

## Laurel Mountain Borough

August 17, 2022

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, August 17, 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; Matt Thomas; and Tim Baacke. Janice Seigle and Mayor Ross Dixon were absent. Also present was Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the July 20, 2022 meeting was presented. Tim had a few changes; spell correction on penndot and business; and Westmoreland County Conservation District should not be abbreviated. A motion to approve the minutes, with the changes, was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for July 2022 was presented. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Tim Baacke, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously. The disbursements for August 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the August disbursements was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

In Mayor Dixon's absence, Roberts reported for July. There were 52 routine patrols, 0 calls for service, 3 911 calls, and 0 citations/warnings. A question was asked if the police contract is by trips or minutes. Robin said she will look at the contract and report back at the September meeting. It was suggested by trips, if not already, for the next contract.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Robin reported on the insurance questions on the Higbee Insurance Policy. The Borough does have coverage on the bus stop areas, as long as, the Borough maintains the area. The file cabinets could be covered with an additional amount between \$400-\$500. No action was taken to cover the file cabinets. It was decided Robin and Tim would work on scanning older files that have not been saved electronically.

### **LAUREL MUNICIPAL INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT**

Robin has completed the mailing of the Agency's information to all the property owners.

### **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

Susan attended the Ligonier Township meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The Township Manager was not at the meeting and the Solicitor did not seem to know anything about the agreement. She will try to speak with the manager at a later date.

No updates from Solicitor Sorice on the pillars. There was some discussion to alternate ideas at the pillars. One suggested was a shelter for the bus stop. No action was taken.

Susan did not order the culvert markers yet and has decided to go with the smaller signs for "Permits Required". She will move forward on the orders.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Matt: Matt is getting a bid from Rick Roberts for Road work, ditch clean out, etc. but he doesn't do plowing.

Tim: Tim is getting bids from Ligonier Construction, DT Contracting, and White Rose for road work, ditch clean out and plowing.

Sharon: Sharon reported from LMP Association, people are enjoying the pool and the shelter house. They recently had a pizza party.

Susan: Susan would like to request bids to inspect driveway pipes and notify the Borough of the address's needing attention. She will talk to Dan from DT Contracting.

Susan has been working on gathering all the information needed for the Westmoreland Development Block Grant. Council Members unanimously agreed to go to the residents for their survey. Susan suggested the streets be divided among the council members to collect their information.

Tim will write a letter to explain the grant and the importance of the resident's information to qualify. He will send Robin a copy to post on website and Susan will send emails out.

Matt commented on a Penn State Report he read that stated nothing works on gravel roads as far as dust control.

### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

No updates

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Robin read a letter from Janice Seigle asking Council to accept her resignation. A motion to accept Janice Seigle's resignation was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be September 21, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom if probable.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer