

Laurel Mountain Borough

March 27, 2020

A Special meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Friday, March 27, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Susan Crouse.

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

MAYORS PROCLAMATION

Mayor Light shared that as most of us are aware, President Trump has Declared a Federal Emergency due to the Covid-19. This enables FEMA and many other factors for the health and welfare of our Country. Likewise, the State and County have also Declared a State of Emergency.

On Wednesday, March 25, 2020 Mayor Light made a Proclamation for a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for Laurel Mountain Borough.

Light continued, Governor Wolfe has shut down all nonessential business. This includes Ligonier Construction Company that the Borough contracts for road work. Under the Declaration, the company could do the emergency improvements necessary for the roads. Mayor Light stated the Council must ratify the proclamation either to let it expire or extend for seven days. He recommends Council ratify and extend.

President Crouse told the public that Council has already approved a bid from Ligonier Construction to fix the roads and enormous potholes. The work has been delayed due to the Governor's closures. This Declaration of Disaster Emergency would make it possible for the work to get done.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melanie Brant, 25 Walnut, asked about which company would be doing the work. Crouse answered Ligonier Construction Company.

Ed Appleby, 7 Walnut, asked if there is an additional emergency fee added to the invoice. Crouse noted there will not be.

Mayor Light added if the declaration is in the system, it would help if there should happen to be any other emergencies.

Don Brant, 25 Walnut, asked what exactly are they doing? Potholes, ditches, grinding? Crouse explained at this time only the potholes.

COUNCIL

Sharon Detar made a motion to ratify and extend the Mayors Proclamation Declaring a Disaster Emergency, Ty Honhart second, passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Brant, 25 Walnut, asked Tom Campbell, since he has road experience, what will they be using. Campbell stated a skid loader and 2 dump truck loads of 2A stone modified.

Ed Appleby, 7 Walnut, asked if the pile of gravel by the pool is available for anyone wanting to fill potholes themselves. Crouse explained they may but need to be aware, the Borough does not carry

insurance coverage for individuals, if they should be injured while doing so. It is best to let the contractor do the work.

Melanie Brant, 25 Walnut, asked when council meets? Crouse replied every month on the third Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ty Honhart, second by Sharon Detar, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer