

February 10, 2021

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	- absent
Kevin Swift	- absent	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. Munley and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

**Reading of Correspondence**

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection that outlines an inspection that was done on the Wildcat Creek flood protection project debris basin on Tinklepaugh Creek. The inspection revealed that the dam is in fairly good condition, but maintenance is needed on the dam embankment. The upstream face, crest, and downstream face should be cut on a routine basis and kept low.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Amtrust Insurance Company of Kansas letting the borough know that it is now being called Amtrust Insurance Company.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Governor Tom Wolf appointing Christopher Paone as Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Blakely effective immediately.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Pa Department of Environmental Protection notifying the borough of the approval of a minor amendment to the PPL Lackawanna Substation NPDES Permit.

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Mr. Paone informed council that the 2013 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor AWD has sold on Municibid for \$5,099.00.

Mr. Paone informed council that the new amendment for the Haband Building has been finalized. Ritztek will lease the building from May 2021 until May 2026 at a cost of \$30,000/mo.

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

February 15, 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 - present  
Jeff Cruciani - present Joseph Munley - present  
Michael Henzes - present Patrick Zwanch - present  
Joseph Ercolani - present Edward Alco - absent  
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. Ercolani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection that outlines an inspection that was done on the Wildcat Creek flood protection project debris basin on Tinklepaugh Creek. The inspection revealed that the dam is in fairly good condition, but maintenance is needed on the dam embankment. The upstream face, crest, and downstream face should be cut on a routine basis and kept low.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Pa Department of Environmental Protection notifying the borough of the approval of a minor amendment to the PPL Lackawanna Substation NPDES Permit.

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.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

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

Chief Salerno read a letter from the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission:

Certification on Safe Policing for Communities

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Commission, this letter confirms we are certifying that your agency meets certain eligibility requirements, set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, for discretionary federal grants. Your agency is qualified to receive federal grants for three years from the date of this letter.

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, dated June 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 13929 (the "Executive Order on Safe Policing"), the U.S. Department of Justice's discretionary grant funding is only available to state, local, tribal and university or college law enforcement agencies that have obtained (or are in the process of seeking) credentials certifying that they meet certain standards on use of force. The Executive Order on Safe Policing empowers the U.S. Attorney General to designate independent credentialing bodies - including the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Commission - to certify that a law enforcement agency meets the conditions of eligibility for federal grants.

Following our review, we have determined that your agency meets the conditions for certification. Accordingly, the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Commission will include your agency going forward with our database of certified law enforcement agencies. On or before January 31<sup>st</sup> each year, we will provide the name of each certified law enforcement agency to the U.S. Department of Justice.

If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email at [jadam@pachiefs.org](mailto:jadam@pachiefs.org) or by phone at (717)236-1059 ext 103. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Scott L. Bohn  
Executive Director

James Adams  
Accreditaion Program Coordinator

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Chip Abrahamsen asked for authorization to advertise an amendment to the Blakely Borough Electric Ordinance. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Ercolani. All ayes.

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**TREASURERS REPORT**

Mr. Paone read the Treasurers Report. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Mr. HENZES 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 January, 2021. All mine openings and voids are secure as of February 15, 2021. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Swift. 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. Ercolani. All ayes

**FIRE** - No report.

**REFUSE** - No report.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - No report.

**ROADS** - Mr. Swift said Myers Ave., Kashmer Alley and Lower Mott St will be advertised for bidding by Lackawanna County through CDBG Program for curb-to-curb resurfacing.

**SEWERS** - Mr. Swift said the final engineering has been completed on the Lower Pleasant Ave. Sanitary Sewer replacement project that will be funded by Lackawanna County through the CDBG program.

**EQUIPMENT** - No report.

**RECREATION** - No report.

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**OLD BUSINESS** - None.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:** None

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary