

## Laurel Mountain Borough

July 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at the shelter house and via zoom. The meeting was changed from July 4, 2023 due to the Holiday. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar, Mark Hollick. Sherry Naugle attended by zoom. Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon, and Robin Roberts, Secretary. Solicitor Lee Demosky, also attended by zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the June 6, 2023 minutes were read by Sharon Detar. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Mark Hollick, second by Sherry Naugle and passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for May 2023 was presented. A motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report for June 2023 was presented. A motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report was made by Sherry Naugle, second by Sharon Detar and passed unanimously.

The disbursements for July 2023 were presented. A motion to approve the July disbursements was made by Sherry Naugle, second by Sharon Detar and passed unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dixon reported for May 2023 there were 40 routine patrols, 0 calls for service, zero 911 calls, 0 traffic citations.

For June 2023 there were 50 routine patrols, 1 call for service, 2 incidents investigated, four 911 calls, 0 traffic citations.

There were 3 trees down by Susan's house on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Some residents were without power.

Susan stated a plan for emergency. The order of call would be 911; Robert Barron, Emergency Manager; Ross Dixon, Mayor; Susan Crouse, Borough Council President who would then notify West Penn, Xfinity, etc.

Mayor Dixon swore in our new Council Member, Mark Hollick on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Robin presented a renewal package from Higbee Insurance in the amount of \$3,093.00. That is an increase of \$55.00 from last year. A motion to approve the renewal was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

### **LAUREL MUNICIPAL INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT**

There were 2 permits issued for replacing shingles in June.

## **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

The Borough received one half of the grant money to pursue the stream crossings on Beachwood & Walnut Roads. The second half will be received when the project is completed. The Westmoreland County Conservation District will work with Borough on this project.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Matt: In Matt's absence, Susan said Council needs to expedite a short-term ordinance for rentals and Air B&Bs. Solicitor Demosky and Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor Bononi will work together for us on this ordinance. Demosky suggested Council draft an ordinance of what they are seeking and the Solicitors can work from there. This would help keep the cost down.

Sherry: Sherry shared she is moving July 31<sup>st</sup>. She will turn in her resignation at the August Meeting. She did not receive any feedback for the planters on the pillars.

Sharon: Sharon said she has not been able to reach the LMP's President for any updates of the pool opening. There has been one person seen working at the pool. It was mentioned the seal may take 30 days before the pool could be filled.

Susan: Reminder there is a Hearing Board Planning Webinar on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Those interested contact Susan for the link.

There will be a vacancy on council when Sherry resigns in August.

Sue said quotes are needed for road repairs and to clean out the ditches. DT Contracting that has done the work recently, has some equipment. Mark will work with Susan on quotes.

Ben Faas, Engineer: In Ben's absence, Susan read his update. In regard to the gas company, they have committed to getting their line done prior to our construction.

We had our meeting with Senator Pittman's office and they were going to approach PennVest, DCED, DEP and MAWC regarding their policies which currently prohibit completing a full project.

Being that Stouffer Outdoors has not provided insurance for their mowing bid that had been approved pending insurance, a quote and insurance confirmation for mowing from Big Tree Landscaping and Lawn, LLC was presented. The quote for the remainder of the season is \$80 per mow and trim. A motion to approve the quote was made by Sherry Naugle, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

## **SOLICITORS REPORT**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Sue received one outdoor burning complaint. Another complaint was for lights at the shelter house pointing into residence. The lighting point has since been changed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ed Appleby, 9 Walnut, reported some limbs over powerlines. Mayor Dixon will look into the matter.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:11

The next monthly meeting will be August 1, 2023 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer