

Laurel Mountain Borough

August 1, 2023

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the shelter house and via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar; Mark Hollick. Matt Thomas attended via zoom. Sherry Naugle was absent. Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon; Ben Faas, Engineer; Robin Roberts, Secretary. Solicitor Lee Demosky attended via zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the June 6, 2023 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

The Minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting were presented. President Crouse added Robert Barron, Emergency Manager, to the order of call for an emergency. Barron would be called after 911. A motion to approve the Minutes from July 11, 2023 with the addition of Emergency Manager in the order of call in an emergency was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The July 2023 Treasurer's Report was unavailable due to the meeting on August 1, 2023.

The disbursements for August 2023 were presented. A motion to approve the August disbursements was made by Matt Thomas, second by Sharon Detar and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dixon's Police Report has not been received as of this date from the Ligonier Valley Police Department for July 2023.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Robin reported the \$100 donation made to the Westmoreland County Ambulance and Rescue Association was returned. They requested it be sent to the local Ambulance Service. A motion to send the donation to our local Ambulance Service was made by Matt Thomas, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

LAUREL MUNICIPAL INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT

No report due to the August 1st meeting date.

ONGOING BUSINESS

The stream crossings on Beechwood & Walnut project is delayed. The gas company is going to do their work replacing gas lines before the Borough's stream project. Solicitor Demosky suggested the Borough

have a Road Opening Ordinance. A motion to direct Solicitor Demosky to draft the Road Opening Ordinance was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt: Matt stated he continues to work on the Ordinance regarding occupancy, rentals and short-term rentals. He has received information from other Pennsylvania Townships and Boroughs. He will work on blending the items to make them unique for our Borough.

Sherry: None

Sharon: Sharon reported they are close to getting the pool done and hope to open in a couple weeks. The LMP Association wants to make sure everything works well before closing for winter. Sharon expressed concern on the flower beds at the front entrance. She offered to weed out the area. Sue said she will look for her previous bid that was not approved earlier for an updated flower bed. A motion to repair the flower bed at the entrance at the sign was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

Susan: Susan presented quotes from Big Tree Landscaping and Lawn LLC and Bridge' Landscaping for ditches to be cleaned, brush to be cut and road repairs. A motion to approve Bridge's Landscaping for the ditch clean out, brush cutting, and road repairs was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

A bid for snow plowing was presented by Bridge's Landscaping. A motion to approve the snowplow bid by Bridge's Landscaping was made by Mark Hollick, second by Sharon Detar and passed unanimously. Sue shared information on a Roadway Conference at Seven Springs in October. It is 3 days at \$100 a day. On Tuesday, October 17th the topic is funding for dirt and gravel roads. She would like to see at least one person attend.

Mark Hollick asked if there have been any complaints of bears in the Borough. He's had some noises at night.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ben stated the Conservation District has increased the pipe size for the stream project. His emails to Pittman's Office have been bounced back to him. Sue will check her email and provide the correct email address for him.

We should hear from the H2O Grant in November.

Ben stated he has been in contact with the gas company's plans.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Hollick, second by Sharon Detar and passed

unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:41 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be September 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer