

Laurel Mountain Borough

December 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at the shelter house and via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar; and Matt Thomas. Tim Baacke attended via Zoom and Sherry Naugle was absent. Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon, Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Smith, 26 Walnut, asked what the Borough can do regarding his soggy lawn and trench in front of his house at the mailbox. He believes the problem area is on Borough property. Smith is willing to fill in with gravel but wanted permission to do so. Crouse explained that area is a stormwater area that the Borough has been working with the Westmoreland Conservation. She should hear back from them after their meeting on January 11th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the November 16, 2022 Meeting were presented. Matt had 2 grammar corrections. A motion to approve the minutes with the grammar corrections was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dixon gave the November Police Report. There were 46 routine patrols, 1 call for service, 0 number of incidents investigated, one 911 call, 0 traffic warnings issued, 0 non-traffic citations.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts' presented the proposed budget for 2023. A motion to approve the 2023 Budget was made by Matt Thomas, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously. Ordinance 5-2022 was signed.

LAUREL MUNICIPAL INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT

NONE

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Regarding pillars, Crouse read a letter from Solicitor Sorice. The trucking company made an offer. A motion to accept the trucking company's (M. Glosser and Sons Inc.), offer and proceed with bid from MJL Construction & Masonry to repair the pillars, was made by Matt Thomas, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously. Crouse will notify them to start as weather permits

As noted earlier, Susan is waiting to hear from Westmoreland Conservation District for next step regarding stormwater project.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt: None

Tim: None

Sharon: Sharon reported there were some Christmas carolers going around the Borough this evening spreading some holiday cheer.

Sherry: Absent

Susan: Grants have all been submitted.

There were 2 trees and wires that fell on Walnut Street and hit a house. Damage visible from exterior was to porch and living room area. Residents are part time and were notified.

There has been a lot of noise from construction on Laurel from unexpected vehicles.

Stormwater drains that had been placed on Maple as phase one of the stormwater project, have apparently been removed by someone. The residents have made quick fix but needs to be completely fixed.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Solicitor Sorice's letter on the pillars was mentioned in the outstanding business by President Crouse.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gladys Light, 23 Beechwood, commented that the flag at the Route 30 entrance is torn. It was sewn last year but is now beyond repair. Matt will talk to the American Legion regarding a replacement flag. It was stated to be 5'x8'.

It was mentioned of a streetlight out at Walnut & White Oak. Tim said it was on this evening. Mayor Ross will take care of the light.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Thomas, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be January 18, 2023 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer