

June 14, 2023  
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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

**Reading of Correspondence**

The borough received notification from PennDOT informing the borough of our State Police Fines and Penalties in the amount of \$1,183.04 will be deposited on June 1, 2023.

Mr. Paone read a memorandum from the Pa State Auditor General's Office informing the borough that the audit of the 2022 Liquid Fuels Fund Act 655 was completed on June 14, 2023, and there were no findings. This indicates that all use of Liquid Fuels funds was done appropriately by all parties involved.

**New Business**

The opening of the 2023 Sidewalk Project will be opened at the June 19, 2023, Council Meeting.

The rubber floor has been installed at the Blakely Borough Recreational Complex. The swings will be installed once the new hardware is delivered within the next week.

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Notice has been sent to Mary Rizkalla owner of the property at 753 Main St. (Old Presbyterian Church) requiring the repair or removal of the bell tower. It is leaning and could pose a safety hazard to vehicles and pedestrians.

Mr. Paone informed the borough about a potential opportunity at the park for a new workout area with grant funding through the National Fitness Campaign. (A video was shown to the council.)

**Old Business**

None

**Public Comment**

No Comments

**Motion to Adjourn**

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

June 19, 2023

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 - absent	
Jeff Cruciani - present	Joseph Munley - present
Michael Henzes - present	Patrick Zwanch - present
Kevin Swift - present	Louis Parri - present
Edward J. Alco Jr. - present	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. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Paone read a memorandum from the Pa State Auditor General's Office informing the borough that the audit of the 2022 Liquid Fuels Fund Act 655 was completed on June 14, 2023, and there were no findings. This indicates that all use of Liquid Fuels funds was done appropriately by all parties involved.

The borough received notification from PennDOT informing the borough of our State Police Fines and Penalties in the amount of \$1,183.04 will be deposited on June 1, 2023.

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. Alco. All ayes.

General Payable - \$169,603.47              Electric Payable - \$25,496.43

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**MAYOR**- Chief Salerno read the Mayor's report.

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Abrahamsen opened the 2023 Blakely borough Sidewald Project bids:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>
Stafursky Paving Co. Inc.	\$339,226.00	Yes
Maiocco Excavating	\$303,578.00	Yes

A motion to approve the lowest bidder with engineers' approval 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. Swift and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

**CONTROLLER** - No Report

**MINE CAVE COMMISSION** - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of May, 2023. All mine openings and voids are secure as of June 19, 2023. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Zwanch 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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes

**EMERGENCY SERVICES** - No report.

**REFUSE** - No report.

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**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - No reort.

**ROADS** - No reort.

**SEWERS** - No report.

**EQUIPMENT** - No report.

**RECREATION** - The Blakely Borough DPW recently installed a new Pour in Place (PIP) rubber floor at one of the playgrounds at the Blakely Borough Recreational Complex.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

James Randelunas thanked council for all of the help with the Junefest that occurred over the weekend.

Susan Lorenzetti and her husband Kevin Lorenzetti addressed the council about an issue with past due electricity for a property that is owned by her and her husband. She feels that the past due electric is not her responsibility since she was not notified of the high bills. Mr. Paone stated that per PA Borough Code, State Statutes, and borough ordinance, it is the responsibility of the owner of a building for any electricity not paid. Mrs. Lorrnzetti insisted that she did not receive notice of the past due bills when they occurred over 10 years ago and asked why the power was not shut off. Atty. Arahamsen said that notice to the landlords is not required by law, but the borough sends them as a courtesy so landlords know the status of their tenants when the borough sends shutoff notices. Mr. Paone said that he cannot speak about why the power was not shut off when this occurred since he was not at the borough at that time. He informed her that it is not the policy now. Mrs. Lorenzetti then asked for council to consider lessening the number of penalties on the bills due to extenuating circumstances that surround this situation. Mr. Parri told Mrs. Lorenzetti that they would speak about it and get back to her the following day.

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

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