

Laurel Mountain Borough

September 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the shelter house and via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by President Susan Crouse.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Snyder, 5 Laurel Road, commented that whoever did the drain and ditches clean out did a nice job. Ben Faas, 12 Locust Road, asked about the tree removal progress. Crouse stated to be discussed tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting were presented. President Crouse had a few corrections. Under public comment from Melanie Brant, add for increase visibility; under Ben Faas public comment, add if the trees are in the Borough; Under outstanding business, add is now certified for Emergency Management; Under member's reports, Matt, change Rose Dixon to Ross Dixon. A motion to accept the minutes with the above mentioned corrections was made by Sharon Detar, second by Ty Honhart, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Light reported two calls for service, one 911 call, and 59 routine patrols for August.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

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

Emergency Manager still pending. Both Greg Sullenburger and Melanie Brant have been suggested but no further action was taken.

Regarding TKL for Building Code Enforcement, the Borough does not need an ordinance. A Resolution is necessary then an agreement with TKL. A Resolution was presented to appoint and authorize TKL for the Borough of Laurel Mountain's Building Code Enforcement. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by

Susan Crouse, second by Ty Honhart, passed unanimously.

Mesko is now going by CME Engineering.

Ty shared the fee schedule definitions. A motion to approve the Fee Schedule and Definitions was made by Ty Honhart, second by Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

The No Impact Home Business definition and application will be presented at the October meeting.

A new Zoning Application was presented. A motion to accept the new Zoning Application as presented was made by Ty Honhart, second Matt Thomas, passed unanimously.

A Zoning Information sheet was presented to be added to the zoning page of the website. A motion to approve the Zoning Information sheet as presented was made by Ty Honhart, second by Sharon Detar, passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt- Matt reported the committee will meet via zoom tomorrow, September 16th. He was absent for the August meeting but the following were items the committee wants to address:

- *Need to establish communication with the resident's concerns
- *There were complaints about codes on the website
- *Better descriptions of codes and ordinances
- *Urge B&B's to have house rules, referencing Melinda Clark's rules
- *Information packet for new residences
- *Post website on sign

Tom- absent- Sue commented on tree removal bids. The trees are a real issue in the Borough. People in the past did not want trees trimmed or cut down. Now they are a safety concern. Sue has received 2 bids for tree removal. However, the tree diameters are rather large and a bucket truck will be needed. Will try to get more bids for the October meeting.

Susan – The drain pipe on Maple Road becomes occluded as the run off area is higher than the pipe. The Conservation District said the property between the Borough and Forestry needs dredged out and a new pipe added adjacent to the old pipe. Unsure of the Forestry property line.

Sue requested a quote for survey of Laurel Road for possible water line replacement with the grant money for water infrastructure. Mayor Light stated he may already have a survey of the area.

Ty presented a new nuisance complaint form. A motion to approve the nuisance complaint form as presented was made by Ty Honhart, second Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

Three bids were presented for clearing the right of ways. \$125 an hour; \$3,700; and \$5,000. A motion to approve the bid of \$3,700 from DT Contracting was made by Susan Crouse, second Ty Honhart and passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Snyder, 5 Laurel, voiced concerns on the new zoning and regulations and what freedom is left to do his own work. Council responded the changes are mostly with forms and the appointment of outside people.

There are actually no changes in the zoning. The goal is assuring safety protection with major structural work and load bearing work. The building code is in accordance with the Department of labor & Industry. Melinda Clark, 23 Hemlock, she also has a desire to get information out to the community. Notices used to be posted on the board at the shelter house.

Beth Allman, 6 Maple, said she has letters for our use on the sign. A strip may need to be added to the board. She asked about zoning and was given the website address.

Ben Faas, 12 Locust, shared concerns he has heard regarding the water situation in the Borough. Council responded that the water lines are all old. Locust Road has the newest line. Council wants to start getting the lines up to specs. It is very costly and they hope to use some grant money for the projects.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Crouse, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be October 20, 2021, 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer