

October 13, 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 - 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. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

**Reading of Correspondence**

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Auditor General informing the borough that the 2021 General Municipal Pension System State Aid allocation is scheduled to be direct deposited on September 28, 2021, in the amount of \$139,238.97. This amount is calculated and issued in accordance with the Municipal Pension Plan Funding and Recovery Act (Act 205 of 1984). State Law prohibits use of the funds for any purpose other than to defray your municipality's police, paid firefighters, and non-uniformed pension costs. Act 205 requires that the allocation be deposited in the pension plan(s) by the treasurer of your municipality with 30 days of receipt.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Transportation notifying the borough that our 2022 estimated liquid fuels (Act 655) allocation for 2022 is \$187,618.42. Additionally, our Turnback program allocation for 2022 is \$480.00.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Environmental Protection to Mr. Paul Wasilchak informing him that the most recent Remedial Action Progress Report for 825 Main St.

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Peckville, Pa 18452 shows materials that are above the residential, used-aquifer, statewide health standard.

Mr. Paone read a letter from ACA Law informing the borough of the settlement check in the amount of \$2,500.00 is enclosed for the damage that occurred at 960 Main St. Peckville.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Griffin Pond Animal Shelter asking for a donation for the 2022 calendar year. During 2021 Blakely Borough brought 19 cats and 2 dogs to Griffin Pond at an estimated cost of \$2,147.00. Griffin Pond is kindly asking for a donation of any amount, if possible, to the amount that it cost for the animals from 2021.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Atty. Robert J. Murphy notifying the borough of a claim against the borough for damages because of a blockage in both your main and auxiliary sewer lines which caused very serious damage to the Rinaldi Residence.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Selective Insurance informing the borough that our 2019 dividend payment of \$405.40 will be mailed out shortly.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Utility Engineers, PC. about the proposed NextEra Capacity Plan. This plan would help the soften the large swings in the capacity market over the next five years. Under this plan, if the capacity auction price is higher than the target price but below the maximum cap, the Borough would pay 50% of the difference. The benefit is that the Borough would only be responsible for 50% of the difference, whereas with the plan, the Borough would be responsible for the full amount. Conversely, if the capacity auction price is lower than the target price but above the minimum cap, the risk is that the Borough would receive only 50% of the credit.

### **New Business**

Mr. Paone spoke in depth about the PSAB Conference he attended in Erie, Pa on October 8-10, 2021.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Paone informed council that the bush on Bridge and Hickory St. has been cut down and the homeowners for 315 Walnut St. have

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been notified to cut their lawn and 316 Walnut St. will be cut by Bryan Smith Lawn Service.

The intersection at Walnut and Hickory St. was watched by police officers and we are looking into a stop sign for this intersection.

Mr. Paone informed council that he and the borough maintenance crew met with Paul Chorba at his home on Virginia Ave. to speak with him about his issues with his driveway. They were able to come up with a solution that includes some roading milling and adjusting the direction of his driveway.

Mr. Paone informed council that Bob Naegele, Mike Fenick of CNA Engineering, Borough maintenance crew, Mayor Mariani and himself met on Kingsley Blvd. and Prynne St. to discuss the water issues. They were able to devise a plan that includes milling the road and installing a more pronounced gutter on Kingsley Blvd. at Prynne St. and in the 5-point intersection to better direct the water down the left side of Kingsley Blvd.

**Public Comment**

No Comments

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary

October 18, 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	- present
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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Auditor General informing the borough that the 2021 General Municipal Pension System State Aid allocation is scheduled to be direct deposited on September 28, 2021, in the amount of \$139,238.97. This amount is calculated and issued in accordance with the Municipal Pension Plan Funding and Recovery Act (Act 205 of 1984). State Law prohibits use of the funds for any purpose other than to defray your municipality's police, paid firefighters, and non-uniformed pension costs. Act 205 requires that the allocation be deposited in the pension plan(s) by the treasurer of your municipality with 30 days of receipt.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Transportation notifying the borough that our 2022 estimated liquid fuels (Act 655) allocation for 2022 is \$187,618.42. Additionally, our Turnback program allocation for 2022 is \$480.00.

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 - \$330,598.47                      Electric Payable - \$54,162.16

**REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

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

**SOLICITOR** - Atty. Conaboy read Ordinance 6-2021 establishing procedures and requirements pertaining to the implementation of Act 50 of 2021 and regulating small wireless facilities to be placed within the Public Right-of-Way. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 19-2021 to enter a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for the traffic signals at the intersection of Main/Gino Merli/Hospital in Peckville. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes

Atty. Conaboy read Resolution 20-2021 to authorize technical specifications for behind the meter customer generation within the borough limits. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Ercolani. All ayes

Atty. Conaboy asked for a motion to authorize the borough engineer to advertise for the 2022 Road Pavingg Project. A motion to authorize was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Ercolani. 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. Zwanch. All ayes.

**CONTROLLER** - Mr. Alco stated that we have begun working on the 2022 budget.

**TECHNICAL ADVISOR** - No report.

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**MINE CAVE COMMISSION** - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of September, 2021. All mine openings and voids are secure as of October 18, 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** - No report.

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

**FIRE** - No report.

**REFUSE** - Mr. Zwanch stated that any past due refuse bills for 2021 will be sent to the magistrate.

**ELECTRIC LIGHT** - No report.

**ROADS** - No report.

**SEWERS** - Mr. Swift said the Lower Pleasant Ave. gas main and services will be replaced this week. Once this is completed the sanitary sewer will be replaced.

**EQUIPMENT** - No report.

**RECREATION** - No report.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Mr. Paone informed council that the bush on bridge and Hickory St. has been cut down. The properties at 315 and 316 Walnut St. have been cut by Bryan Smith Lawn Service.

The intersection at Walnut and Hickory St. was watched by police officers almost every day since last month's meeting. The intersection of Brook and Myers is also being watched closely.

Mr. Paone informed council that he and the borough maintenance crew met with Paul Chorba at his home on Virginia Ave. to speak with him about his issues with his driveway. They were able to

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come up with a solution that includes some roading milling and adjusting the direction of his driveway.

Mr. Paone informed council that Bob Naegele, Mike Fenick of CNA Engineering, Borough maintenance crew, Mayor Mariani and himself met on Kingsley Blvd. And Pryn St. to discuss the water issues. They were able to devise a plan that includes milling the road and installing a more pronounced gutter on Kingsley Blvd. at Pryn St. and in the 5-point intersection to better direct the water down the left side of Kingsley Blvd.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:**

Wilson Browning, Keystone Ave., Peckville thanked the borough crew for cleaning up the catch basins on Keystone Ave.

Tom Elkins thanked the borough for taking care of the houses on Walnut St. and asked if we could get the papers picked up from the house. Mr. Paone said that they will pick them up to be recycled.

He also thanked the police for watching the stop sign. He also asked what the gas company was doing on the lower end of Hickory St. Mr. Paone said that the gas company will be tearing up Hickory/Short/Price/Wilson and Chestnuts Sts. for a new gas main. He also asked if I knew anything about the noise that he was hearing from his sewer. Mr. Paone said he would speak to Mr. Trojanowicz to see if he has any idea what the noises could be.

Mike Tate, Marion St., asked about the holiday house on Marion St. He said that he doesn't hate Christmas but the traffic and garbage are an issue when the season starts up. Mr. Paone and Mr. Wascura said they would speak to the Harhut's and try to come up with a solution.

Larry Spegar, Oak St., said that no one from the borough would come out to view the situation. Mr. Paone told him that he has been down that road 30-40 times over the past year. Mr. Spegar then went on to describe that because of this light he or his wife could not enjoy their property. He then spoke about his attorney's email about police going down the road. Chief

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Salerno stated that he has had his officers travel up and down the street periodically as well as himself.

Mr. Spegar then displayed a large diagram of Oak St. showing where the light was shining onto his property and gave all of council a folder containing information on LED streetlights. Mr. Paone informed him that the company that sold them the lights did extensive studies on lighting before they would be installed on any streets. Mr. Paone also said that we would look over the information that he has given to us.

Atty. Conaboy spoke to the Spegars about what has been going on for the past several months and that he has been in contact with their attorney on several occasions. He then stated while he and all the members of council appreciate their concern, we also must make sure that public safety can still be maintained along with keeping the best interests of the entire borough not just a few residents. It is a balancing act that the council tries to do every day. Mr. Spegar thanked council for their time and hoped that there could be a resolution to this situation.

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

Christopher R. Paone  
Blakely Borough Secretary