

Laurel Mountain Borough
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 15, 2024

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at the Ligonier Borough Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Council members present were Mathew Henson, President; Sharon Detar, Vice President; Emily Honhart and Marcus Hollick.

Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon; Ben Faas, Engineer; Scott Lentz, Secretary/Treasurer; M. Curtis Fontaine, Manager of Operations, Engineering of the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County ("MAWC"); and Jonathan Longwell, District Director for PA State Senator Joe Pittman.

Participating via Zoom were representatives from Solicitor Demosky's office.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mathew Henson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM Eastern Standard Time. A quorum of Council members was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was deemed ready to proceed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment

None.

Previous Minutes

Following discussion, Council approved the draft minutes of the January 2, 2024 Reorganization and Regular meetings, to be amended to reflect that Mathew Henson, Sharon Detar and Scott Lentz are authorized as signatories to the Borough's bank accounts, and that these individuals are accordingly authorized to conduct financial transactions in the normal course of business.

Treasurer's Report

None.

Mayor's Report

None.

Secretary's Report

None.

Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency Report

None.

Ongoing Business

Gas line replacements completion. Mayor Dixon indicated that completion is subject to creation of an open-items punch list and that timing will be subject to weather conditions.

Westmoreland Conservation District project update. Mayor Dixon indicated that the replacement of crossing pipes for Beechwood and Walnut would be completed in late February.

Waterline replacement project update. Deferred to a Special Meeting to be conducted following the regular meeting.

New Business

Remote attendance problems with Zoom. Council President Henson indicated that the internet capabilities at Shelter House are currently being upgraded.

Tree Complaint, Walnut Road. XXX

Engineer Report

Deferred until the Special Meeting.

Solicitor Report

None.

Emergency Manager Report

Following discussion, the Council approved the appointment of Robert Baron as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator, subject to background checks.

Correspondence

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made and adopted, the Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Scott Lentz, Borough Secretary/Treasurer