

October 11, 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	- present	Joseph Munley	- present
Michael HENZES	- present	Louis R. Parri	- present
Edward J. Alco, Jr.	- present	Kyle Burak	- absent
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. HENZES. All ayes

Reading of Correspondence

Mr. Paone read a letter from Verisk on behalf of ISO informing Blakely Borough that after their evaluation of the building and code enforcement department they have rated our commercial and industrial property enforcement as a Class 2 and our one and two family residential as a Class 3. These ratings are out of a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the highest rating.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Department of Revenue informing the borough that our 2022 PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax) refund in the amount of \$870.13 will be deposited on September 29, 2023.

Mr. Paone read a letter from Cecelia Taddonio informing the borough that her fence will be repaired by the end of October 2023.

Mr. Paone read an inspection report from the Lackawanna County Conservation District informing the borough that an inspection was done at the Thompson Ct. retention pond. The report stated

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that the borough needs to have an Erosion and Sedimentation Plan in place for the pond as well as bank stabilization.

Mr. Paone read a report showing that refuse collection for the year is down over 60 tons and recycling is also down over 35 tons.

New Business

Mr. Paone informed council that Main St., Lower Maple St., and all the returns into the side streets has been paved and painted by UGI after the gas main replacement.

Mr. Paone informed council that the new crosswalk at the intersection of Electric St. and Main St. was installed at no cost to the borough.

Old Business

None

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

October 16, 2023

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

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Paone read a letter from Verisk on behalf of ISO informing Blakely Borough that after their evaluation of the building and code enforcement department they have rated our commercial and industrial property enforcement as a Class 2 and our one and two family residential as a Class 3. These ratings are out of a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being the highest rating.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Department of Revenue informing the borough that our 2022 PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax) refund in the amount of \$870.13 will be deposited on September 29, 2023.

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. Alco and seconded by Mr. Munley. All ayes.

General Payable - \$146,261.63 Electric Payable - \$16,837.14

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR- The Chief read the Mayor's report.

SOLICITOR - Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 6-2023 Governing rules of Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities operating within the borough. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 7-2023 amending Article VII of the Blakely Borough Zoning Ordinance regarding EV chargers and where they are permissible within the borough. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Burak and seconded by Mr. Alco. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Ordinance 8-2023 Amending the Blakely Borough Zoning Ordinance Section 809 "Blakely Borough Noise Control Ordinance". A motion to approve was made by Mr. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Swift. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 25-2023 Authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to apply for FFY 2023 CDBG Program Funds in the amount of \$124,140.00 on behalf of Blakely Borough. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Munley and seconded by Mr. Burak. All ayes.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

CONTROLLER - Mr. Celli said that we started the 2024 budget.

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of September, 2023. All mine openings and voids are secure as of October 16, 2023. A motion to accept the report was made by Mr. Alco and seconded by Mr. Burak. All ayes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

POLICE - No report.

BUILDINGS - No report.

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

EMERGENCY SERVICES - No report.

REFUSE - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - No report.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - No report.

EQUIPMENT - Mr. Munley said we have received our 2023 Ford F-550 Dump Truck for our chipper.

RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

None

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary