

## Laurel Mountain Borough

May 2, 2023

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at the shelter house and via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Tim Baacke, Sharon Detar, Sherry Naugle. Matt Thomas attended via zoom. Also present were Mayor Ross Dixon, Solicitor Lee Demosky, Ben Faas, Engineer and Robin Roberts, Secretary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the April 4, 2023 meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tim Baacke and passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dixon reported there were 46 routine patrols, 0 calls for service, two 911 calls, 0 traffic citations.

Dixon shared he attended the Penn State Dirt & Gravel Road Training with Susan. He now will be able to apply for grants.

Ross has also been working with the electric company and Emergency Manager for handling future storms and emergencies.

Ross asked that residents take precautions with the risk of fires during high winds.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Roberts' reported the Liquid Fuels Audit was done today and there were no findings.

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

No monthly report

### **OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

President Crouse and Mayor Dixon had a preliminary meeting with the Westmoreland Conservation District. The next step is getting permission from the property owners impacted.

Reminder of the Primary Election 5-16-23.

Susan reported Ometz Construction has started working on the pillars. Suggestions were made regarding flowers on the pillars. A committee of Sherry Naugle and Ed Appleby will check with some people and organizations.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS**

Matt: Matt was unable to access Zoom with out interference.

Tim: Tim made several attempts for mowing bids but has not received any at this time. Concerns for the high grass until the next monthly meeting was had. Solicitor Demosky said we could pay someone for a one time mowing before a contract is made in this case. A few more names were suggested. Tim and Sue will continue looking for bids so a motion can be made at the June meeting.

Sherry: She was unable to reach anyone from LMIA.

Susan: Sue read a resignation letter from Council Member Tim Baacke to be effective 5-31-2023. No action was taken.

Crouse reminded Council and Zoning Hearing Board Members of an upcoming training session online May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please let Robin know if you plan to attend.

There is a vacancy on council when Tim's resignations is approved.

Sharon: Sharon reported on updates from the LMP Association. The water lines have been fixed, they have bids to redo pool, have placed dusk to dawn lights, and have scheduled a spring clean up day.

Ben Faas, Engineer: Ben reported on his meeting with MAWC and PennVest. It did not go as we had hoped. PennVest thinks that since MAWC provides the water and collectors for the water, the system is basically MAWC's. Therefore, the financing would need to go through MAWC, which would be more costly to the Borough's residents. It was decided to write letters to our State Representative and State Senator for help.

### **SOLICITORS REPORT**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:45 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be June 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer