

Laurel Mountain Borough

November 18, 2020

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Susan Crouse.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Ty Honhart, second by Sharon Detar, passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The October 2020 Treasurer's Report was presented. A motion to accept the October's Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Tom Campbell, second by Ty Honhart, and passed unanimously. The disbursements for November 2020 were presented. President Crouse questioned the expenses from the Grant for Laurel Mountain Park Association's renovation to the shelter house. It was agreed the expenses fall under the grant application. A motion to approve the disbursements as presented was made by Matt Thomas, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Light reported there were no incidents. They did 45 routine patrols totaling 5 hours and 36 minutes. The YTD time is 67 hours and 28 minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Code Enforcement Officer – The Township is currently between appointments. Rick Schwab from Ligonier Borough declined.

Emergency Manager – Mark will speak to Beaufort from the Township.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

President Crouse asked that we proceed with regular business and work on the budget at the end.

Matt: Matt stated he has not spoken to those interested in the zoning committee at this time. He wants to address the boundaries for him as a council person with Mark before doing so.

Tom: Tom stated the second tree removal is scheduled for tomorrow, November 19th.
Molly's drive way pipe replacement was completed.
Ligonier Construction did road cleanup.

Sharon : Emily Honhart is to get the LMP/LMB Lease renewal to Susan. There are no changes.

Ty: Ty commented the shelter house improvements will allow Council to use the facility year round after using Zoom during the pandemic.

Susan: Susan presented the Speed Ordinance for adoption. A motion to approve the Speed Ordinance as presented was made by Ty Honhart, second by Tom Campbell, passed unanimously.
Susan presented bids for snow removal from DT Contracting and Ligonier Construction. A motion to approve the snow removal bid from Ligonier Construction was made by Ty Honhart, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

Ty shared an excel sheet on the screen for everyone to view to work on the budget. The 2021 proposed budget was completed with participation by all council. A motion to approve and advertise the 2021 proposed budget with a Real Estate Tax increase from 6.4 to 8.02 was made by Ty Honhart, second by Tom Campbell, passed unanimously.
We thank Mayor Light for providing the excel worksheet with the formulas to assist in doing the budget. It was a huge help.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Absent

CORRESPONDENCE

Ty shared an update for any persons needing help due to covid-19 restrictions. There are people willing to volunteer to assist our neighbors. Contact Melinda Clark for arrangements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Campbell, second by Ty Honhart, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer