

Laurel Mountain Borough

February 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at the shelter house. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Susan Crouse.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the January 19, 2022 meeting were presented. Tim pointed out a typo, the word plague should be plaque. A motion to approve the minutes as presented with the typo correction was made by Tim Baacke, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for January 2022 was presented. A motion to accept the January Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Janice Seigle, and passed unanimously. The disbursements for February 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the February disbursements as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dixon reported there were 56 routine patrols, no calls for service or emergencies.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts reminded those that have not completed the Financial Statements of Interest for prior year 2021, to please do so as soon as possible.

Rennie & Associates have started the 2021 Audit.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

An Emergency Manager is still needed. Matt contacted several people but none were interested.

The ditches/leaf removal has not been completed. DT Contracting is waiting parts for their newly purchased equipment. No estimated time was given.

No further action was taken with the agreement with the Township for a Joint Municipality Agreement. The Township Manager is leaving 3-1-2022. The Township Solicitor was to write the agreement. No word on the progress at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt- No updates from the planning committee

Sharon – Sharon commented, the shelter house improvements look good. Natalie Appleby from the LMP Association commented they are updating the restrooms with new toilets and vanities next.

Janice – Janice was asked to report on the Boot Camp Seminar, however, it is not until 2/26/22.

Susan – Susan gave a summary from the meeting with Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency. Two representatives came to answer any questions council had regarding their Agency a couple weeks ago. They currently have municipalities in four counties. They cover inspections, permits, etc. and respond time is usually in 24 hours. They conform with the PA Construction Code Act. There is an initiation fee of \$700 non- refundable. There fees per item would be taken from the amounts on our Fee Ordinance. Therefore, fees would remain the same. We would need to have several Ordinances to work with their agency. We would need to opt in to the PA UCC. The company we currently are using was recently purchased by another environmental company. They have not replied to any of our current applications. A motion to enter into an Inter-municipal Agreement with Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency, pending the completion of the opt in with the PA Universal Construction Code Act, was made by Janice Seigle, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

Susan wants to utilize Engineer Eric Roble for the Stormwater Issues. A motion to utilize Engineer Eric Roble for the stormwater concerns was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

Tim – Tim is working on quotes for the spring repairs on the roads.

SOLICITORS REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Westmoreland County Borough's Association 70th Annual Banquet will be on April 29, 2022.
The Ligonier Endowment turned down our request for a grant to fix the pillars at the entrance to the Borough from Route 30.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melinda Clark, 23 Hemlock, thanked Council for having the meetings via zoom. She shared there is an appreciation get together for former Mayor Phil Light on Sunday at Pop's Pub and Grub, sponsored by Borough Council. She also shared the LMP Board is agreeable to help raise money for the entrance pillars.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Thomas, second Janice Seigle, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be March 16, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer