

Laurel Mountain Borough

February 7, 2023 Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at the shelter house and via zoom. 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; Tim Baacke; and Sherry Naugle attended via zoom. Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon and Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SPECIAL MEETING TOPICS

Solicitor Resignation

Roberts' read a letter from Solicitor Mark Sorice resigning as the Borough's Solicitor.

A motion to approve Solicitor Sorice's resignation was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tim Baacke and passed unanimously.

Appointment of Solicitor

A letter from Lee R. Demosky, Esquire was presented. His municipal client rate is \$125 an hour. Demosky introduced himself and answered questions. A motion to appoint Lee R. Demosky, Esquire as the Borough's Solicitor was made by Sharon Detar, second by Sherry Naugle and passed unanimously.

Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

A letter from Attorney Del P. Nolfi III was presented. He is requesting reimbursement for costs only for the first case. For future hearings, he would negotiate below rate of his current \$205 per hour or a flat fee basis on the number of appeals. Attorney Sorice has offered to assist him with the transition to our Borough.

A motion to appoint Del P. Nolfi III as the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

Change in regular meeting dates

A motion to move the regular council meetings to the first Tuesday of the month starting with the March meeting was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sherry Naugle and passed unanimously.

Pillar renovations

Crouse stated we received the settlement from M. Glossner – Sons, Inc. for the pillar renovations. MJL Construction will begin work as soon as weather permits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer