

December 15, 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	- absent
Michael Henzes	- present	Louis Parri	- present
Joseph Ercolani	- absent	Patrick Zwanch	- present
Kevin Swift	- absent	Edward Alco	- present

Mr. Parri presided. Solicitor - Atty. Conaboy

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. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes

Reading of Correspondence

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative informing the borough that our second surplus claim fund check for the 2020 calendar year will be \$74,462.74.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation informing the borough that our State Police fines and penalties payment will arrive on December 1, 2021, in the amount of \$1,421.91.

New Business

- Discussion of the officers for the 2022 Reorganization Meeting.
- Discuss putting the 2022 Road Paving out for bid.
- Review of the ordinances up for vote on Monday.

Old Business

None

5679

Public Comment

No Comments

Motion to Adjourn

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

December 20, 2021

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	- absent		
Jeff Cruciani	- absent	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael HENZES	- present	Patrick Zwanch	- present
Joseph Ercolani	- absent	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. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative informing the borough that our second surplus claim fund check for the 2020 calendar year will be \$74,462.74.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation informing the borough that our State Police fines and penalties payment will arrive on December 1, 2021, in the amount of \$1,421.91.

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 - \$117,386.29 Electric Payable - \$21,720.42

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SOLICITOR - Atty. Conaboy read Ordinance 7-2021 governing animals, feral cats and animals running at large within the Borough of Blakely. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Ordinance 8-2021 governing the items that are illegal to deposit on borough roads. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. HENZES. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Ordinance 9-2021 governing snow emergencies and snow routes in the borough. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Ordinance 10-2021 governing the rules for addresses on residential and commercial properties within the borough. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Ordinance 11-2021 amending the garbage ordinance fee of 3-2006. A motion to pass the ordinance was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 21-2021 adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for Blakely Borough. A motion to pass the resolution was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. HENZES.

A motion to pass Resolution 1-2022 setting the Realty Transfer Tax at one-half of one percent and the wage tax at one-half of one percent was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 2-2022 appointing Mr. Paone as Secretary/Treasurer & Mr. Wascura Secretary/Treasurer to the Borough Council for 2022 was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

5682

A motion to pass Resolution 3-2022 naming First National Community Bank as depository for the Borough was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 4-2022 reimposing the refuse/garbage fee at \$200 for 2021. Garbage stickers for large pieces of furniture will be \$5.00 and mattresses will be picked up for \$10.00 and box springs for \$5.00 and they must be placed in a plastic bag was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 5-2022 setting the Blakely Borough Police Pension meetings on the even numbered months of 2022 immediately following the regular monthly meetings of the Blakely Borough Council. Be it further resolved, that Christopher R. Paone is the appointed Pension Administrator. Motion was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

A motion to pass Resolution 6-2022 setting the Blakely Borough Non-Uniformed Pension meetings on the even numbered months of 2022 immediately following the Blakely Borough Police Pension Meeting. Be it further resolved, that Christopher R. Paone is the appointed Pension Administrator. A motion was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 7-2022 setting the payments into the Police Pension Fund by employees of the police force at 5% for the calendar year 2022 was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 8-2022 reimposing the Local Services Tax Fee Ordinance for the year 2022 was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

A motion to pass Resolution 9-2022 setting the regular monthly meetings of Council during 2022 on the Third Monday of the month at 6:00 P.M., Borough Council will meet in caucus for deliberations on the Wednesday immediately preceding the regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P.M. and on the Tuesday of the week following the regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P.M. The Finance Committee of the Borough Council will meet at 5:15 P.M. on the Wednesday immediately preceding the regular monthly meeting.

5683

All of said meetings are open to the public and will be held in the Blakely Borough Building, 1439 Main St., Peckville, PA. A motion was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 10-2022 setting the payments into the Non-Uniform Pension Fund by employees at 5% for the calendar year 2022 was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 11-2022 appointing Christopher R. Paone as the Open Records, EMA Officer and liaison with Berkheimer for wage tax collection for the year 2022 and that Guy A Salerno is to be assistant EMA Officer for the year 2022 was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 12-2022 appointing Christopher R. Paone as the Zoning Officer and Thomas J. Wascura as the Assistant Zoning Officer was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 13-2022 reappointing Northeast Inspection Consultants as Blakely's construction inspectors and approving and adopting their rates in the format attached to the resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy asked for a motion to authorize the borough engineer to advertise for the 2022 Road Paving Project. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy asked for a motion for a special events ordinance amendment. A motion was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani.

Atty. Conaboy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

CONTROLLER - Mr. Alco stated that the 2022 budget has been completed.

Revenues:

Taxes - \$889,350
Permits - \$67,377
Fines & Forfeits - \$35,330
Interest, Rents, & Royalties - \$368,525
Intergovernmental Revenues - \$521,531
Charges for Services - \$6,548,471
Gas System - \$217,681
Misc Revenues - \$41,000
Other Financing Sources - \$2,321,155
Total - \$11,010,421

Expenditures:

General Government - \$537,051
Public Safety - \$1,379,426
Health & Welfare - \$28,952
Sanitation - \$626,972
Highways, Roads, & Streets - \$1,408,564
Other/Electric Co. Expense - \$3,499,991
Culture & Recreation - \$107,361
Debt Service - \$0
Misc - \$920,950
Other Financing Uses - \$2,501,155
Total - \$11,010,421

A motion to accept the budget was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

Mr. Alco read Ordinance 1-2022 adopting the budget for 2022 and Ordinance 2-2022 keeping the Tax ordinance at "0" Mils for 2022. A motion to accept the ordinances was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR - No report.

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of November, 2021. All mine openings and voids are secure as of December 20, 2021. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

POLICE - No report.

BUILDINGS - Mr. Parri stated that we have begun a minor remodel on the borough building with flooring and sheetrock for some of the offices.

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.

5685

REFUSE - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - No report.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - Mr. Paone said the Lower Pleasant Ave. Sanitary Sewer Replacement has been completed. Leeward Construction is repairing the trenches this week.

EQUIPMENT - Mr. Munley said the John Deere Loader was sold on Muncibid for \$9,000.00.

RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

Jim Randelunas, Delaware St., Peckville spoke to Chief Salerno about someone looking around the neighborhood possibly looking to steal something. Chief Salerno told Mr. Randelunas to call 911 with any concerns and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary