

## Laurel Mountain Borough

April 20, 2022

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at the shelter house. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by President Susan Crouse.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melinda Clark, 23 Hemlock, complimented everyone who takes part in the community. It is so important for everyone to contribute in any way they can. She would like to see more people get involved. Melinda thanked council for what they do.

Janice Seigle asked if there is a contract with Robert Barron as Emergency Manager. It was explained that he was approved by Resolution but there is not contract.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for March 2022 was presented. A motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

The disbursements for April 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the April disbursements as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dixon reported there were 67 patrols, 2 calls for service, 2 911 calls.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

None

### **OUTSTANDING BUSINES**

The ditches/leaf removal has not been completed. They still haven't gotten their needed part. A discussion was had regarding the job had been  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way completed. A motion to pay DT Contracting  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the contracted amount was made by Tim Baacke, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

No further action was taken with the agreement with the Township for a Joint Municipality Agreement.

Crouse reported the willow tree at the entrance had the top break and fall. It hit the flower box as well. She reported she got the police report and insurance information for the pillar incident. She has requested 5 different quotes. At the time has only received 2 back. Solicitor Sorice will handle the quotes with the insurance company. It was mentioned the pillars need to match so some cosmetic work for the 2<sup>nd</sup> pillar should be pursued as well.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Matt- He has spoken with Robert Barron, our pending Emergency Manager, and Chris Tantlinger, from the County Emergency Management, they have started the credentialing process. Barron hopes to attend next month meeting to introduce himself.

Susan – She explained an error had been made in doing the Ordinances with Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency. Ordinance 3-2022 is duplication of 2-2022. A motion to revoke Ordinance 3-2022 due to duplication was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

A motion to advertise Ordinance 4-2022 regarding Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency was made by Tim Baacke, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

Crouse presented two mowing bids, White Rose, \$75 per mowing and Kellen Detar, \$60 per mowing. Sharon Detar refrained from voting. A motion was made to approve Kellen Detar's mowing bid by Matt Thomas, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

Tim – He has corresponded with Engineer Eric Roble regarding roads and a yearly plan. Tim requested 6 bids, only 2 have responded. Ligonier Construction \$9500.00 per road and DT Contracting \$4625.76 for all roads and replacing belts. A motion to approve DT Contracting's road bid was made by Tim Baacke, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

Melinda Clark, 32 Hemlock, asked if there will be a pitch in the road for drainage purposes.

Matt suggested checking with Representative Rossi and Senator Bob Casey for funds available to small rural areas.

Tim and Sue presented the Westmoreland Conservation Districts Report and quote from DT Contracting of \$6,890.00 as part of the ARPA's Grant. A motion was made to approve DT Contracting for the stormwater project outlined by our Engineer and Westmoreland Conservation pending land owners approval by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

Question was made regarding a yearly road maintenance agreement verses quotes every year. Roberts said she would reach out to our penndot representative since this is from liquid fuels funds. Street lights were also asked about since they do not seem to be bright enough.

Sharon - She shared the LMP Association is having an Open House April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Melinda Clark, 32 Hemlock, shared their current Capital Campaign program. Over 100 letters were sent out. They have currently received \$8,000. They are hoping to reach \$30,000-40,000. The pool needs restored. They also sent questionnaires out for ideas. There is a community meeting scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. She thanked Kellen Detar, Ty Honhart, and Ross Dixon for all their help to the Association.

Janice - None

Susan commented she would get bids for the willow tree cleanup and save the tree. A motion was made to accept a bid with a cap of \$500 so the tree can be cleaned up quickly was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

## **SOLICITORS REPORT**

Crouse commented, Solicitor Sorice has been wonderful providing her with information on the recent ordinances and with working with the trucking company's insurance.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan shared that she received an email from a resident saying they are willing to contribute to the pillar replacement if insurance doesn't cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Baacke, second Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be May 18, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer