

## Laurel Mountain Borough

October 3, 2023

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 3, 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; Sharon Detar; Mark Hollick. Matt Thomas attended via zoom. Also present were Mayor Dixon; Ben Faas, Engineer; Robin Roberts, Secretary. Attorney Jason Kelly attended by zoom for Solicitor Demosky.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting were presented. Matt Thomas requested a change in the minutes. He is working on short term rentals only. A motion to approve the minutes, with the noted correction, was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas and passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The August Treasurer's Report was presented. A motion to approve the August Treasurer's report as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas and passed unanimously. The disbursements for October 2023 were presented. A motion to approve the October disbursements was made by Matt Thomas, second by Sharon Detar and passed unanimously.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Dixon read the Police Report for August 2023. There were 61 routine patrols, no calls for service, two 911 calls, no traffic warnings or citations issued.

Dixon declared Trick or Treat in the Borough would be Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm following the childrens Community Halloween Party at the shelter house from 2pm to 4pm.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

It was decided to schedule a work session on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the shelter house to work on 2024 budget.

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

The August report had 1 for replacing shingles and fixing fence.

Susan reported there are communication issues regarding LMIA. We are not getting information about the code enforcements they are to be doing. Attorney Kelly will tell Solicitor Demosky so he can notify LMIA of our concerns.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

Update on gas line replacements. Ross reported a main water line was hit by the gas company and a couple of service water lines were bumped. Beaufort Plumbing was called to fix the breaks as an emergency situation. They will come back after the gas company is done to complete the job.

According to One Call, if the reporting of the water line is off more than 18" it is the fault of the reporting municipality. Unfortunately, with the Borough in the mountains with many rocks and old water line maps, that was the issue. The gas company kindly assisted Beaufort Plumbing. Roberts will check with the Borough's insurance but not likely to be covered.

Regarding the flower planters at the entrance, Susan said the contractor tore his rotator cuff. It was decided Sharon will follow up in the spring for this project to be completed.

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

Matt: Matt continues to work on the Ordinance regarding short-term rentals. He sent Susan a short form to review.

Sharon: Laurel Mountain Park Assoc. had their annual meeting. She was unable to attend. She requested minutes but has not received them yet.

They scheduled a community Halloween party for the kids.

Mark: He is interested in attending the Gravel Roads class provided by Penn Dot at Seven Springs October 17<sup>th</sup>. Roberts will get him registered.

Tanner: He has been away and unable to get sworn into office.

Susan: She stated during the water line problems, the Borough's fire hoses had been found. They will be relocated to be assessable by all.

A motion was made to approve the emergency road clean up bid from Bridge's Landscaping by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the emergency plowing bid from Ligonier Construction by Mark Hollick, second by Sharon Detar and passed unanimously.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Ben reported on the bids he received for the WCCD storm water project ranging from \$13,500 to \$23,200. A motion to award and proceed with construction to Ramsey Excavating in the amount of \$13,800 was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas and passed unanimously.

He feels encouraged in regards for a public water number after being in contact with Senator Wayne Langerholc.

It was suggested we have Solicitor Demosky review our insurance policy.

Council approved an agreement to receive funds from the County's Coronavirus Recovery Fund for waterline projects.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Demosky had asked if there were any additions or modifications necessary for the Road Opening Ordinance. As there were not any, Attorney Kelly was asked to notify Solicitor Demosky to proceed and council would make a motion to approve at the November meeting.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGER REPORT**

Robert assisted with the evacuation process when there was a gas line leak.

County is requesting EMC paperwork from Robert. Forms were forwarded to him.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Crouse received 3 anonymous complaint letters.

\*rooster crowing – There is not an ordinance covering rooster crowing.

\*garbage lying around – There are complaint forms for this kind of complaint from LMIA. Anyone can fill out a complaint form and have a council member sign off on it and send to LMIA for enforcement.

\*campaign signs – There is a sign ordinance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sharon Detar, second by Mark Hollick and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer