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September 7, 2021

A Meeting of the Blakely Borough Civil Service Commission was held at 5:00 P.M. in the Blakely Borough Building, 1439 Main Street, Peckville, PA 18452.

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

Business Items:

1. Civil Service Commission received the written test results from Standard and Assoc. The results read as follows: Jason Todd 92%, Jacob Thompson 91%, Jacob Guzzi 87% and Thomas Markovitch 81%. A motion to accept the test results was made by Commissioner Gilroy and seconded by Commissioner Burak. All ayes
2. Borough Council voted to hire 4 officers from the list of candidates on 8/16/2021. All candidates were offered a conditional offer of employment. Due to only having 4 candidates for 4 positions a motion was made to accept the 4 candidates in the order of their written test scores and adding an additional 10 points to Markovitch for veterans preference. The Commission certified the list of candidates forgoing the other testing processes due to this now becoming a noncompetitive test. The certified list is Jason Todd 92%, Jacob Thompson 91%, Thomas Markovitch 91% and Jacob Guzzi 87%. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Peregrim and seconded by Commissioner Gilroy. All ayes.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Burak and seconded by Commissioner Peregrim. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Chief Guy A Salerno

September 15, 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	- absent
Kevin Swift	- absent	Edward Alco	- 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 eyes

Reading of Correspondence

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Pa Department of Transportation notifying Timberfalls Blakely, LLC that their highway occupancy permit is being revoked on September 16, 2021. The recent storm events and the current condition of the Timberfalls driveway(s) have highlighted that the existing drainage system is not functioning properly and is unable to handle stormwater runoff from the property. As a condition of the original permit, surface drainage may not be directed onto the state highway.

Mr. Paone read a quote from Vortex services outlining the costs to install a Cure in Place Pipe for the Vista Creek Development (Blythe Dr.). The cost of the project is broken into an emergency and non-emergency repair. The emergency repairs are \$55,508.00 and the non-emergency repairs are \$121,207.00.

Mr. Paone read a resolution from Lackawanna County authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to apply for federal fiscal year 2021 CDBG Program Funds in the amount of \$121,058.00 on behalf of Blakely Borough.

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Mr. Paone read a Notice of Judgement for the civil case of J. Donald Kazmerski v. Borough of Blakely, Borough of Blakely Electric, and Borough of Peckville. The result of the hearing was a judgement for the defendant.

Mr. Paone read a letter from the Lackawanna County Conservation District to Blakely Route 6 Land Development. On August 25, 2021, representatives of the Lackawanna County Conservation District conducted an inspection of earth disturbance activities at the Blakely Route 6 Land Development Site located in Blakely Borough. The inspection revealed that earth disturbance activities at the Blakely Route 6 Land Development Site are in violation of the Rules and Regulations of the Department and the Clean Streams Law.

New Business

Mr. Paone spoke in depth about the PMEA Conference that he attended in State College on Sept. 9 & 10, 2021. He spoke about the need for the borough to adopt a resolution in response to Act 50 which establishes standards for deploying small cell infrastructure. Also, the development of AMP-T (AMP Transmission) and the future goals of this subsidiary of AMP.

Public Comment

None

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary

September 20, 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	- absent	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. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Henzes. All ayes.

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

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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. Cruciani and seconded by Mr. Ercolani. All ayes.

General Payable - \$116,457.85 Electric Payable - \$97,274.83

REPORT OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

MAYOR - The mayor read her monthly report.

The Mayor swore in 3 new full time police officers of the Blakely Borough Police Department: Jason Todd, Jacob Thompson and Jacob Guzzi.

SOLICITOR - Atty. Abrahamsen read Resolution 18 of 2021 to enter into an agreement with Lackawanna County for the 2021 CDBG funds. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Munley and second by Mr. Zwanch. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to approve the settlement with Superior Asphalt. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Henzes and seconded by Mr. Cruciani. All ayes.

Atty. Abrahamsen asked for a motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise for the updated small wireless tower ordinance. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley. 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 - No report.

TECHNICAL ADVISOR - No report.

MINE CAVE COMMISSION - Mr. Paone read the Mine Cave Commission Report for the month of August, 2021. All mine openings and voids are secure as of September 20, 2021. A motion to accept

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the report was made by Mr. Zwanch and seconded by Mr. Munley.
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 - No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT - No report.

ROADS - No report.

SEWERS - No report.

EQUIPMENT - Mr. Munley said the new 2021 Ford Transit AWD was delivered to the police department and will be placed into service once the upfit is complete.

RECREATION - No report.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - Mr. Paone read a letter from the Auditor General for the Fireman's Relief Association allocation for 2021 is \$30,032.71.

Mr. Paone read a letter from N.A. Falcone and Associates for the 2022 MMO's for Blakely Borough: Police Pension - \$111,559.00; Non-Uniform Pension - \$37,993.00

REMARKS FROM CITIZENS:

Paul Chorba, 339 Virginia Ave., commending the borough DPW for their hard work during the last few heavy rain falls that have occurred. He then asked about his driveway and if anything could be done to help him replace it without causing an issue to

his neighbor. Mr. Paone said that he would speak to our foreman and setup a meeting to speak with him at his house. He also asked about the rear of his property near the swale. The property is always wet and there doesn't seem to be a way in which to fix the issue. Mr. Paone stated that the entire area was once a pond/swamp that was filled in to build the development. This is something that they will also discuss at the meeting onsite.

Paul Washkush, Kingsley Blvd., asked about the flooding from their neighbor and from the road above. He asked about installing storm drains on the road. Mr. Paone told him that he isn't getting water from the road (Prynn St.) above him. The water that is now inundating his property is coming from the new remodeled property at the end of Prynn St. He told him that he spoke with the owner and informed him that the work he has been doing is causing water issues that have never happened in the past. He said that he would work to correct all the issues and that he does not want to be a bad neighbor. Mr. Washkush then asked about the build up of ice on the road in the winter. Mr. Paone acknowledged the ice build up and they always have salt trucks running up and down the road to help with icing. The other issue besides water running down the road is the water that is being put on the road from all the houses from their drain tile/sump pumps/rain gutters. Mr. Paone assured them all that is was perfectly legal to do this, but it will cause icing as well.

Mayor Mariani spoke as a resident, not as a mayor, asking about what is going to be done about the water coming down Kingsley Blvd. She stated that when the road was paved some years ago the contour was adjusted and more of the water is being concentrated on her side of the road which has caused some flooding in their home. Mr. Paone told her that there are some ideas as a way to stop the water and he would further contact the borough engineer to help with solutions.

Dave Roberts, Valley View Dr., asked about the swale and pipes in his backyard. The storm approximately 4 weeks ago brought a large amount of rain, and the water was getting very close to his home. Mr. Paone informed him that besides the large amount of rain that fell, a tree fell into the creek behind Virginia Ave and Bodnick St. causing the water to spill over the banks of the creek, through neighbors' yards, across Virginia Ave. to the swale behind his home. That extra amount of water was the

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main reason for the backup of water. The water from that stream is intended to travel under Gino Merli Dr. to the Wildcat Creek Flood Project. The borough currently has a grant submitted to help stabilize the stream and help alleviate occurrences like last month.

Tom Elkins, Hickory St., told everyone that he was broad sided at the intersection of Walnut and Hickory St. He has been watching the stop sign and saw many vehicles pass right through the stop sign without stopping. Mayor Mariani said she would speak to the chief about having his officers watch that intersection more closely. Mr. Elkins also spoke about Hickory and Bridge St that someone has bushes that are sticking out and causing issues when pulling out. Mr. Paone said that he would check out the bushes. He also asked about 2 homes on Walnut St. and the dilapidated conditions. Mr. Paone stated he would also check this out for him.

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

Christopher R. Paone
Blakely Borough Secretary