

March 15, 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	- absent		
Jeffrey Cruciani	- present	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael HENZES	- present	Louis R. Parri	- present
Edward J. Alco, Jr.	- present	Patrick Zwanch	- present
Kevin Swift	- present	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. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

**Reading of Correspondence**

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Liquor Control Board informing the borough of the liquor and malt beverage license fees for Aug. 2022 to January 2023 in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be deposited on 3/7/2023.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the PennDOT informing the borough of the 2023 Municipal Liquid Fuels and Turnback Act 480 Payment in the amount of \$1197,077.48 will be deposited on 3/1/2023.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Pennsylvania One Call informing the borough of our 2022 refund in the amount of \$272.43 has been applied as a credit on the municipalities account.

Mr. Paone read a press release from Acting DCED Secretary Rick Siger informing Lackawanna and Wayne counties that assistance is available for homeowners whose income does not exceed 80% of the area median income for critical home repair and weatherization assistance.

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Mr. Paone informed the borough of a requested pole attachment agreement with Zito Communications to attach fiber optic communications cabling to our utility poles. Zito Communications would pay the borough \$10 per pole per year for this attachment agreement.

Mr. Paone informed the borough of a recent survey he requested on the way other municipalities handle the installation of new development electric installation.

Mr. Paone spoke about surveyor's plan that shows an unopened alley on the top portion of Delaware St. and Bodnick St. Peckville. Mr. Paone is proposing splitting this land in half and gifting it to the neighbors on each side.

Mr. Paone informed council of a pending tax sale for a piece of land that is located on the edge of Virginia Ave. near the Tinklepaugh Flood Control Project. The land cannot be built on or used by anyone other than Blakely Borough and he suggests that the borough purchase the land at the sale if the cost is responsible.

### **New Business**

Northeast Inspection Consultants attended the work session to explain to council how NEIC can help with zoning and permitting in Blakely Borough.

Jason Leri and Ross Homentosky spoke to council about purchasing a new ladder truck to replace the 2007 Ferrara Ladder at Wilson Fire Co.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Public Comment**

No Comments

### **Motion to Adjourn**

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

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Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

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Mr. Cruciani presided.

Be it known a quorum was present.

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

General Payable - \$137,247.80      Electric Payable - \$39,227.51

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

**MAYOR-** The Mayor read her report.

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 15-2023 authorizing Louis Parri as the signatory for a DCNR Grant the borough is applying for at the Blakely Borough Recreational Complex. A motion to accept was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 16-2023 authorizing Northeast Inspection Consultant to assist in zoning and code enforcement within the Borough of Blakely. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Alco and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the advertising of the ARLE Grant project at the intersection of Depot St. and River St., Peckville. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the advertising of the 2023 Main St. Sidewalk Project. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Swift and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the advertising of the 2023 Flood Protection Grant Project. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Alco and seconded by Mr. HENZES. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 3-2023 requiring hospitals and nursing home facilities to have a private contract for non-emergency calls. A motion to approve was made by Mr. HENZES and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 4-2023 requiring all closing agents to contact Blakely Borough to ensure all owed funds are paid to the borough before closing. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Swift and seconded by Mr. HENZES. All ayes.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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

**CONTROLLER** - No Report

**MINE CAVE COMMISSION** - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of February, 2023. All mine openings and voids are secure as of March 20, 2023. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

**POLICE** - No report.

**BUILDINGS** - Mr. Cruciani said the borough building remodel is continuing with the front electric office areas being completed last week. We plan on continuing to move through the building over the next 2 years.

**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 said Blakely Electric is pleased to announce that we have hired a new lineman, Gavin Williams, to the electric department. He is a graduate of Southwest Lineman's College and will be a great asset to the electric company for many years to come.

**ROADS** - Mr. Swift said Pennsy Supply has informed the borough that they plan to begin the 2023 Paving Project the first week of May.

**SEWERS** - Mr. Swift said the Fourth St. Sanitary Sewer Project will resume this week with beginning to resurface the road, curb and yard restoration.

**EQUIPMENT** - Mr. Munley said we have replaced the 16-year-old EZ GO gasoline golf cart at the park for a 2016 EZ GO TXT 48-volt electric golf cart. The previous golf cart needed repairs that would have been costly. This cart will allow easier use, maintenance and quieter operation.

**RECREATION** - Mr. Munley said Blakely Borough is applying for a grant through DCNR to help upgrade the park facilities. We are also in the process of applying for funds through the Community Block Grant Development Program to remodel the bathroom facilities at the Blakely Borough Recreational Complex to make them ADA accessible and easier to care for.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

Tom Elkins, 302 Hickory St., asked Mr. Paone about the Bear Owens property on Reserves Alley. He said that there has been white smoke that has a bad odor coming from the chimney for many weeks. He also asked about the disrepair of the fence and large amount of construction equipment this is strewn about the property. Mr. Paone said that the property is allowed to be used in the manner that it is currently being used and that he would investigate any issues that he could to have it corrected. His second question was about Main St. being paved and the old wall located on Main St. from Bridge St. to Hill St. Mr. Paone told Mr. Elkins that Main St. from Keystone Ave. to Kennedy Dr. should be paved next year according to Lackawanna County. The old wall should be replaced within the next few months that would also include new sidewalks.

Mrs. Elkins, 302 Hickory St., asked about the boat parking too close to the wall on Hickory St. across the street from their home. Chief said that he spoke to the owner and he moved the boat so that there was a 36" clearance so people could pass easily by.

Wilson Browning, Keystone Ave., Peckville, asked about the gas line that is going to be installed on Keystone within the next couple years. Mr. Paone informed him that according to UGI the gas main on Keystone Ave. will be replaced next year and that will include curb to curb paving.

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

Christopher R. Paone  
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