

Laurel Mountain Borough

December 20, 2023 Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at the shelter house and via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar; Mark Hollick; and Tanner Solice. Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon and Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer and Ben Faas, Engineer. Attorney Jason Kelly, for Solicitor Demosky, attended by zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Faas, Engineer, wanted to be sure all members of council received his email regarding the position the Borough is now in regarding waterlines. He explained Council will have to make some decisions on which direction they want to proceed. Mawc does not want to do an agreement with the Borough to be the contractor operator under their water number. Therefore the Borough would have to absorb all the regulations required in having their own water number per PennVest requirements for a loan. Meaning the Borough would be required to maintain water quality with a certified water operator. An independent Contractor could cost \$1,000 - \$2,000 per month. The Borough would need to add a surcharge to all water customers to cover cost for PennVest. Council will need to decide in January and get back to the Senators helping with the water number and PennVest.

SPECIAL MEETING TOPIC

President Crouse and Sharon Detar received three inquiries for secretary/treasurer. One person was interested in an interview. The interview with Scott Lentz went well and the references checked out. Crouse recommended Lentz for the position. A motion to appoint Scott Lentz as Secretary/Treasurer effective 1-1-24 was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENTE

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer