

Laurel Mountain Borough

November 17, 2021

A regular meeting of the Laurel Mountain Borough Council was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 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; Ty Honhart; Matt Thomas; Sharon Detar; and Tom Campbell. Also present were Mayor Philip Light and Robin Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer. Solicitor Sorice was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the October 20, 2021 meeting were presented. Matt Thomas made a correction, under committee meeting updates, should read, Lance Appleby suggested more time between the council meeting and the committee meeting. A motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Light reported there were 53 routine patrols and 1 call for service.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Roberts shared the 2020 Liquid Fuels Audit was completed with no findings.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

As for the Tax Collector vacancy, currently waiting on confirmation of the write-ins from the election. Emergency Manager still pending.
The nuisance complaint form edit was shared.
DT Contracting is in the process of completing the right of way clearing.
Tree cutting has been pushed back until after the holidays due to the decorations on the owner's property.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS

Matt- Matt stated the committee had a brief meeting last month. No new suggestions to report. They will schedule late November or early December due to Thanksgiving next week.

Ty - None

Sharon – Sharon shared the LMP Association, are hosting a potluck Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 21st from 5-7PM. The Association is also during a community cookbook. Natalie Appleby added that they are going to finish the walls with the grant money.

Tom – Tom commented he has not heard back from Ligonier Construction regarding a snowplowing bid for 2022. He will keep check again and get other bids as well.

Susan – Crouse presented the 3 budget options from the work session. A motion to approve the proposed budget no. 3 in the amount of \$44,740.00 was made by Sharon Detar, second by Matt Thomas, and passed unanimously.

Susan shared information from the meeting with the MAWC and Ligonier Township. She, Sharon, and Phil attended. The discussion was on the benefits of a joint municipal agreement for big projects such as storm water management, water distribution, and sewage. More funds are available to these types of municipal agreements. A discussion was had on the pros and cons of updating the waterlines to MAWC's specifications. A motion to move forward with Ligonier Township for a Joint Municipal Agreement was made by Matt Thomas, second by Ty Honhart, and passed unanimously. Susan will be attending the Township's meeting next Tuesday at 4:30.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Absent

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Thomas said the pillars at the front entrance still need addressed. They are in poor shape and a safety hazard. Crouse stated she is trying to get a grant to help with the cost of repairing the pillars.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Thomas, second by Sharon Detar, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next monthly meeting will be December 15, 2021, 7:30 PM at the Shelter House and via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Roberts, Borough Secretary/Treasurer