

Laurel Mountain Borough

April 21, 2021

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Tom Campbell; Ty Honhart. Sharon Detar and Matt Thomas were absent. Others present were Mayor Philip Light; Solicitor Mark Sorice; Engineer Eric Roble; Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. A moment of silence was held to remember all the victims from the covid-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Crouse read a complaint note from a resident concerning burning unattended fires. She reminded everyone to use commonsense, we live in the woods.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Tom Campbell, second by Ty Honhart, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for March 2021 was presented. A motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Tom Campbell, second by Ty Honhart, and passed unanimously. The disbursements for April 2021 were presented. Crouse asked the Council to consider making a donation to the Laughlintown Community Center for \$100 as has been done in the past. They have left council use the building for meetings as needed. A motion to approve the donation of \$100 to the Laughlintown Community Center was made by Ty Honhart, second by Tom Campbell, and passed unanimously. A motion to approve the April disbursements as presented was made by Tom Campbell, second by Ty Honhart, and passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Crouse asked if everyone received the Storm Water Ordinance information that was sent to them. Erik Roble was available for questions concerning the ordinance. It was not completed at this time. Erik still has some revisions to make. Solicitor Sorice will then make the final draft. Sorice thanked Roble for his specific revisions made to the characteristics of the Borough. Robin will advertise to allow the adoption of the ordinance. Sorice suggested the fees be adopted by resolution for subject to change in the future.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Light shared the March 2021 police report. There were 63 routine patrols, two 911 calls and one traffic warning issued in March.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts reminded everyone the Statement of Financial Interest forms for prior year 2020 are due to her by May 5th.

Roberts presented the mowing bid from Kellen Detar. The bid is \$80 for each mowing. This is up from \$60 last year. It was decided to get some other bids. These are to include weed eating on both sides of the stream in addition to weed eating on top of the lot where the water drains from White Oak. This needs to be kept open.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Regarding Emergency Manager, Mark spoke to Steve Barron. He is willing to serve if there are only modifications needed to the Emergency Plan. This appointment will need submitted for state approval through the County Emergency Management.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt: Absent; Sue reported for Matt, they may cancel tomorrows planning meeting.

Tom: The contract for road work from Ligonier Construction is not priced correctly. Will need corrected.

Sharon: absent

Ty: None

Susan: She is hoping meetings can soon be in person.

The PA One Calls for the speed limit signs were horrible. There were at least 48 calls to complete the project.

She received information from the PSAB for the process of receiving the American Rescue funds.

Robin will start working on that process.

There is a County program called "Get the Lead Out". There are funds available to help home owners remodel to eliminate lead in the homes. The information is to be posted on the website.

Sue presented a revised Conservation Partnership Agreement between the Westmoreland Conservation District and Laurel Mountain Borough. A motion to approve the revised Conservation Partnership Agreement between the Westmoreland Conservation District and Laurel Mountain Borough was made by Tom Campbell, second by Ty Honhart, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue commented the planning committee are working on some changes regarding Air B&Bs, abandoned cars, etc. Mark commented, best to continue the search for zoning enforcement. Ty commented, definition of junk must be defined.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ty Honhart, second by Tom Campbell, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer