

Borough of Laurel Mountain Borough Council Meeting

Regular Meeting - November 12, 2024

In attendance: Mathew Henson, Sharon Detar, Emily Honhart, Mark Hollick, Tanner Solich

1. Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment: None
4. Approval of Minutes: 10/1/2024. Motion by M. Hollick, seconded by S. Detar. Tabling minutes for 10/8/2024 meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Disbursements
 - i. EADS Group - Mapping fees: \$ 11,807.19. Motion by S. Detar, seconded by M. Hollick
 - ii. USPS – PO Box: \$120
 - iii. Doug Finger – Entrance mowing: \$180
 - iv. Regional Fire Hydrant & Valve Service – Second inspection: \$1,375
 - v. PSAB – 2025 renewal: \$158. Motion by M. Hollick, seconded by T. Solich
 - vi. Latrobe Bulletin – Required ads: \$111
 - b. Income
 - i. Tax income – October: \$399.85
6. Mayor's Report
 - a. Tree issue: Laurel & Maple roads. R. Dixon to discuss with West Penn
 - b. Open burning: Discussion over past week. R. Dixon to discuss with Ligonier Township to coordinate future efforts
 - c. Chief Michael Matrunics, Ligonier Valley Police Department
 - i. Discussed ongoing contract with LMB and reviewing some issues
 - ii. Amicable relationship and it makes sense to have LVPD be first line for calls rather than State Police
 - iii. R. Dixon and S. Detar to meet with Ligonier Township & Chief
7. Secretary's Report
 - a. Correspondence
 - i. Reply emails re: leaves in the ditches. M. Hollick reported that Doug Finger can be referred to residents.
 - ii. Letter from resident commenting on home spotlights and dark skies
 - iii. Letter from Ligonier Valley Endowment awarding LMB \$2,790 in grant funds from fall grant cycle
8. LMIA Report

- a. Opened since March 6, 2023. LMIA has sent follow-up correspondence
- 9. Roadmaster's Report
 - a. Discussed looking for quotes for snow plowing.
- 10. Solicitor's Report. No report C
- 11. Ongoing Business
 - a. Waterline Project - Mr. Drew Walker: Everything is on schedule with plans.
 - b. Sign Ordinance: No updates
 - c. Appointment of Zoning Board: Fill board for 2025
 - d. Secretary replacement: T. Solich to place ad in Latrobe Bulletin
 - e. LMIA permitting process: Revisit this process
 - f. Agreement with A. Boyd for tax collection: Correspondence confirming percentage points
 - g. 2024 Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation: Tabled
 - h. 2025 Liquid Fuels allocation: Tabled
 - i. Open burning ordinance: Confirmed ordinance
 - j. 28 Maple Road tree removal: referred to West Penn
 - k. Arrangements/process with new treasurer
 - i. Agreement forwarded to solicitor. L. Domasky pointed out sections to review.
 - ii. No concerns regarding letter from T. Rennie for DCNR audit
 - iii. M. Henson and S. Detar to set up Zoom meeting with M. Blistan
 - iv. E. Honhart to set up Google Workspace once we receive LVE funds
 - l. Communication with borough residents
 - i. Signage at front of neighborhood a potential
 - ii. Savvy Citizen communication will help
- 12. New Business
 - a. Estimates for fall road and ditching cleaning. See above
 - b. Proposal for resident ditch cleaning. See above
 - c. Renewal of contract for policing. See above
 - d. Proposal for contract for fall/winter snow removal. See above
 - e. Proposal for signage at entrance. See above.
- 13. Public Comment
 - a. Resident G. Light asked about next year's budget. Discussion of special meeting for next year's budget
 - b. Election results removed from board.
- 14. Motion to Adjourn – 9:08 p.m. E. Honhart, seconded by S. Detar.

Respectfully Submitted by Emily Honhart, 11/13/2024