

Laurel Mountain Borough

October 19, 2022

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at the shelter house. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar; Matt Thomas; and Tim Baacke. Sherry Naugle was absent. 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 September 21, 2022 Meeting was presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

The Minutes from the September 26, 2022 Special Meeting was presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

The Minutes from the September 26, 2022 Vacancy Board Meeting was presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for September 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 October 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the October disbursements was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dixon gave the September Police Report. There were 58 routine patrols, 1 call for service, 0 number of incidents investigated, 1 911 call, 1 traffic warning issued, 0 non-traffic citations.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts' reported the 2023 estimated liquid fuels allocation is to be \$8,220.56.

Roberts' presented 2022 Act 57 Local Tax Collection Law-Effect of failure to receive tax notice.

A motion was made to approve the 2022 Act 57 by Matt Thomas, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

LAUREL MUNICIPAL INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT

There was 1 UCC Exemption application approved and 1 violation 308.1 issued.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Susan is meeting with the Township, MAWC and Ben Faas on Friday, October 21st. Sharon said she may be able to attend as well.

Crouse reported from Solicitor Sorice, the trucking company is not willing to pay the bids received for pillar repairs. Not sure of Sorice's next step. Something will need to be done with the stones for the winter.

Susan will ask the Township Friday if they have extra road markers and permit required signs.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt: Matt received a bid from Valley Landscaping for removing leaves and cleaning ditches of debris at \$225 and hour. He did not include an estimated number of hours to complete the job. Bridge's Landscaping's bid is a total of \$5200. Since time is of the essence this time of year with the leaves, a motion was made to get a more detailed/comparable bid from Valley Landscaping approve the lowest bid not exceeding \$5200. was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

Tim: One snowplowing bid was received by President Crouse from DT Contracting at \$600 to plow over 5" and spread anti-skid. A motion to approve DT Contracting's snow plowing bid was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

Sharon: Sharon reported, Emily Honhart would like an email sent out to residents regarding their Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29th from 2-4 with trick or treating to follow. President Crouse has the email addresses. The shelter house will be available for November 8th for election day. There will be a Harvest Dinner on November 13th. Cocktails from 4-5 and dinner at 5pm. Guests are asked to bring salads, desserts, and byob.

Susan: Susan presented a resolution to request a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant for Water System Improvement Project. A motion to approve this application and resolution was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

Crouse presented a resolution to request a H2O Pa Grant for Water System Improvement Project. A motion to approve this application and resolution was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

Crouse attended a class on the dirt and gravel roads. She asked council to revoke the decision to not apply for the Dirt, Gravel, and Road Grant. A motion was made to revoke the decision to not apply for the Dirt, Gravel, and Road Grant was made by Tim Baacke, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to pursue and submit the Dirt, Gravel, and Road Grant application was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

Susan stated there will be a budget work session on November 2nd at 6:30 pm.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Solicitor Sorice's statement on the pillars was mentioned in the outstanding business.

CORRESPONDENCE

Westmoreland County Borough's Association Meeting and Dinner is 10-27-22. The topic is Borough Budgeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be November 16, 2022 a 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer