

July 13, 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	- absent		
Jeffrey Cruciani	- present	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael HENZES	- present	Louis R. Parri	- present
Edward J. Alco, Jr.	- present	Patrick Zwanch	- present
Kevin Swift	- absent	Carlo Celli	- 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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes

**Reading of Correspondence**

Mr. Paone read a letter from Benecon on behalf of PMHIC (Pennsylvania Municipal Health Insurance Association) informing the borough that we are receiving our first surplus claim fund distribution check in the amount of \$111,941.53 for 2021. This check accounts for 75% of our 2021 distribution. We will receive the second check later this year.

Mr. Paone read a letter from AmTrust North America informing the borough that we had successfully completed all the training requirements for a certified safety committee.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Sons of American Legion Detachment of Pa - District 11 (Lackawanna County) requesting the use of the Veterans Memorial for a September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Ceremony that the Sons of the American Legion would like to host. The ceremony will be held late morning on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation that on May 3, 2022, Mr. John Mazur, Financial

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Consultant, conducted a monitoring review of the Borough's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. This review was performed to verify that the Borough maintained and followed proper Liquid Fuels Funds procedures. The findings of the review were that the borough mistakenly reported the interest earned on the Liquid Fuels fund as \$881.68, when in fact the interest earned was \$898.23. During the visit the Borough Secretary corrected the error in the dotGrants system.

**New Business**

- Review the Emergency Services Ordinance 5 of 2022
- Review the deed for the sale of the property on Ash St. Peckville
- Review the bids for the 2022 Sidewalk Project
- Review the mockup for the granite at the Main/Gino Merli/Hospital St. intersection

**Old Business**

-Mr. Paone gave an update on the Refuse/Recycling numbers for 2021 vs. 2022 for the first half months of 2022. Garbage is down 86.90 ton and Recycling is up 58.03 ton.

**Public Comment**

No Comments

**Motion to Adjourn**

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

July 18, 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
Kevin Swift	- absent	Louis Parri	- present
Edward J. Alco Jr.	- absent	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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All eyes.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Paone read a letter from AmTrust North America informing the borough that we had successfully completed all the training requirements for a certified safety committee.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Sons of American Legion Detachment of Pa - District 11 (Lackawanna County) requesting the use of the Veterans Memorial for a September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Ceremony that the Sons of the American Legion would like to host. The ceremony will be held late morning on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation that on May 3, 2022, Mr. John Mazur, Financial Consultant, conducted a monitoring review of the Borough's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. This review was performed to verify that the Borough maintained and followed proper Liquid Fuels Funds procedures. The findings of the review were that the borough mistakenly reported the interest earned on the Liquid Fuels fund as \$881.68, when in fact the interest earned was \$898.23. During the visit the Borough Secretary corrected the error in the dotGrants system.

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Mr. Paone read a letter from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development informing the borough that we will be receiving a surplus distribution of the unclaimed American Relief Plan Act funds on July 15, 2022, in the amount of \$1,027.56. This amount was calculated by splitting up the funds to all the participating municipalities evenly.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Office of Environmental Sustainability informing the borough that we will be receiving a \$1,000.00 grant check for the Electronic Recycling Event the borough held on April 27, 2022.

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. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

General Payable - \$170,369.72              Electric Payable - \$23,670.67

#### **REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

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

**SOLICITOR**- Atty. Conaboy asked for a motion to authorize the borough solicitor to advertise for the Fourth St. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 22-2022 entering into an agreement with Lackawanna County for the 2021 CDBG Mott Haven Plot Street Improvement Project. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. 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.

**MINE CAVE COMMISSION** - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of June, 2022. All mine openings and

voids are secure as of July 18, 2022. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**POLICE** - Mr. Zwanch said the police department will be receiving delivery of two (2) 2022 Ford Explorer Interceptor Police vehicles tomorrow. One of which was paid for by the Lackawanna County Drug Task Force for the departments mahor role in the arrest of a drug trafficker.

The police department also received a donation of a \$4,000.00 solar speed sign that will be mounted on a utility pole in town to help deter speeders.

**BUILDINGS** -No report.

**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

**EMERGENCY SERVICES** - No report.

**REFUSE** - No report.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - No report.

**ROADS** - Mr. Swift said Fox Court, Blakely St. and Upper Marion St. will be milled and repaved through the Community Development Block Fund Grant Program withing the next 2 months.

**SEWERS** - Mr. Swift said our DPW crews met with Vortek Services to look at relining sewers on Main St. and Theresa St. in Peckville. This process does not require the digging up of the road and is extremenly cost-effective and much less time intensive.

**EQUIPMENT** - No report.

**RECREATION** - Mr. Munley said we are in the process of sprucing up the Veterans Monument on Main St. New grass has been planted, the sidewalks and monuments will be thoroughly cleaned, the mulch will be replaced with new stone and the trees and shrubbery will be trimmed.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

Angela Holecko, 205 Woodhaven Rd., Peckville asked are fireworks allowed in residential areas. Chief Salerno stated that the large display fireworks are not allowed without a permit from the borough. Can residents call to complain about the fireworks, and do you need to just apply for fireworks permit or are there more things that need to be done? Chief Salerno said that a police officer will respond when someone calls the Communication Center and there are many more stipulations that need to be taken care of in order to fire off the fireworks legally within the borough limits.

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary