

May 12, 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	- absent

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. Ercolani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All eyes

**Reading of Correspondence**

Mr. Paone read a letter from Lavery Law outlining the steps that they will take in representing the borough in the Mark Semwkew matter.

Mr. Paone read from UGI informing the borough that work will be performed on the natural gas facilities located in your meters. This will be occurring for all the meters located at 1439 Main St. Peckville, Pa 18452

Mr. Paone read a letter from Comcast indicating our quarterly franchise for January to March 2021 will be \$15,987.96.

Mr. Paone read a schedule to master services agreement for participation in safety and training programs with AMP. This needs to be executed for any employee of the borough to take place in any training programs run by AMP.

Mr. Paone read letter from Benecon letting the borough know that the initial surplus distribution check in the amount of \$74,419 will be sent out to the borough.

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Mr. Paone read a letter from Lackawanna Recycling Center, Inc. informing the borough of new brush, grass, leaf, and wood pallet recycling policies.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection with a notice to proceed for development of new survey and easement plats and legal descriptions for areas located within the Temporary Easement (TE) and within the Contractor Work Area at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 2<sup>nd</sup> St., West Grant St., and 1<sup>st</sup> St., and associated work under Contract No. DEP-BWEW 10:03B for the Hull Creek Flood Protection in Blakely Borough, Lackawanna County.

### **New Business**

Mr. Paone gave a copy of the 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to council for their review and passage at the May 17, 2021 council meeting. This is required to stay compliant with Section 322 of DMA 2000. This will be passed as Resolution 17-2021.

Mr. Paone gave a copy of the CDBG Public Hearing Notes for the Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 public hearing. The notes show that the borough will be receiving \$119,162.00 for 2021.

Mr. Paone spoke to council about a meeting he and Mr. Wascura had with George Cobb and David Patchcoski about our health insurance coverages. Mr. Patchcoski informed us that we may be able to get our same coverage for a much less expensive rate through products that are very similar to the ones offered through Benecon.

Mr. Paone informed council that the borough has received the executed cooperation agreement for the CDBG Blakely Borough Mott Haven Section 3 Improvement Project.

Tom Fiorelli and Bob Caselli from Strategic Plannig Associates brought in Autumn Katzenmoyer from Principal Retirement and Income Solutions. They explained the differences between Principal and Transamerica. Transamerica has become very difficult to deal with and they recommend a change for our pension plans. Council agreed to do so, and they will be sending over the paperwork for the transition.

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**Public Comment**

Joe Rovinsky from Lackawanna County had a public meeting for the 2021 CDBG.

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

May 17, 2021

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
Joseph Ercolani	- present	Edward Alco	- absent
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. Ercolani and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection with a notice to proceed for development of new survey and easement plats and legal descriptions for areas located within the Temporary Easement (TE) and within the Contractor Work Area at 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> St., 2<sup>nd</sup> St., West Grant St., and 1<sup>st</sup> St., and associated work under Contract No. DEP-BWEW 10:03B for the Hull Creek Flood Protection in Blakely Borough, Lackawanna County.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Lackawanna Recycling Center, Inc. informing the borough of new brush, grass, leaf, and wood pallet recycling policies. The recycling center will no longer accept wooden pallets. Grass and leaves must be separated in order to be accepted and branches need to be less than 2" in diameter and 2' or less in length.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Comcast indicating our quarterly franchise for January to March 2021 will be \$15,987.96.

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. Henzes. All ayes.

General Payable - \$154,797.95      Electric Payable - \$32,291.49

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

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

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 4-2021 amending the Blakely Borough Open Burn Ordinance. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 17-2021 updating the Lackawanna County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2021. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Ercolani and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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

**CONTROLLER** - No report.

**TECHNICAL ADVISOR** - No report.

**MINE CAVE COMMISSION** - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of Aril, 2021. All mine openings and voids are secure as of May 17, 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** - Mr. Parri stated the roof on the Blakey Borough Building has been replaced and the roof replacement on the Ritztech Building is proceeding.

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

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**FIRE - No report.**

**REFUSE - No report.**

**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - Mr. Cruciani said there was a borough wide power outage from the heavy rains on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. A tree was in contact with primary power lines causing the outage. Electricians were able to isolate the issue and return power to the entire town within approximately 2 hours.

**ROADS** - Mr. Swift said Hickory St., Simpson St. and Haines Ct. were recently paved by PA American Water Co.

The paving project for the borough will be concluding within the next few days.

**SEWERS** - No report.

**EQUIPMENT** - No report.

**RECREATION** - No report.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

Wilson Browning, Cottage St., Peckville asked about the flooding on Keystone Ave. There used to be a curb on Gravity St. and that used to help some with water issues. He asked if the Borough could look at reinstalling it.

Bill Dunstone, 455 Second St., Blakely was concerned about the drainage on New St. with the flooding rain many times a year. He is trying to put a garage in the rear of his home and he is afraid that this type of drainage will cause damage to his property. Mr. Paone said that the borough has a plan which will make the pond larger up above to hold more water which would help with the drastic runoff. Once we have the rest of the town cleaned and the roads are currently being paved, Mr. Paone said that we would do everything we could in order to lessen the damage that could occur.

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary