

Laurel Mountain Borough

May 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the shelter house. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar; Matt Thomas; Janice Seigle; Tim Baacke. Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon and Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the April 12, 2022 Special Meeting were presented. Tim noted a correction, they needs added to the last sentence under Pillars. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction, was made by Tim Baacke, second by Janice Seigle, and passed unanimously.

The Minutes from the April 20, 2022 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

The Minutes from the May 9, 2022 Special Meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for April 2022 was presented. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

The disbursements for May 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the May disbursements as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dixon reported there were 67 routine patrols, 2 calls for service, and 5 emergency 911 calls.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts' shared information from the PSAB regarding a Constitution change to be voted on to make changes to the authority to act under emergency circumstances.

OUTSTANDING BUSINES

DT Contracting has not obtained the parts for his machinery needed for leaf removal from the ditches, but is able to move forward on the road repairs.

Crouse will attend a township meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 for information on a joint agreement for some of the water lines.

Crouse reported she has not heard any updates yet from Solicitor Sorice regarding the pillars.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Sharon shared that the Laurel Mountain Park Association is thinking about opening membership to people outside the park. Regular membership pool usage fees have not been determined. Tim Baacke suggested they look in to uses for the shelter house like silver sneakers or other groups to pay and rent the building.

Janice reported on stormwater research she had done. The rain guard system is not going to be practical for the Borough as it needs open space. However, individuals that have puddling can make a small rain guard system in the yards.

Matt stated that everyone needs to be conservative on removing trees due to water concerns. He introduced Robert Barron, our Emergency Manager, pending certification. Barron stated he has 14 years experience in the Ligonier Borough Firehall. Seven of those years as a Line Officer. He has completed fire training 1 & 2. He currently works for Ligonier Township Water Authority.

Tim stated DT Contracting started the road project. He will need an additional amount of \$90 for the water diversion belts. They had an increase in price. A motion to approve the additional \$90 to DT Contracting for the price increase on the water diversion belts was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

Susan stated regarding stormwater, the Forestry has agreed to the fallen tree pieces to be removed and the walking bridge, that is currently acting as a dam to our stormwater drainage, from their property. Both neighbors have also agreed in writing for us to have access to the area. DT Contracting will need an additional \$150 for the removal of the tree stump roots and bridge. A motion to approve the \$150 to DT Contracting for removal of the tree stump and bridge at the forestry property was made by Tim Baacke, second by Janice Seigle, and passed unanimously.

Susan asked that the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency's monthly report be added to the Agendas.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Currently waiting on insurance response regarding the pillars.

CORRESPONDENCE

Susan attended the WCBA dinner and meeting. She noted Comcast will present new contracts within the next 2 years. Blight was discussed at the meeting. She noted we currently have one property blighted. Janice asked when property is abandoned, does sewage need redone after a certain time? Susan responded that a sewage complaint form would be completed and Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency would then check it out.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janice stated she sees that someone is dumping gray water in the stream. She doesn't know from where exactly. Sharon said she will contact the Watershed Association.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Janice Seigle, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be June 15, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer