

Laurel Mountain Borough

December 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 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; Matt Thomas; and Tom Campbell. Also present were Mayor Philip Light and Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tom Campbell, and third by Susan Crouse.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for November 2021 was presented. A motion to accept the November Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tom Campbell, and third by Susan Crouse. The disbursements for December 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the December disbursements as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tom Campbell, and third by Susan Crouse.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Light reported there were 54 routine patrols, 1 incident, and 1 emergency. It was noted this was Mayor Light's final meeting as he is retiring the end of the year. He was thanked for his many years of service to the community.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts commented letters have been sent out to the newly elected with forms and directions for the process of getting sworn in to office. Roberts presented the 2022 Ligonier Valley Police Department Agreement. There were no changes and the amount remains at \$400 per month. A motion to approve the 2022 Ligonier Valley Police Department Agreement was made by Tom Campbell, second by Matt Thomas, and third by Susan Crouse.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

The 2022 Budget stands as proposed. Resolution No. 2021-7 was signed and sealed. The final election results were available. Mayor – Ross Dixon; Council People – Sharon Detar, Janice Seigle, and Andrew Rayman; Tax Collector – Kellen Detar. With Rayman moving out of the Borough, there will be 1 vacancy on council. No action was taken on the Emergency Manager. Crouse stated the right of way clearing project was completed. Many commented that they did a good job. Tree cutting is scheduled for after the holidays. Two snow plow bids were submitted, from DT Contracting and Ligonier Construction. A motion to approve

Ligonier Construction's snowplow bid was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tom Campbell, third by Susan Crouse.

One bid for the ditched/leaf removal was presented from DT Contracting. A motion to approve DT Contracting's bid was made by Tom Campbell, second by Matt Thomas, third by Susan Crouse.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt- Matt stated there were no new concerns to present. They will not be having a meeting over the holidays. He has not heard from Shane.

Ty - Absent

Sharon – Absent

Tom – Tom stated he has not heard back from Herrholtz regarding Laurel and Maple Roads ditch and waterline bid.

Susan – Sue reported on the meeting she attended with the Ligonier Township. Ligonier Township and Ligonier Borough have agreed to work with us on a Joint Municipality Agreement. The Township will have the agreement drafted. The Solicitor recommends getting an engineer report for the issue at 23 Maple. Susan will check with Eric on cost. She understands Fyock is leaving for several months soon. Crouse reminded everyone the reorganization meeting will be held January 3, 2022 at the shelter house. Crouse asked about an ordinance to authorize services in an emergency. Mayor Light stated the mayor has the right to declare an emergency which then allows council to meet and authorize services immediately.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Sorice has asked we simplify communication with him through one person. If you have any questions for Mark, please go through Susan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Roberts read a letter from the Ligonier Valley Endowment. They received our request for the grant to fix/replace the pillars at the entrance way. It will go to their committee for final decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lance Appleby, 7 Walnut Road, asked if the grant for the pillars would include the flower bed. Mayor Light commented probably not. The flower bed should be replaced with something like railroad ties due to the water in that area. Also the sign will need replaced. It is currently glued together.

Lance also commented on the planning committee. He said he has brought up several issues and violations that are being overlooked and not being enforced. He asked if the committee is putting things under the carpet. Matt explained the purpose of the committee and that council currently has a complaint form online so issues can be tracked by the council. However, with the zoning ordinance being older, it is not an easy task for council to rectify some of the issues.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tom Campbell, and third by Susan

Crouse. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be January 19, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer