

December 13, 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	Kyle Burak	- present
Kevin Swift	- absent	Carlo Celli	- present

Mr. Parri presided.  
Abrahamsen

Solicitor - Atty.

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 request from PennEastern Engineers, LLC requesting a 60-day extension for the Two Up Realty development off Terrace Dr.

Mr. Paone read a report from the Pa Department of the Auditor General informing the borough that our Police and Non-Uniform Pension Audit was completed. There were 2 minor findings that were reported and corrected.

**New Business**

Mr. Paone informed the council that we will review the amendment to the Police Pension Fund Ordinance to align with the current collective bargaining agreement.

Mr. Paone informed the council that we will review the regular beginning of year resolutions at this Monday's council meeting.

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**Old Business**

Mr. Paone informed council that Stafursky Paving has completed work on Virginia Ave. and Bodnick St. Everything went as planned and all restoration for the winter has taken place.

Mr. Paone informed council that the borough has sent out a formal letter objecting to Pa American Water's large rate increase.

**Public Comment**

No Comments

**Motion to Adjourn**

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

December 18, 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	Kyle Burak	- absent
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. Alco. All ayes.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Paone read a request from PennEastern Engineers, LLC requesting a 60-day extension for the Two Up Realty development off Terrace Dr.

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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. HENZES. All ayes.

General Payable - \$219,172.83              Electric Payable - \$56,170.38

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**MAYOR-** The Mayor read her report. The Mayor swore in Senior Patrolman Michael Shaheen, Robert Moyer and Anthony Mercado as Corporals and Senior Patrolman Peter Petrucci as a Detective. She also wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 9-2023. An amendment to the Blakely Borough Police Pension Fund Ordinance. A motion to accept the ordinance was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 1-2024 adopting the budget for 2024 and Ordinance 2-2024 keeping the Tax ordinance at "0" Mills for 2024. A motion to accept the ordinances was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 1-2024 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. Alco and seconded by Mr. Burak. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 2-2024 appointing Mr. Paone as Secretary/Treasurer to the Borough Council for 2024 was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 3-2024 naming First National Community Bank as depository for the Borough was made by Mr. Burak and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 4-2024 reimposing the refuse/garbage fee at \$200 for 2024. 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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 5-2024 setting the Blakely Borough Police Pension meetings on the even numbered months of 2024 immediately following the regular monthly meetings of the Blakely Borough Council. The borough secretary/treasurer is the appointed Pension Administrator. Motion was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes

A motion to pass Resolution 6-2024 setting the Blakely Borough Non-Uniformed Pension meetings on the even numbered months of 2024 immediately following the Blakely Borough Police Pension Meeting. The borough secretary/treasurer is the appointed Pension Administrator. A motion was made by Mr. Burak and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

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A motion to pass Resolution 7-2024 setting the payments into the Police Pension Fund by employees of the police force at 5% for the calendar year 2024 was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 8-2024 reimposing the Local Services Tax Fee Ordinance for the year 2024 was made by Mr. Alco and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

A motion to pass Resolution 9-2024 setting the regular monthly meetings of Council during 2024 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 montly 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 preceeding the regular monthly meeting. 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. Burak and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 10-2024 setting the payments into the Non-Uniform Pension Fund by employees at 5% for the calendar year 2024 was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 11-2024 appointing Christopher R. Paone as the Open Records and EMA Officer, Flood Plain Administrator and liaison with Berkheimer for wage tax collection for the year 2024 and that Guy A Salerno is to be assistant EMA Officer for the year 2024 was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 12-2024 appointing Christopher R. Paone as the Blakely Borough Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 13-2024 reappointing Northeast Inspection Consultants as Blakely's construction inspectors and approving and adopting their rates in the format attached to the resolution. Northeast Inspectn consultants will also assist in zoning and code enforcement matter. A motion was made by Mr. Burak and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes.

A motion to pass Resolution 14-2024 that Blakely Borough will continue to re-adopt the Levy Ordinance of 2024 on real property, tax rate for general purposes in the sum of 0.00 mills on each dollars of assessed valuation. A motion 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. Alco and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

**CONTROLLER** - Mr. Celli read the 2024 budget.

**Revenues:**

**Taxes - \$1,008,449**  
**Permits - \$62,926**  
**Fines & Forfeits - \$23,020**  
**Interest, Rents, & Royalties - \$400,017**  
**Intergovernmental Revenues - \$806,830**  
**Charges for Services - \$7,367,138**  
**Gas System - \$268,532**  
**Misc. Revenues - \$53,100**  
**Other Financing Sources - \$3,243,786**

**Total - \$13,227,798**

**Expenditures:**

**General Government - \$851,922**  
**Public Safety - \$1,531,660**  
**Health & Welfare - \$13,000**  
**Sanitation - \$577,286**  
**Highways, Roads, & Streets - \$1,762,407**  
**Other/Electric Co. Expense - \$3,516,550**  
**Culture & Recreation - \$342,588**  
**Misc. - \$904,599**  
**Other Financing Uses - \$3,727,786**

**Total - \$13,227,798**

A motion to accept the 2024 budget was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

**MINE CAVE COMMISSION** - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of November, 2023. All mine openings and voids are secure as of December 18, 2023. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Burak and seconded by Mr. Munley. 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. Alco. All ayes

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**EMERGENCY SERVICES** - No report.

**REFUSE** - Mr. Alco stated the 2024 refuse bills will be mailed the first week of January.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - Mr. Cruciani said there was a brief power outage on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> due to a tree leaning over the power lines behind St. Andrew's Church in Blakely. The outage was approximately 3 hours in the flats section of town. Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> a motor vehicle struck a pole near 545 Keystone Ave. The pole was severely damaged and was replaced by the borough electricians on Sunday. They were out for about 10 hours removing and installing a new pole.

**ROADS** - No report.

**SEWERS** - No report.

**EQUIPMENT** - No report

**RECREATION** - No report.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

Pat Bosquet, 114 Valley View Dr., asked the borough if they would be cleaning our swale behind Valley View Dr. Mr. Paone informed them that it has been wet and we have not been able to get the machines in to clean it.

Dave Roberts, 109 Valley View Dr., stated that it was paved at the end of the McCusker or beginning of Wascura's tenure. We didn't do a good job cleaning it up this time. We just cut down the grass but didn't take out the debris. Mr. Paone again informed the residents that the wet conditions made it impossible for the borough to get into the swale. We actually buried a truck in Mr. Chorba's yard when we tried to get in.

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

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Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary



January 02, 2024  
Peckville, PA 18452

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

Mayor Mariani presided. She asked everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mariani asked District Justice Laura Turlip to administer the Oath of Office to Councilpersons, Kyle Burak, Edward Alco, Jr., Kevin Swift, Michael Henzes and Controller Carlo Celli.

Mayor Mariani opened the meeting and appointed Christopher R. Paone as Acting Secretary.

Mayor Mariani asked Mr Paone to collect the Certificates of Elections from the newly elected officials of the Borough and have them recorded. Council was then seated and Mayor Mariani called for roll call.

#### ROLL CALL

Jeanette Acciare-Mariani	- present	Joseph Munley	- present
Jeffery Cruciani	- present	Michael Henzes	- present
Louis Parri	- present	Kevin Swift	- present
Kyle Burak	- present	Edward Alco, Jr.	- present
Carlo Celli	- present		

Be it known a quorum was present.

Mayor Mariani called for nominations of Council President. Mr. Henzes nominated Louis R Parri for Council President seconded by Mr. Cruciani.

Mr. Parri states that he accepts the nomination for President. Mayor Mariani asks for other nominations three more times. Mr. Parri is proclaimed President of Council by acclamation.

Mayor Mariani called for nominations of Council Vice-President. Mr. Alco nominated Mr. Jeffrey Cruciani for Council Vice-President seconded by Mr. Munley.

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Mayor Mariani asks Mr. Cruciani if he accepts the nomination. Mr. Cruciani replies yes. Mayor Mariani asks for other nominations three more times. Mayor Mariani proclaims Mr. Cruciani Vice-President of Council by acclamation.

Mr. Parri called for nominations of Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Burak nominated Mr. Christopher R. Paone for Secretary/Treasurer seconded by Mr. Cruciani.

Mr. Parri asks for other nominations three more times. Mr. Parri proclaimed Mr. Paone Secretary/Treasurer by acclamation.

Mr. Parri then wished everyone a Happy New Year and extended his best wishes to all the officials.

Mr. Parri then declared the Council duly organized.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Borough Solicitor. Mr. Cruciani motioned and Mr. Henzes seconded to appoint Arahamsen Conaboy Abrahamsen as Borough Solicitor. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Technical Advisor. Mr. Henzes motioned and Mr. Alco seconded to appoint Colwell-Naegele Associates as Borough Technical Advisor. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Borough Consulting Engineer. Mr. Munley motioned and Mr. Burak seconded to appoint KBA Engineering as Borough Consulting Engineer. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Borough Electrical Engineer. Mr. Alco motioned and Mr. Cruciani seconded to appoint Utility Engineers, PC Norm Barron as Borough Electrical Engineer. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a consulting Engineer to the Borough Planning Commission. Mr. Cruciani motioned and Mr. Henzes seconded to appoint Colwell-Naegele Associates Inc. as Consulting Engineer to the Borough Planning Commission. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Borough Mine Cave Commissioner. Mr. Cruciani motioned and Mr. Munley seconded to appoint Mr. Christopher R. Paone as the Mine Cave Commissioner. All ayes.

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Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint members to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Henzes motioned and Mr. Alco seconded to appoint Michael J. Peregrim, Kyle Burak and Jack Gilroy, Jr. as members of the Civil Service Commission. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint an Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Cruciani motioned and Mr. Burak seconded to appoint Mr. Christopher R. Paone as Emergency Management Coordinator. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint an Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Munley motioned and Mr. Henzes seconded to appoint Guy A. Salerno as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Building Inspector and Zoning Officer. Mr. Burak motioned and Mr. Cruciani seconded to appoint Christopher R. Paone as Borough Building Inspector and Zoning Officer. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Third Party Borough Building Inspector. Mr. Alco motioned and Mr. Henzes seconded to appoint Northeast Inspection Consultants as the Third Party Blakely Borough Building Inspector. All ayes

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Solicitor to the Borough Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Cruciani motioned and Mr. Munley seconded to appoint Attorney Joseph Paparelli as solicitor to the Borough Zoning Hearing Board. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Borough Sewage Enforcement Officer. Mr. Burak motioned and Mr. Alco seconded to appoint Mr. Gary Wilding as Borough Sewage Enforcement Officer. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to appoint a Borough Recreation Coordinator. Mr. Henzes motioned and Mr. Cruciani seconded to appoint Mr. Joseph Munley as Borough Recreation Coordinator. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a motion to set the regular monthly meetings for the third Monday evening of the month at 6:00 P.M. with the Work Sessions for the Wednesday evening before the Monthly Council Meeting at 6:00 P.M. and the second work session for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. (if needed). Mr.

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Henzes motioned and Mr. Burak seconded to set the regular monthly meeting for the third Monday evening of the month at 6:00 P.M. with the Work Sessions for the Wednesday evening before the Monthly Council meeting at 6:00 P.M. and the second work session for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. (if needed). All ayes.

Mr. Parri appointed Chairpersons for the following Commitees:

Edward Alco, Jr - Police  
Edward Alco, Jr. - Refuse & Recycling  
Joseph Munley - Vehicles & Equipment  
Joseph Munely - Parks & Recreation  
Kevin Swift - Infrastructure  
Kyle Burak - Public Relations  
Kyle Burak - Electric Light  
Jeffrey Cruciani - Buildings  
Jeffrey Cruciani - Emergency Services  
Michael Henzes, Louis Parri & Joseph Munley - Finance

Mr. Parri again, on behalf of all the Borough Officials, wished everyone a Happy New Year and extended his best wishes to all officials.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary