

May 11, 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. Cruciani. All ayes.

Reading of Correspondence

Mr. Paone read a letter from Commonwealth Financing Authority informing the borough that the reimbursement for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Main St. Sidewalk Grant Phase II in the amount of \$350,000 has been approved.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Association of Boroughs informing the borough that the quarterly meetings for the association will resume on Thursday, May 19 at the Regal Room in Olyphant. Rep. Bridget Kosierowski will be speaking at the meeting. Dinner will consist of Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Pork Chop. The cost is \$20.00 per person. The \$75.00 annual dues are also due for 2022.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania informing the borough our 2020 Recycling Performance Grant in the amount of \$4,327.01 will be deposited on April 14, 2022.

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Mr. Paone read a letter from McTish-Kunkel and Associates informing the borough of a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Chapter 105 General Permit being applied for by PennDOT to the replace that bridge over Hull Creek on Section P71 of SR347.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, Bureau of Labor Law Compliance informing the borough that under the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act all workers on a public work job must be paid the prevailing minimum wage determined by the Bureau. A project constitutes a public work requiring prevailing wage when four conditions are met: (1) there must be certain work (construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, and/or repair work, other than maintenance work); (2) under contract; (3) paid for in whole or in part with public funds; and (4) its estimated cost must exceed \$25,000.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Assessor's Office reminding all municipalities that state law requires them to forward a copy of each building permit to the county assessment office on or before the first day of each month. The permits that are to be forwarded are for new buildings, additions, demolition (razing) of properties and certificates of occupancy. Building plans are to be made available for review upon request.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Comcast informing the borough that our first quarter franchise fee will be \$16,475.12.

New Business

-Review of Resolution 21 of 2022 authorizing the borough to apply for a DCED Flood Mitigation Program Grant in the amount of \$302,328.00 and authorize Christopher Paone to sign all applicable grant documents.

-John Munley Main St. Peckville was sworn in by Mayor Mariani to the Blakely Borough Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately.

Old Business

Mr. Paone gave an update on the Refuse/Recycling numbers for 2021 vs. 2022 for the first four months of 2022. Garbage is down 86.64 ton and Recycling is up 41.50 ton.

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Public Comment

No Comments

Motion to Adjourn

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

May 16, 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	- absent	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 McTish-Kunkel and Associates informing the borough of a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Chapter 105 General Permit being applied for by PennDOT to the replace that bridge over Hull Creek on Section P71 of SR347.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Association of Boroughs informing the borough that the quarterly meetings for the association will resume on Thursday, May 19 at the Regal Room in Olyphant. Rep. Bridget Kosierowski will be speaking at the meeting. Dinner will consist of Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Pork Chop. The cost is \$20.00 per person. The \$75.00 annual dues are also due for 2022.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania informing the borough our 2020 Recycling Performance Grant in the amount of \$4,327.01 will be deposited on April 14, 2022.

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 - \$88,529.23 Electric Payable - \$21,145.04

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report and reminded everyone about the Memorial Day services at 8am at the Shopa-Davey VFW on Memorial Day.

SOLICITOR- Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 21-2022 authorizing Christopher Paone to sign for and apply for a DCED Flood Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$302,328.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Henzes 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. 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 April, 2022. All mine openings and voids are secure as of May 16, 2022. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Swift. 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. Munley and seconded by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes

EMERGENCY SERVICES - No report.

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REFUSE - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - No report.

ROADS - Mr. Swift said the 2022 road paving project is complete.

SEWERS - No report.

EQUIPMENT - No report.

RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

Catherine Palonis, 449 Delaware St.

I am here because at the last council meeting, I submitted a formal complaint letter to Mayor Mariani and Mr. Parri. Mrs. Palonis then went on to read and summarize the letter and said that she has not received a response. She has stated that Mr. Paone has manipulated the minutes and twisted the words. She also indicated that she has filed a private criminal complaint with the Lacakwanna County District Attorney's Office. Atty. Abrahamsen said that they will have no further comment. Mrs. Palonis stated that it is disgusting and disgraceful.

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary