

## Laurel Mountain Borough

January 6, 2020

A reorganization meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2020. Council reached a quorum at the shelter house at 7:15. A motion to adjourn and reconvene at the Laughlintown Community Center was passed unanimously.

At the Laughlintown Community Center, Council members present were Susan Crouse, Tom Campbell, Matt Thomas. Others present were Philip Light, Mayor, Jeffrey Miller, Solicitor and Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. David Marcum, and Sharon Detar were absent.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Light. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Light had given the oath of office to reelected council person Susan Crouse and elected council persons Tom Campbell and Matt Thomas prior to the meeting.

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Nominations for Susan Crouse for President was made by Tom Campbell and Matt Thomas. All in favor, none apposed.

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

Nomination for Sharon Detar for Vice President was made by Susan Crouse. All in favor, none apposed.

### **APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY**

Gladys Light was asked if she would continue serving as the Vacancy Chair. She agreed. A motion for Gladys Light to continue as the Vacancy Chair was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tom Campbell, passed unanimously.

Sharon Detar joined the meeting by telephone.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

President Crouse is seeking bids for the masonry work needed for the entrance way. She currently has two bids. Due to the estimated cost, a third bid will be required. She asked for suggestions for another masonry contractor. Tom Campbell knew of a person and will send their contact information to Crouse.

Meeting dates for 2020 were discussed. The third Wednesday of each month will be a conflict for Thomas from April to October. A motion to set and advertise the regular meetings of January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and March 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7:15 PM at the shelter house, Council anticipates adjourning and reconvening at the Laughlintown Community Center at 7:30 PM, was made by Tom Campbell, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously. A discussion of changing the meetings to the third Monday beginning in April will be continued at the January regular meeting.

Secretary Roberts stated changes need to be made at the First Commonwealth Bank due to the changes on Council. A motion to remove Ty Honhart from all of the accounts held by the Borough of Laurel Mountain at the First Commonwealth Bank and add Vice President Sharon Detar was made by Tom Campbell, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

Roberts will collect the paperwork from the bank for the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roberts also encouraged the Council Members to continue working towards a website.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melinda Clark, 23 Hemlock, expressed her concerns again for the properties that have been abandoned and /or not being taken care of. Her concerns are these properties are not only eyesores for the community but can become health hazards.

A discussion followed regarding what can legally and tactfully be done. A courtesy letter was suggested. The discussion will continue at the January regular meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Crouse, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer