

June 17, 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	- present
Michael HENZES	- present	Louis Parri	- present
Joseph Ercolani	- present	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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. HENZES. All ayes

**Reading of Correspondence**

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Trail Management Committee with a request for the yearly Cash Contribution for Routine Trail Maintenance of \$5,040.00

Mr. Paone read from the Office of the Governor informing the borough that the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has allocated \$6.15 Billion to Pennsylvania counties, metropolitan cities, and local government units to support COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost revenue, support economic stabilization for households and businesses, and address systemic public health and economic challenges. Blakely Borough is entitled to a maximum allocation of up to \$649,995.80 from this federal funding, but you must take action to request it.

Mr. Paone read the minutes from the Blakely Borough Civil Service Commission about a suggested change to the Civil Service rules for new full time police officers. Section 3.4 Age and Residency Requirements:

All applicants must have reached their eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) birthday or must not have reached their forty fifth (45<sup>th</sup>) before

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the deadline for submitting completed applications. Applicants must move within 7 air miles of the border of the Borough of Blakely within six (6) months of hire date to full time police officer.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Transportation with a notice of payment for state police fines and penalties in the amount of \$1,225.38 that will be paid on June 1, 2021.

Mr. Paone read letter from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection notifying the borough that the Municipal Recycling Grant awarded in the amount of \$132,272.10 will be dispersed now that all grant requirements have been satisfied.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Conservation District to Blakely Rt. 6 Site Development in response to a complaint received about the Terrace Dr. Peckville fill operation. The site was deemed out of compliance and steps to be taken to fix the issues are contained within the letter.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Departmental of Environmental Protection. Dear Mr. Paone, We have completed the annual inspection of your flood protection project for 2021 and found the condition of your project to be Minimally Acceptable. The enclosed inspection report provides you with a condition rating for each of your project features as well as an overall project rating. Please review the results of this inspection and use the comments included in the inspection report to develop and implement your work schedule for the project.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Blakely Hose Co. No. 2 with the submission of their yearly loan payment of \$15,000 for the purchase of the Marion Fire Truck.

### **New Business**

Mr. Paone gave a copy of a proposed easement that Pa American Water is requesting for the property located in front of the Blakely Borough Veterans Memorial on Main St. They are requesting to install a vault in the front right corner of the property as shown in the handouts.

Mr. Paone spoke to council about the request of Travis Zarnoff, a student at Johnson College School of Electronics, to become an unpaid intern at Blakely Borough. Mr. Zarnoff is looking to

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become a lineman when he exits school and wishes to shadow our electricians as part of his schooling.

Mr. Paone spoke to council about a meeting he and Mr. Wascura had with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Association about the Depot St. Trailhead. In attendance at the meeting were Mr. Paone, Mr. Wascura, Joseph Corcoran, Owen Worzbyt, Joyce Hatala, April Hannon and Kyle Mullins via phone. The discussion was fruitful and a plan was devised to speak to property owners to run the trail along the river next to Mid-Valley Plumbing and Fabri Plumbing exiting on Erie St. entering along the parking area of the Carmel Ardito Dance Studio, Valley Community Library and finishing in the large rear parking lot at the Blakely Borough Recreational Complex. This trail realignment would reduce the number of walkers, runners, and bikers on River St. and create a safer environment for everyone.

**Public Comment**

None

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

June 21, 2021

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**ROLL CALL**

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

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

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Mr. Paone read the bills presented for payment.  
Borough Bills            Light Bills

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The bills were approved by the finance committee. A motion to accept the bills was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

General Payable - \$156,120.39      Electric Payable - \$33,977.00

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

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

Mayor Mariani swore in Senior Patrolman Xavier Einhorn as a full time office for Blakely Borough.

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Conaboy asked for authorization to advertise for an update to the Blakely Borough Pave Cut Ordinance. A motion to advertise was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes

Atty. Conaboy asked for approval of the revision of the Blakely Borough Civil Service rules to allow members to live within 7 air miles of the border of Blakely Borough. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Ercolani. All ayes

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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

**CONTROLLER** - No report.

**TECHNICAL ADVISOR** - No report.

**MINE CAVE COMMISSION** - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of May, 2021. All mine openings and voids are secure as of June 21, 2021. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**POLICE** - No report.

**BUILDINGS** - No report.

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**FINANCE** - Mr. Henzes read the Financial Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes

**FIRE** - No report.

**REFUSE** - No report.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - No report.

**ROADS** - Mr. Swift said Lower Mott St, Kashmer Alley and Myers Ave. are being paved by New Enterprise Stone and Lime through CDBG Program.

**SEWERS** - No report.

**EQUIPMENT** - No report.

**RECREATION** - No report.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Mr. Paone let everyone know that the electronic recycling event will be taking place on Wednesday, June 23 from 3-6 PM at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Peckville

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

Tom Elkins asked about the weeds and dead trees at the site of Bear Owen's property. Mr. Paone told him he spoke to the new General Manager and gave him a 2 week time frame to have it cleaned.

He also asked about Bear Owen's large trucks turning on Union St. and Hickory St., also Walnut St. and Reserves Alley. Mr. Paone said he would also speak to him about the vehicles as well.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ercolani and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

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Blakely Borough Secretary