

Laurel Mountain Borough

January 15, 2020

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. A quorum of Susan Crouse, Sharon Detar, Tom Campbell, and Matt Thomas was reached at the Shelter House. A motion to continue at the Laughlintown Community Center was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tom Campbell, passed unanimously. At 7:30 the meeting was called to order at the Laughlintown Community Center by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar; Tom Campbell, and Matt Thomas. Others present were Philip Light, Mayor, Jeff Miller, Solicitor; Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. David Marcum, was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tom Campbell, passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the January 6, 2020 Reorganization meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Tom Campbell, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The December Treasurer's Report and invoices to be paid for January were presented. A motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tom Campbell, and passed unanimously. A motion to pay the January bills presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tom Campbell, and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Light read the November Police Report. There were no incidents. The total hours for 2019 were 85 hours and 2 min.

Light reported the wooden sign at the entrance needed repaired. Harrold Kinsey made the repairs and they were able to put it back. The pins have deteriorated and the sign will most likely need replaced in the Spring. A thank you from the council will be send to Mr. Kinsey.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Each Council Person was introduced and spoke of what they would like to see for the Borough. Crouse – Susan said she is a retired social worker. She has learned to ask questions, to seek solutions

and to explore options. Her goals for the Borough are for the Council to be a good team and work together.

Detar – Sharon said she has lived in the Borough for 35 years. She owns and operates a Café in Ligonier. Sharon would like to see the Borough work together with the Laurel Mt Park Association in regard to the pool, shelter house, etc.

Campbell – Tom said he has 30 years of experience working with roads. He would like to see the roads maintained better. He also has concerns with Bed & Breakfast businesses because of sewage capacity.

Thomas – Matt said he has been in the Borough for 3 years. He moved here from California. He has a family background of steel workers. He works at Ohio Pyle as a support and consultant for their bicycle business. His goal is to improve the beauty of the community by volunteer groups. One particular place he mentioned was the garden area.

Marcum- Absent

Council Reports

President Crouse – Sue said there is a tree on Maple that is $\frac{3}{4}$ dead and hanging over the road and very close to the utility pole. Both neighbors agree it needs taken down. Matt and Sharon will look at the tree and get bids for removal of the tree and to grind down the stump.

Regarding the pillars, Sue spoke with Joe Omez. He is to get back to her with a quote.

Detar – Sharon would like to see the Borough and Laurel Mt Park Association work together for the community.

Marcum – David’s letter of resignation was read to be effective date of the Council receiving the letter.

Campbell – Tom discussed the ditch at the entrance. Mayor Light has been cleaning out the ditch.

Everyone thanked Phil for maintaining the ditch. Tom suggested getting a machine in there to enlarge the ditch. He will talk to Herrholtz regarding the use of the machines.

Thomas - None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to accept the resignation of David Marcum by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

A motion to appoint Ty Honhart to fill the vacant position, upon doing the Affidavit of Residency and taking the Oath of Office, was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

Solicitor Miller presented a draft for an Agreement between Laurel Mountain Borough and Laurel Mountain Park Association. Bids over \$11,500 will need 3 bids. All contractors must be licensed and insured. Any inputs must be given to him before the next meeting to make changes.

Secretary Roberts read a letter from the Ligonier Valley Endowment that they have received out grant application.

CORRESPONDENCE

The County Emergency Management meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month @ 7 PM for trainings. It was discussed if Gene Stouffer was still our emergency coordinator. Susan will speak to him regarding this position.

There are several PSBA seminars regarding the responsibilities of Council. The dates and times were shared with Council.

The Borough received information from FEMA regarding the NIMS program. It is highly suggested all elected and appointed officials take the course. Information will be sent out to all Officials.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Malinda Clark, 23 Hemlock, asked for the councils help with cleaning up some of the properties in the Borough. After discussions, Solicitor Miller said he would draft a letter to all residents. She would like to have a way to inform new people moving in to the community of things that are available in the Borough.

A need for a website was discussed. Possibly reaching out to someone whom once mentioned doing this for the Borough.

Gladys Light, 23 Beechwood, commented that the November 20, 2019 minutes have an error under New Business. The minutes state Tom Campbell was elected for a 4 year term. She said it is for a 2 year term. Because this was not confirmed, the statement "for a four year term" is to be removed from the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer