

Laurel Mountain Borough

October 20, 2021

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the shelter house and via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Susan Crouse.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Appleby, 7 Walnut Road, asked council for answers regarding an email he had sent. Crouse said it was to be addressed later in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for September 2021 was presented. A motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Ty Honhart, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

The disbursements for October 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the October disbursements as presented was made by Ty Honhart, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Light was absent. Secretary Roberts reported there were 58 routine patrols and 3 calls for service. Light asked that trick or treat be announced for Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Borough.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts shared the 2022 estimated liquid fuels report. The amount estimated to receive is \$8,390.94. Robin asked if council would purchase a paper shredder. Ty offered one for the Borough.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

There is still an opening for a Tax Collector for 2022.

The Emergency Manager still pending.

The nuisance complaint form was discussed. It was decided to edit the form as a complaint form. This would allow a paper trail for all complaints to be addressed. A motion to approve the form titled as a Community Complaint Form was made by Ty Honhart, second by Sharon Detar, passed unanimously.

The right of way clearing has been delayed. Mr. Tomlinson has been ill.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt- Matt reported he has had computer issues and has not been able to meet with the committee. Lance Appleby suggested more time between the council meeting and the committee meeting. It was decided to schedule the meetings on the fourth Thursday instead of the third. Janice Seigle resigned from the committee. Natalie Appleby said she cleared the use of the shelter house for the committee meetings with the LMP Association.

Tom - None

Ty – None

Sharon – Sharon gave update on LMP Association, they are finishing the electric, walls and lighting. They are hoping to get new doors, a microphone, and a hi-definition tv. They are hosting a Halloween Party 10-31-21 from 3-5 PM and a Harvest Dinner in November, date to be determined.

Susan – Sue stated there will be a budget work session October 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Pennline has been working on trimming and cutting some trees. They are to take care of the tree on Faas property.

This is a huge benefit for the borough.

Several tree bids were presented. A motion to approve the tree bid from Zambo's Tree Service for \$1500.00 per tree with an additional cost of \$200-\$300 for cutting the tree into firewood lengths if the whole trunk of the tree is not suitable for logging, was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

Tom will contact Herrholtz regarding bids for snow removal and waterline replacement on Locust Road.

Susan spoke with Ligonier Township regarding storm water issues. Grants are more available to joint municipality agreements such as we have with storm water flooding issues. She would like another council person to accompany her to future joint meetings.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Absent

CORRESPONDENCE

Roberts shared the invite from Westmoreland County Boroughs Association dinner and meeting, October 28, 2021.

Crouse shared information for Roadside Vegetation Class.

An email from Ben Faas was received notifying the Borough of Pennline being in the Borough for tree trimming and cutting.

An email from Sandra Murawski was shared. She offered the use of a small gravel pull of area on her property for the tree service to cut up the trees.

Ed Appleby's email regarding zoning was discussed. Ty said he wanted to check with our Solicitor before answering, but has not heard back yet.

A letter was received from Janice Seigle resigning from the planning committee.

LMP Association sent a request that we remove the 3 small safes. It was decided to place them on top of our file cabinets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ty Honhart, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be November 17, 2021, 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer