

November 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	- present		
Jeffrey Cruciani	- absent	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael Henzes	- present	Louis R. Parri	- present
Edward J. Alco, Jr.	- present	Kyle Burak	- absent
Kevin Swift	- present	Carlo Celli	- present

Mr. Parri presided. Solicitor - Atty. Conaboy

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. Alco and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

**Reading of Correspondence**

Mr. Paone read a letter from Comcast informing the borough of our quarterly franchise fee in the amount of \$15,078.23 will be paid on November 7, 2023.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Liquor Control Board informing the borough of our liquor and malt beverage fee payment in the amount of \$1,800.00 will be paid on November 1, 2023.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Randall and Ann Palko with concerns over the water issues that have occurred due to the leaking water main on Kingsley Blvd. PAWC is replacing the water main and services, but he is asking if the base repair will be taking place for the effected areas. Per conversations Mr. Paone and Mr. Memo have had with PAWC and Leeward Construction, the problem areas will be repaired when the full road restoration takes place in Spring 2024.

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Mr. Paone read a request from PennEastern Engineers, LLC requesting a 30-day extension for the Two Up Realty development off Terrace Dr.

Mr. Paone read a letter from PAWC informing all ratepayers that they are requesting an increase from the PUC of approximately 22% on a standard residential bill.

Mr. Paone read an invitation to the 2023 NEIC Christmas Party being held on Friday, December 8 at 5PM.

Mr. Paone read a report from the Pa Department of the Auditor General for the 2022 Liquid Fuels Audit. The report had no findings, and everything was done in compliance with Act 655 of 1956.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Paone informed council that Stafursky Paving has begun work on Virginia Ave. and Bodnick St. Everything is going well and should be completed within 2 weeks.

Mr. Paone informed council that American Municipal Power (AMP) is asking all municipalities to pass an updated Master Services Agreement for the 2023 EPPG Power Pool Purchase agreement. This will be passed at the council meeting on November 20.

Mr. Paone informed council that he and Mr. Parri will be meeting with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Transportation Advisory Committee for the sidewalks on both sides of River St. and Keystone Ave. from Depot St. to Main St. at 1PM at the Lackawanna County 911 Center.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Public Comment**

No Comments

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**Motion to Adjourn**

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

November 20, 2023

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**ROLL CALL**

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Jeff Cruciani	- present	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael Henzes	- present	Kyle Burak	- absent
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. Munley and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

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Mr. Paone read a report from the Pa Department of the Auditor General for the 2022 Liquid Fuels Audit. The report had no findings, and everything was done in compliance with Act 655 of 1956.

Mr. Paone read the bills presented for payment.  
Borough Bills                      Light Bills

The bills were approved by the finance committee. A motion to accept the bills was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

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General Payable - \$137,095.16      Electric Payable - \$45,645.00

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

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

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Abrahamsen opened the Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant for Depot St.

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>
Stafursky Paving Co., Inc. -	\$135,425.80	Yes
American Asphalt -	\$178,643.00	Yes
Columbia Excavating -	\$142,014.00	Yes

A motion to approve awaiting engineers' final review was made by Mr. Alco and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the advertising for the amendment to the Blakely Borough Police Pension Fund Ordinance. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 26-2023 authorizing the Blakely Borough Manager the authority to spend up to \$25,000.00 for emergency services in a sudden emergency situation. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 27-2023 authorizing the update to the Master Services Agreement between Blakely Borough and American Municipal Power for the EPPG Power Pool Participant Schedule. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Alco 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. Munley and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes.

**CONTROLLER** - Mr. Celli read the preliminary 2024 budget.

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**Revenues:**

**Taxes - \$1,008,449**  
**Permits - \$62,926**  
**Fines & Forfeits - \$23,020**  
**Interest, Rents, & Royalties - \$400,017**  
**Intergovernmental Revenues - \$806,830**  
**Charges for Services - \$7,367,138**  
**Gas System - \$268,532**  
**Misc. Revenues - \$53,100**  
**Other Financing Sources - \$3,243,786**

**Total - \$13,227,798**

**Expenditures:**

**General Government - \$851,922**  
**Public Safety - \$1,531,660**  
**Health & Welfare - \$13,000**  
**Sanitation - \$577,286**  
**Highways, Roads, & Streets - \$1,762,407**  
**Other/Electric Co. Expense - \$3,516,550**  
**Culture & Recreation - \$342,588**  
**Misc. - \$904,599**  
**Other Financing Uses - \$3,727,786**

**Total - \$13,227,798**

A motion to accept the preliminary 2024 budget was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes

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

**EMERGENCY SERVICES** - No report.

**REFUSE** - Mr. Alco stated the past due refuse bills have been sent to the magistrate

**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - Mr. Cruciani said all holiday decorations have been installed and they will be turned on Wednesday, November 22.

**ROADS** - Mr. Swift stated the stormwater system at the intersection of Virginia Ave. and Bodnick St. will be completed this week.

**SEWERS** - No report.

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**EQUIPMENT** - No report

**RECREATION** - No report.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - Mr. Paone informed council that he and Mr. Parri met with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Transportation Advisory Committee for the sidewalks on both sides of River St. and Keystone Ave. from Depot St. to Main St. The meeting went well and we hope to hear an answer on this project sometime in the next few weeks.

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

Mike Shotto, 28 Ninth St., Blakely asked about the road and potential wall on Ninth St. Mr. Paone informed him that we are planning on a skim coat of blacktop to help with travel for the winter and the wall installation was budgeted this year. Mr. Paone told him that he hopes to have it completed by the end of 2024 barring any unforeseen circumstances.

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

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December 04, 2023

A Meeting of the Blakely Borough Civil Service Commission was held at 5:30 P.M. in the Blakely Borough Building, 1439 Main Street, Peckville, PA 18452.

Attendees: Jack Gilroy Jr.  
Kyle Burak  
Chief Guy A Salerno

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M.

Business Items:

- 1) Discuss the need for a new Patrolman Civil Service Test to be given due to current list being exhausted. A motion made to move forward with a new test to be given on February 10, 2024 at the Blakely Borough Building as made by Mr Gilroy seconded by Mr. Burak. All in favor
- 2) Approve the press release for the Patrolman Civil Service Exam application. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Burak and seconded by Mr. Gilroy. All in favor

Next meeting will be Monday January 15, 2024 at 5:00 PM

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Burak and seconded by Commissioner Gilroy. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM

Chief Guy A Salerno