

Borough of Laurel Mountain
Regular Meeting – January 7, 2025

*In attendance: Mathew Henson, Sharon Detar, Emily Honhart, Mark Hollick, Tanner Solich,
Ross Dixon, Lee Demosky (remote), Matthew Blistan (remote)*

1. Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public comments: No public comments.
4. Approval of previous minutes: 12/3 and 12/17 minutes approved. Motioned by S. Detar, seconded by T. Solich. All approved.
5. Treasurer's report
 - a. Approval of disbursements:
 - i. Alyssa Boyd: Tax collections - \$46.43
 - ii. First Energy: Electric bill - \$39.90
 - iii. Blistan Group: Account set-up bill and monthly services bill - \$1,400
 - iv. Latrobe Bulletin: Three advertisements - \$145.67
 - b. Income received:
 - i. Per capita tax: \$25
 - c. Discussion of needed categorizations on FY2024 ledger. Management report provided by M. Blistan; council agreed to look over it more closely.
6. Mayor report
 - a. Snow complaint from a resident about plowing
7. Secretary's correspondence
 - a. S. Detar shared Christmas cards received
 - b. M. Henson shared email correspondences, including a zoning inquiry and a neighbor at 16 Maple who shared concerns about potholes.
8. LMIA report: Report received but no new complaints.
9. Road master's report: M. Hollick reported ditch cleaning of leaves once snow melts. Plowing done by Ligonier Construction. Discussion regarding White Oak mailboxes, ditches, plowing and diverters.
10. Solicitor's report: No updates.
11. Ongoing business
 - a. Waterline project: No updates.
 - b. Sign ordinance amendment: Tabled
 - c. Appointment of zoning board for 2025: Ideas floated for board members.
 - d. Secretary replacement: No response to advertisement.
 - e. LMIA permitting process: Tabled
 - f. 2025 Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation: Tabled

- g. 2025 Liquid Fuels allocation and requirements: Tabled
 - h. 28 Maple Road Tree removal: Not yet removed by West Penn Power.
 - i. Communication with borough residents: E. Honhart to work on purchasing grant-approved items.
 - j. Renewal of Ligonier Valley PD contract: R. Dixon met with Chief Matrunics. Reported that LMB will continue with existing contract, wording and pricing for 2025. Contract breaks down to approximately one patrol per shift, or three per day. \$400 per month.
 - k. Proposal for signage at borough entrance: Discussion regarding minimalist signage for Rt. 30 entrance and rock. T. Solich, E. Honhart to research.
12. New business
- a. Re-appointment of Lee Demosky (Meyer Darragh) as borough solicitor. Motioned by S. Detar, seconded by T. Solich. All approved.
 - b. Re-appointment of EADS Engineering as SEO. Motioned by S. Detar, seconded by T. Solich. All approved.
 - c. Approval of chair for vacancy board: Discussed options.
13. Public comment: G. Light said that flag should be half staff all month.
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Motioned by E. Honhart, seconded by S. Detar. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Honhart