

Laurel Mountain Borough

September 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at the shelter house. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Susan Crouse.

Council members present were Susan Crouse, President; Sharon Detar; Matt Thomas; and Tim Baacke. 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 August 17, 2022 meeting was presented. Tim had a few changes; Mayor Ross Dixon was absent and under Susan's reports should read from DT Contracting. A motion to approve the minutes, with the changes, was made by Tim Baacke, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for August 2022 was presented. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously. The disbursements for September 2022 were presented. A motion to approve the September disbursements was made by Sharon Detar, second by Tim Baacke, and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dixon gave the August Police Report. There were 42 routine patrols, 0 calls for service, 0 number of incidents investigated, 2 911 calls, 0 number of traffic citations/warnings issued, 0 number of non-traffic citations and criminal arrests, 0 number of incidents for which no response was warranted. Dixon declared Trick or Treat in the Borough will be Saturday, October 29th from 4-6 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts' reported on a question from last month regarding the police contract and whether it was per routine check or by minutes in the Borough. The contract is 350 minutes per month of police presence. Roberts' also reported the second part of the ARP Grant of \$8,085.01 has been received.

LAUREL MUNICIPAL INSPECTION AGENCY REPORT

None

Crouse commented that any of the council members can call in complaints to LMIA.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Nothing to report on the Agreement with the Township. Ben Faas will speak to Bethany at the Township.

Susan received an email noted as progress on claim. They only asked for the address of the pillars. Tim commented with winter around the corner the project will most likely not be done in the near future. Something will need to be done about the stones for safety when they become snow covered.

Susan did not order the delineator markers or permits required signs. Faas suggested asking the Township as they recently purchased in bulk and the Borough only needs a couple. Stormwater and projects will be discussed under grant

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt: Matt has not received any bids for snowplowing.

Tim: Tim only received one bid as of this date for road work. It is from Bridge's Landscaping.

Susan: Susan reported most of the surveys have been returned for the Westmoreland Development Block Grant. Still work to be done and needs turned in by 9-30-22.

Susan spoke to DCED and Mawc. The Borough lines need to comply with Mawc's specs in order for them to take over the water lines.

Ben Faas spoke to council regarding waterline projects and grants. There are several grants available now and in the near future for our waterlines. He explained different grants and what would be required of the Borough to comply. Some grants require matching funds and others do not.

Crouse requested a special meeting for Monday, September 26, 2022 to complete bids and grants. The Dirt, Gravel Roads Program Grant is due 10/31

Sharon: Sharon reported the LMP Association will be having a Halloween Party for the children on Saturday, the 29th from 2-4 PM. There will be a Harvest Dinner November 14th. There will be a board meeting on Sunday, September 25th.

SOLICITORS REPORT

No updates

CORRESPONDENCE

Westmoreland County Borough's Association Meeting and Dinner is 9-22-22.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gladys Naugle reminded Council that a replacement for a vacancy on council needs to be done within 30 days of accepting the resignation. Then the Vacancy Board has 14 days to appoint.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tim Baacke, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be October 19, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer