

June 15, 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			
Jeffrey Cruciani	- present	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael Henzes	- absent	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. Munley and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes

Reading of Correspondence

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Department of Planning and Economic Development informing the borough that we have a received a \$5,000 grant through the Lackawanna County Re-Invest Grant Program.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Department of Planning and Economic Development informing the borough of our 2022 CDBG allocation in the amount of \$124,096.00.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Conservation District informing the borough that they have inspected the Blakely Route 6 Site Development located on Terrace Dr. Peckville. The letter explained that the site is in continued violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Department and the Clean Streams Act. Additional violations were documented on inspection reports dated August 25, 2021. If future inspections reveal that required corrective actions have not been made and additional violations have occurred, the district may initiate enforcement action.

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Mr. Paone read an inspection report from the US Army Corps of Engineers dated June 9, 2022. The report for Wildcat/Tinklepaugh Creek found that some woody vegetation was evident in the upper stilling basins and unwanted vegetation throughout the length of the creek, including the confluence with the Lackawanna River needs to be taken care of. There is also some concrete spalling that is occurring throughout the project that should be addressed. The final report will follow within a few weeks.

Mr. Paone read an inspection report from the US Army Corps of Engineers dated June 9, 2022. The report for Hulls Creek Creek found that some woody vegetation was evident in the upper stilling basin (Fourth St. Dam) and unwanted vegetation throughout the length of the creek. There is also some concrete spalling that is occurring throughout the project that should be addressed. They are aware of the work that will be done by Pa Department of Environmental Protection. The final report will follow within a few weeks.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Lackawanna Heritage Valley for the "Routine" Trail Maintenance for 1.20 miles for the calendar year 2022 in the amount of \$5,040.00.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with the notice of the payment of the state police fines and penalties in the amount of \$1,229.65 payable on June 1, 2022.

New Business

-Inform council of the ongoing UGI work in town and what is being planned for the remainder of this year and next year.

Old Business

-Mr. Paone gave an update on the Refuse/Recycling numbers for 2021 vs. 2022 for the first five months of 2022. Garbage is down 90.10 ton and Recycling is up 51.20 ton.

Public Comment

No Comments

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Motion to Adjourn

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

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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.

General Payable - \$150,304.31 Electric Payable - \$25,660.83

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report.

SOLICITOR- Atty. Conaboy opened the bids for the 2022 Main St. Sidewalk Replacement Project Phase 4:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>
Stafursky Paving Co. Inc.	\$364,621.50	Yes
Multiscape, Inc.	\$448,637.00	Yes

A motion to approve pending engineer approval was made by Mr. Alco and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes

Atty. Conaboy asked for a motion to authorize the borough solicitor to advertise for the emergency services ordinance. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

CONTROLLER - No report.

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of May, 2022. All mine openings and voids are secure as of June 20, 2022. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Swift and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

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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 - Mr. Cruciani stated there was a borough wide power outage on June 10, 2022. A tractor trailer caught a low hanging Verizon line that pulled down the entire pole causing a major fault throughout the borough's electrical grid. The electricians and DPW worked as fast and as safely as possible to restore power by approximately 4:30PM.

ROADS - Mr. Swift said UGI and PA American Water are beginning to mill and pave Second St., Blakely; Cemetery St., Hickory St., Price St., Short Ave., Wilson St., and Ash St. in Peckville.

SEWERS - Mr. Swift said we are in the process of reviewing plans for sanitary main replacements on the 100 block of Fourth St., Blakely and a main located between Second and First St., Blakely.

EQUIPMENT - No report.

RECREATION - Mr. Munley said the 2022 Summer Program began today at the park and will run Monday through Friday until August 12.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

Nancy Coviello, 116 Valley View Dr. - Swale behind their properties that has been taken care of by the borough for a while. Mrs. Coviello stated that the borough doesn't own the swale from Mr. Paone. Will the borough be maintaining the swale from now on? She handed out the pictures for council to look at with before and after pictures. She asked if the borough was the entity responsible for paving the swale. Mr. Paone said that the borough did pay a contractor to pave the swale to help the water move faster through it to the pipe at the end of the swale.

Jenn Kosakevitch, 106 Valley View Dr. stated that during very heavy rain storms the pipe in between her house and the Robert's house does back up and there have been times when the water has gotten close to coming into their homes. Mr. Paone told her that they will do their best to get to the pipe during storms to clean it out. He also stated that the new grants that have been received will help with the water from up above on Woodhaven and Bodnick St. If that water stays better contained that will in turn help with a much lower flow of water entering the swale. Mr. Paone said he will keep the cleaning of the pipe on a regular rotation.

Mr. Conaboy responded to both residents, that the borough and his office have been looking into the matter for some time and it hasn't fallen on deaf ears. We need to do our due diligence to help the residents of Valley View Dr. and the residents of Blakely as a whole. As much as council would like to assist the residents on Valley View Dr. they also have an obligation to make the best decisions for the entire borough as well.

Pat Bosquest, Valley View Dr. said that she remembers the borough cleaning the swale on many occasions. She also echoed many of the sentiments that were stated by Mr. Coviello and Ms. Kosakevitch.

Mr. Paone said that they will continue to investigate this matter and will be in touch with everyone.

Linda Armezani, Theresa St., asked about the grants that the borough has applied for explaining that she saw the 9 plus million dollars in grants that Senator Flynn was able to bring to the area. Mr. Paone explained that they have been applying for many different grants through the state and county level. Ms. Armezani also asked about trees on neighbor's property,

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what could be done about them? Mr. Conaboy told her that she has every right to cut anything that is over the property line, but it is more of a civil dispute than a borough issue.

Tom Elkins, Hickory St., asked about the roads that are being dug up and who will be paving them. He also asked the Chief about the stop sign. He asked about Bear Owens's property, fence line and the dirt that is washing out on Reserves Alley. He also asked about the grass lines on Main St. coming in from Archbald. He thanked the borough stating that we are starting to get the houses cleaned up throughout town over the course of the year. He said he will be around more now that he is feeling better. Mr. Paone told him that he would look into the issues at the Bear Owens property.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cruciani and second by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

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