

Chief Salerno attended the meeting to speak about staffing issues with the police department. Ptlm. Matt Gallagher has submitted his resignation, and this will leave us with a shortage of officers and the need for possible overtime.

#### **Public Comment**

None

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

August 16, 2021

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**ROLL CALL**

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Jeff Cruciani - present                      Joseph Munley - present  
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Joseph Ercolani - present                      Edward Alco - present  
Kevin Swift - present                              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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

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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 - \$97,503.00                      Electric Payable - \$19,761.27

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**MAYOR** - The mayor read her monthly report.

Mayor Mariani read a resolution honoring Benjamin Cicilioni of Peckville on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and his service to our country and borough throughout the years.

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to enter a landlord waiver for Shen Manufacturing Co., Inc. for the premises located at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Peckville, PA 18452. A motion was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen opened the bids for the Lower Pleasant Ave. Sewer Replacement Project:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Bid Alt#</u>	<u>Bond</u>
Stafursky Paving, Inc	\$137,065	\$31,600	Yes
Pioneer Construction	\$153,120.50	\$25,200	Yes
James T. O'Hara	\$225,200	\$33,400	Yes
Linde Corp.	\$267,495	\$59,840	Yes
Leeward Construction	\$148,850	\$10,400	Yes

A motion to approve pending engineer's review was made by Mr. Ercolani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen opened the bids for the Ninth St. Wall Installation Project:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Bond</u>
Stafursky Paving, Inc	\$250,293	Yes
Pioneer Construction	\$307,788.50	Yes
Linde Corp.	\$373,800	Yes

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<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Bond</u>
Leeward construction	\$198,287.80	Yes
EBI, Inc.	\$299,185.95	Yes

A motion to approve pending the engineer's review was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Munley. 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. Munley. All ayes.

**CONTROLLER** - No report.

**TECHNICAL ADVISOR** - No report.

**MINE CAVE COMMISSION** - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of July, 2021. All mine openings and voids are secure as of August 16, 2021. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Swift and seconded by Mr. Ercolani. All ayes.

#### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**POLICE** - No report.

**BUILDINGS** - Mr. Parri said the replacement of the roof on the Ritztek Building has concluded and the fence at the borough building that was damaged by the storm a couple months ago will be replaced next week.

**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** - Mr. Cruciani said the the Blakely Hose Co. No 2 Smokefest has been cancelled due to rising COVID-19 numbers in Lackawanna County.

**REFUSE** - No report.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - No report.

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**ROADS** - Mr. Swift said the Smith St. Water Main replacement will begin within the next week and that will also include a curb-to-curb milling and paving of the road.

Kruger Pipeline will be concluding their work on Main St. within the next couple weeks. Once this is complete Stafursky Paving will be paving Main St. curb-to-curb from the Hospital Intersection to Lincoln Ave.

**SEWERS** - No report.

**EQUIPMENT** - Mr. Munley said the damaged 2017 Takeuchi TL10 Track Machine will be replaced with a new 2021 Takeuchi TL10 in the next month or so.

**RECREATION** - Mr. Ercolani said the 2021 Summer Park Program concluded last week. It was a very successful year with close to 100 children attending every day. We would like to commend our counselors for doing a great job.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Mr. Paone let everyone know that there will be a tire recycling event hosted by Lackawanna County. Blakley will have 2 drop offs, Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 4PM and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 12PM.

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

Wilson Browning asked about the catch basins on Keystone Ave. and if the borough could contact PennDot to have them cleaned. Mr. Paone said he would contact them to have this completed.

Tony Catanzaro asked about the pooling on the sidewalks in front of his house. He stated the sidewalks in front of his house are improperly installed causing a pooling condition which he is concerned will result in a hazardous condition in the winter. Mr. Paone told Mr. Catanzaro that the sidewalks will be repaired and matched to grade with the rest of the concrete.

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