

LAURELDALE BOROUGH

February 8, 2010

The regular meeting of the Laureldale Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Chester Bogacki with the pledge to the flag. The following council members were present: Larry Reber, Susan Grimes, William Baer, Donald Raifsnider Sr., John H. Kahn Sr. and Chester Bogacki. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter, Officer Mark Sokolovich, Street Supervisor Patrick Obrien and Reading Eagle Reporter Karen Feick

Motion by John Kahn and Kathy Spayd to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR:

Sidewalks repairs– Solicitor will have submit a proposal. Recommendation to do this by way of Ordinance not Resolution. Solicitor is working with Street and Sidewalk Committee as well as the Code Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Emergency Management for Elected Officials
 PA Borough Councils Association
 Muhlenberg Community Library – Board Minutes
 Muhlenberg Area Ambulance Assn – Thank you note
 Comcast – Update
 Berks County Dept of Emergency Services February Newsletter
 RATS Technical Committee Meeting 2-4-10
 RATS Coordinating Committee Meeting 01-21-2010
 PENNDOT Highway Safety Presentation

Motion by John Kahn Sr. and William Baer to open a checking account for the Laureldale Crime Watch. Carried

Motion by John Kahn and Kathy Spayd to order 50 tons of Road Salt from International Salt Inc. Total Cost \$3238.50. Carried

COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SNOWSTORM 02/05/10

USED 25 TONS OF SALT (\$64.00 per ton)	\$1600.00
LABOR (5 men/100 hrs @ \$19.00/hr)	\$2850.00
FUEL (60 gallons)	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
TOTAL COST	\$ 4625.00

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and John Kahn Sr to send Full Time Police and Kevin hall to update school at reading police academy. Cost \$60.00 per man. Carried

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Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and John Kahn Sr to purchase 25' range Taser probes @ \$23.90 each. Total \$295.30. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and Kathy Spayd to purchase 4 batteries for police Defibrillators - \$90.00 each total \$360.00. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and William Baer to purchase DVD discs for police car cameras cost \$42.07. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and Larry Reber to recertify Chief Fisher for Taser Certification \$195.00. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and Kathy Spayd to replace 20 Stop signs and posts that are either damaged or have no reflectiveness approx cost \$1700.00. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and Kathy Spayd to replace a No Outlet sign at Ridgeway and Margaret Sts. Cost \$60.00 from Miller Sign Co. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and William Baer to order (2) Handicap signs and posts. Cost \$120.00. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and John Kahn Sr. to install handicap parking sign cost \$75.00 for Julie Ann Cippollini at 1213 Elizabeth Ave. Approved by Physician and state official. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and Donald Raifsnider Sr. to purchase oxygen for welding equipment from Airgas total \$52.45. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and John Kahn Sr to purchase a cutting edge for Bose Plow. Total Cost \$ 170.00. Carried

Councilor Larry Reber reported on the street department and gave the fuel report for the month of January.

Motion by William Baer and Larry Reber to make a motion to replace John Kahn on Civil Service Board with Roy Harrington, 3431 Freemont St. Recommended by Bill Baer and Vince Spease who are on the board. John Kahn had to leave because only one councillor may be on Civil Service Board. Carried

Councilor William Baer reported on the sewer department and total gallons of water through the pump house for the month of January.

Councilor Kathy Spayd reported that 8 purchase orders totaling \$4451.27 were written for the month of January.

Motion by Susan Grimes and Larry Reber to order 12 rails for the fence at Community Park. Total Cost \$114.00. Carried

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Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

Crime Watch Meeting will be Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

There will be a CPR Training Class at the Muhlenberg Ambulance for all Laureldale Residents on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Time to be announced.

ENGINEER

Storm Sewer Grant – Elizabeth and Raymond Street Project- SDE and the Borough will discuss possibility of using CDBG money with the Berks County Community Development Office in the near future for this project.

CDBG Funding Application- Chestnut Street Storm Sewer Replacement Project- Borough sent letter to Berks County Community Development requesting funds be made available in 2010. Borough received notification that funds in the amount of \$75,000 should be available in 2010. SDE and Borough will meet with the Berks County Community Development Office in near future to discuss project.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2010/2011 – SDE will meet with the Borough Staff in the near future to review the scope of work to be done in 2010.

Muhlenberg School District- Middle School Expansion Land Development Plan- The site improvements included under the Improvements Agreement have been completed and inspected by SDE. A request for release of funds in the financial security escrow held by the Borough for the improvements was received by letter dated January 8, 2010. SDE has reviewed the request and recommends the Borough approve a release in the amount of \$480,871.59 per letter dated February 5, 2010. The remaining work includes as-built plans and final inspection/review.

Motion by John Kahn Sr and Donald Raifsnider Sr approving the release of funds to Muhlenberg School District in the amount of \$480,871.59. Carried

City of Reading/Chapter 94 Report for 2009- SDE has prepared a DRAFT Chapter 94 Report for review by the Borough and submission to the City. SDE will add fourth quarter billing information upon receipt from the Borough.

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and John Kahn Sr. authorizing Council President to sign the Chapter 94 report for 2009 after review. Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-SHOTS FOR POLICE AND STREET DEPT – WILL BE SCHEDULED WITH DR. SANTORO

-NEW POLICE CAR – CHECKING PRICE WITH COSTARS- WAITING FOR CHECK FROM EXIDE FOR AFTER BURNER PERMITS - \$31000.00

-NOTARY PUBLIC – AMY IS WORKING ON THIS

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- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 9 completed rental inspection, 2 reinspections and 2 home inspections
- REPLACE LIGHT FIXTURES IN BOROUGH HALL WITH NEW EFFICIENT FIXTURES
- WATER LEAK AT THE ROSEDALE PLAYGROUND
- CDBG MONEY (\$75,000) FOR STORM SEWER REPAIR ON CHESTNUT ST AND ELIZABETH AND RAYMOND STS
- STREET REPAIRS

Bills in the amount of \$ 64,267.11 from the general fund and \$ 1366.31 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by John Kahn Sr. and Kathy Spayd. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report read and filed on motion by John Kahn Sr. and Kathy Spayd. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by John Kahn Sr. and Susan Grimes. Carried.

Building Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and Kathy Spayd. Carried.

Plumbing Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd and Susan Grimes. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. on motion by John Kahn Sr and Larry Reber.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary