

## Laurel Mountain Borough

June 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the shelter house. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Susan Crouse.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tom Campbell, and passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for May 2021 was presented. A motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Tom Campbell, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously. The disbursements for June 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the June disbursements as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tom Campbell, and passed unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Light was absent. Roberts read the police report. There were 69 routine patrols and 2 calls for service by 911.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Roberts asked council if they wanted to continue with the zoom account since the meetings are back to in person. It was agreed the account should be closed and reopened if needed in the future. A motion to close the Borough's zoom account at a savings of \$14.99 per month, was made by Matt Thomas, second by Ty Honhart, passed unanimously.

### **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

Emergency Manager was not addressed.

### **MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Matt: Matt commented the committee did not meet last month due to low attendance. They will meet tomorrow, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at Janice Seigle's home. Andrew Rayman is moving, therefore opening a spot for the committee. Emily Honhart has volunteered to accept that spot. A motion to approve Emily Honhart

as a member to the planning committee was made by Matt Thomas, second by Ty Honhart, passed unanimously.

Tom: None

Sharon: Absent

Ty: Ty commented it was nice to see everyone in person. Ty reported, he and Sharon have been working on the definitions on the fee schedule. They have been comparing to Ligonier Borough's definitions and will be looking into the Township's as well. He read a few definitions and will try to present them all next month. Solicitor Sorice added a few suggestions; to define adult oriented business; as for home businesses - delivery impact, traffic impact, and sewage impact; limit the amount of employees at a home based business. Zoning occupancy permits were discussed for Airbnbs, shelter house and pool. No lien letter and tax certifications, demolition permits, flood plan letters were all discussed. A motion to approve a tax certification fee of \$50 for the Tax Collector was made by Ty Honhart, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

Susan: Susan commented on the mowing, she would like the stream cleaned out and more area weed wacked. Ty and Susan will make a map area for mowing bids.

Crouse stated the Borough is still in need of a tax collector. A name of a prior collector that has moved back was suggested. Crouse will reach out to her.

Crouse and Janice Seigle met with the Sewage Enforcement Office to see if he would be interested in code enforcement also. He and his company are to submit a proposal.

There was a discussion regarding TKL that the Borough previously had for building inspections. Crouse will reach out to them for a proposal if they would be interested in during inspections again.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Daneen Kinsey, 28 Walnut, spoke about an ordinance for junk cars. When she was on council, they sent letters out to people to clear out the junk vehicle or pay a \$300 fine. They went back to the properties in 30 days and the vehicles were removed. No one is enforcing anything today.

Melinda Clark, Hemlock, stated people are trying to improve their properties. A real concern is an intrusive government telling what you can do and can't do. Inform people of the Ordinances. She stated she has an Airbnb as her only income. She has a 4 person occupancy limit. She has also turned around 3 properties in the Borough. Matt responded there is no danger of losing Airbnbs. They just need to monitor the impacts of some businesses. Clark said in regard to stormwater, she cleans out her drains and digs her own reveses. Hoarders on some properties are a big issue. She suggests incentives for nice properties.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Thomas, second by Ty Honhart, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next meeting will be July 21, 2021 7:30 PM at the Shelter House.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer