

Laurel Mountain Borough

April 12, 2022 Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the shelter house. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar; Janice Seigle; Tim Baacke. Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon and Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. Matt Thomas was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PILLARS

President Crouse stated an email was sent out regarding the truck that hit and knocked down one of the pillars at the main entrance to the Borough. She had received many emails with feedback so she called this special meeting for input from the residents. Repairs to the pillars have been in discussion with council since 2019.

During that time, Council has received several bids and applied for two grants. The grants were denied.

Crouse did receive a police report of the incident. She spoke to the trucking company. She was told to send them a quote. Solicitor Sorice and former Mayor Light suggested it be handled by the insurance companies.

The pillars are thought to be 100 years old.

Prior quotes were not all the same as far as repairing the pillars to tearing them down and starting over.

Janice suggested submit a bid for both pillars to be redone so that match and if turned down, we go from there.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened for suggestions.

Kellen Detar, 8 Locust Road, get new quotes to rebuild

Natale Appleby, Walnut Road, If we use the same footers, they are already breaking down and the entrance should be made wider if redoing everything.

Don Brant, 25 Walnut Road, This should only take two weeks. Get bids for solid rebuild and submit.

Melinda Clark, 23 Hemlock, She knows of some masons and will provide council with names and contacts.

Melanie Brant, 25 Walnut Road, Sorry she was late, what are we doing?

Beth Bauman, 6 Maple, Our Solicitor should advise.

Ty Honhart, 29 Maple, Be sure they are aware of the importance of the pillars to the community. He also stated the Trucking Company may come back with their own contractor.

Melinda Clark, 23 Hemlock, I have pictures of the pillars from last year if needed.

President Crouse will get new bids for total replacement of both pillars, as well as cost of repairs.

She will consult with Solicitor Sorice regarding submission process to the trucking company or the insurance company.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Janice Seigle, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer