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Mr. Paone read a letter from NEIC informing the borough of their yearly Christmas party on December 16, 2022, at Fiorelli's in Peckville.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Comcast informing the borough of our quarterly franchise fee in the amount of \$16,174.30.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Association of Boroughs informing the borough of the dinner meeting on Thursday, November 17 at the Regal Room in Olyphant at 6:30PM.

Mr. Paone read a quote from R.N. DeMeck Roof Management Services, Inc. for the Ritztech rubber roof located adjacent to the new metal roof that was installed in 2020.

New Business

We will review the 2023 budget.
Quote for the Ritztech Roof Repair

Old Business

Mr. Paone spoke to council on the upcoming Emergency Services Ordinance for passage at the Council Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022.

Public Comment

No Comments

Motion to Adjourn

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

November 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 - absent 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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Paone read an application from the Route 6 Land Development Corp./Two Up Realty, LLC requesting a zoning change for their property located off Terrace Dr. and Route 6 Blakely.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Dept. of Community and Economic Development Department informing the borough of a deposit of \$75,000 was made for the Blakely Borough Flood Control Project Phase II Grant through the ARPA COVID-19 Response Program.

Mr. Paone read a letter from PennDOT informing the borough of their intent to enter an area that is owned and maintained by Blakely Borough. They are conducting studies as to the viability of a rehabilitation project on the Lackawanna Ave. bridge (Rt. 347) over the Lackawanna River.

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 - \$125,375.13 Electric Payable - \$43,710.25

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report and wished everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

SOLICITOR- Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the advertising for the property located on Terrace Dr. and Route 6 Blakely. A motion was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the advertising of the 2023 Road Paving Project. A motion was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the advertising of the 2023 Flood Mitigation Project. A motion was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 27-2022 updating the resolution for the Valley Community Library Roof Replacement Grant. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 5-2022 Emergency Services Ordinance. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Alco. 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 - Mr. Celli read the preliminary 2023 budget.

Revenues:

Taxes - \$965,551

Permits - \$64,674

Fines & Forfeits - \$22,860

Interest, Rents, & Royalties - \$367,771

Expenditures:

General Government - \$620,705

Public Safety - \$1,676,132

Health & Welfare - \$68,952

Sanitation - \$643,408

Intergovernmental Revenues - \$463,300	Highways, Roads, & Streets - \$1,617,582
Charges for Services - \$6,515,315	Other/Electric Co. Expense - \$3,108,813
Gas System - \$326,852	Culture & Recreation - \$222,761
Misc. Revenues - \$365,000	Misc. - \$798,170
Other Financing Sources - \$2,834,703	Other Financing Uses - \$3,168,703
Total - \$11,925,227	Total - \$11,925,227

A motion to accept was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of October, 2022. All mine openings and voids are secure as of November 21, 2022. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. 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. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes

EMERGENCY SERVICES - No report.

REFUSE - No report

ELECTRIC LIGHT - No report.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - No report.

EQUIPMENT - Mr. Munley said all the plows and salt boxes have been installed and are working properly.

RECREATION - Mr. Munley said the little league field at the Blakely Borough Recreational Complex had new sod installed for the 2023 spring season.

OLD BUSINESS - None

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NEW BUSINESS

Updated rate comparison for the PA Municipal Electric Association of Public Utilities vs. Investor-Owned Utilities. Blakely Borough currently has rates that are \$32.00 less per 1,000 KW of power usage than PP&L.

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

Linda Gibney, President of the Shopa Davey Auxiliary, asking if they could put an auxiliary flag at the monument for Memorial Day. A motion to approve the installation of the auxiliary flag was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes

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

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