

February 16, 2022
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	- present
Michael HENZES	- present	Louis Parri	- present
Joseph Ercolani	- absent	Patrick Zwanch	- present
Kevin Swift	- present	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. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

Reading of Correspondence

Mr. Paone read a letter from Utility Engineers, PC informing the borough that they will need to increase their current rates for the first time in their 13 years of operation. The updated rates are attached for your review.

Mr. Paone read a letter from American Municipal Power informing the borough of our summary of power usage and rates for 2021.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Association of Boroughs asking for voting delegates at the 2022 PSAB Annual Conference. Council needs to approve the voting delegates at a public meeting to ensure their eligibility.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Comcast informing the borough that our quarterly franchise payment will be \$15,879.43.

New Business

- Read the letter of resignation of Dr. Joseph Ercolani to Blakely Borough Council.
- Review of Resolution 14 of 2022 updating the authorized representative for Blakely Borough with Berkheimer.
- Review of Ordinance 3 of 2022 updating the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to allow for a \$2,300 monthly benefit and 5% payroll deduction.
- Review of Resolution 15 of 2022 entering into a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Lackawanna for the FFY 2021 CDBG Program Administration.
- We have contacted the office of Department of Environmental Protection Office of Surface Mining about a possible sinkhole at 503 Third St. Peckville. (It has been discovered that it was a water leak.)
- Review the Easement Agreement with Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Hull's Creek.

Old Business

- The borough building remodel is moving along well. The back office and server room is now complete. We will begin the next section within the next few weeks.
- Review of the Letter of Intent to participate in the police regionalization study.

Public Comment

No Comments

Motion to Adjourn

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

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February 21, 2022

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	- absent	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. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wascura read a letter from Comcast informing the borough that our quarterly franchise payment will be \$15,879.43.

Mr. Wascura read a letter from American Municipal Power informing the borough of our summary of power usage and rates for 2021.

Mr. Wascura 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. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

General Payable - \$120,799.29 Electric Payable - \$66,767.95

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report.

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Mr. Parri read a letter of resignation of Dr. Joseph Ercolani, Jr, to Blakely Borough Council. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

Mr. Parri read a letter of resignation of Edward J. Alco, Jr. to Blakely Borough Council. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

Mr. Parri asked for a nomination for the vacant council seat. Edward J. Alco, Jr. was nominated by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

Mr. Parri asked for a nomination for the vacant controller seat. Carlo R. Celli was nominated by Mr Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

The Mayor swore in Edward J. Alco Jr. as Council Member and Carlo R. Celli as Controller.

SOLICITOR - Atty. Conaboy read Ordinance 3-2022 updating the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to read a \$2,300.00 monthly benefit and the employees will contribute 5% of their weekly pay to the fund. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 14-2022 updating the authorized representative to Berkheimer to Christopher Paone effective immediately. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Alco and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 15-2022 entering into a cooperation agreement with the County of Lackawanna for the FFY 2021 CDBG Program Administration. A motion was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 16-2022 authorizing the borough to apply for a Monroe County Local Share Grant in the amount of \$51,086.35 for a new police vehicle and authorize Christopher Paone to sign all applicable paperwork for the grant. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Swift and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy read an easement agreement between Blakely Borough and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority for access to build a pedestrian bridge over Hull's Creek Blakely to continue the

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Lackawanna Heritage Valley Trail. A motion was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. ALCO. All ayes.

Atty. Conaboy asked for authorization to advertise for an amendment to the Blakely Borough Police Department Special Duties Ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Wascura read the Treasurers Report. A motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

CONTROLLER - No report.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR - No report.

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Wascura read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of January, 2022. All mine openings and voids are secure as of February 21, 2022. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. ALCO. 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. ALCO and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes

EMERGENCY SERVICES - No report

REFUSE - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - No report.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - No report.

EQUIPMENT - No report.

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RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Wascura read a Letter of Intent to join the Mid-Valley Police Regionalization Study to Blakely Borough Council. He then asked Mr. Parri to ask for a motion and approval if council so wishes to do so. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

None

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

Jim Randelunas asked Chief Salerno if there is any reason to join the police regionalization. Chief Salerno said that this is just for the study and it doesn't mean that Blakely would join a regional police force.

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

Thomas J. Wascura
Asst. Blakely Borough Secretary