

March 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		
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. Abrahamsen

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. Also. All ayes.

Reading of Correspondence

Mr. Wascura read a letter from the PennDOT informing the borough that our annual Road Turnback Annual Maintenance payment in the amount of \$480.00 will be paid on March 1, 2022.

Mr. Wascura read a letter from PennDOT informing the borough that our 2022 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$190,278.58 will be paid on March 1, 2022.

Mr. Wascura read a letter from the Pennsylvania One Call System (POCS) informing the borough of our 2021 refund. This refund is a result of the annual service fee payments collected from excavators, designers, and operators who placed locate request notifications during the 2021 calendar year, pursuant to section 3.1(f.1) in Pa Act 287, as amended. Your portion has been calculated based on the number of months you were a POCS member and the amount you paid in base activity fees in 2021. Your refund in the amount of \$236.17.

Mr. Wascura read a letter from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection informing the borough of a detailed

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rehabilitation project that in planned to extend the life of the Hulls Creek Flood Protection Project.

New Business

-Review of Ordinance 4 of 2022 updating Blakely Borough's Special Duty Events that are not in the normal scope of police duties.

-Review of Resolution 17 of 2022 approving the updated Emergency Operations Plan for Blakely Borough

-Electric Department Lineman John Charles and Robert Davis attended an advanced transforming class in Lansdale, Pa on March 15 and March 16.

Old Business

None

Public Comment

No Comments

Motion to Adjourn

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

Thomas J. Wascura
Asst. Blakely Borough Secretary

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March 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
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. Swift. All ayes.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Paone read a letter from the PennDOT informing the borough that our annual Road Turnback Annual Maintenance payment in the amount of \$480.00 will be paid on March 1, 2022.

Mr. Paone read a letter from PennDOT informing the borough that our 2022 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$190,278.58 will be paid on March 1, 2022.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection informing the borough of a detailed rehabilitation project that is planned to extend the life of the Hulls Creek Flood Protection Project.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the PA Department of Environmental protection informing the borough of our 904 Performance Recycling Grant in the amount of \$4,327.01.

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

General Payable - \$113,238.92 Electric Payable - \$23,616.66

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report.

SOLICITOR- Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 4-2022 amending the Special Duty Ordinance for the police department. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the engineer to advertise for the Blakley Borough Sidewalk Project. A motion was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 17-2022 recognizing April 2022 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month. A motion was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 18-2022 authorizing Christopher Paone to sign for a Lackawanna County Re-Invest Grant through Lackawanna County. A motion was made by Mr. Alco 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. Alco and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

CONTROLLER - No report.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR - No report.

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of February, 2022. All mine openings and voids are secure as of March 21, 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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes

EMERGENCY SERVICES - Mr. Cruciani stated Blakely Hose Co. Engine 22 will be out of service 4-6 weeks due to a pump rebuild.

REFUSE - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - No report.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - No report.

EQUIPMENT - No report.

RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

Catherine Palonis, Delaware St., here to correct the minutes from the November council meeting minutes. Mrs. Palonis wishes the minutes to show that Mr. Paone ripped out her fence and threw it into her yard. Mr. Paone stated he would adjust the minutes to say that, but disputes that he threw the fence into the yard as described by Mrs. Palonis. She then continued to speak in detail to council about the corner of her property. Stating that her neighbor Mr. Phil Bonacci drives his vehicle over the corner of her property and blows snow on her yard since last year. Mr. Paone stated that he spoke to Mr. Bonacci about

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the snow, and he told Mr. Paone he has not thrown snow on her yard since last year. Mrs. Palonis responded by saying that Mr. Paone said he was a friend of Mr. Bonacci, and he was taking his side. Mr. Paone said that he was an acquaintance and is listening to what is being told to him on both sides. Mrs. Palonis then demanded an apology from Mr. Paone and asked council for a resolution. Atty. Abrahamsen stated that the borough cannot do anything to improve a private citizens property and council would discuss the situation.

Jim Randelunas asked Chief Salerno if the Riders had contacted the police about the motorcycle ride from the Legion. Chief Salerno stated that he had not heard anything from them.

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary