

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
April 12, 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: John, Kahn Sr., Donald Raifsnider Sr., Kathy Spayd, Larry Reber, William Baer, and Chester Bogacki. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter, Officer Mark Sokolovich, Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien and Reading Eagle Reporter Karen Feick

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

SOLICITOR:

Sidewalks repairs– Working with Street and Sidewalk Committee as well as the Code Officer regarding the draft ordinance for sidewalk and curb repairs.

COMMUNICATIONS:

County of Berks – Potential Job Creation Bill 2010
Reading Area Transportation Authority
Fact Sheet for March 5, 2010 CNN Web site excerpt
Municipal Retirement Trust for Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension
Mockenhaupt – Borough of Laureldale Police Pension Plan
County of Berks – Snow Assistance E-Mail from PSAB
Memo to Mayor and Chief Fisher regarding skateboarders
E-mail regarding Bogus Census Takers from Boroughs.org
Hooks Van Holm Inc. – HUD Property at 3300 Gray St.
Muhlenberg Community Library Minutes for February and March 2010
Court of Common Pleas of Berks County – Juvenile Probation Office
PSAB Update
Memo to All Councillors regarding 2010 Street Repairs
Filing Statements of Financial Interest – From PSAB
Memo from Mayor regarding Officer's Hours
Herbein & Company – Audit Information
EMC Insurance Newsletter
Berks County Dept of Emergency Services

Motion by John Kahn Sr. and Larry Reber to appoint Clarence Warczyglowa, 3301 Oak St, Laureldale PA, to Zoning Hearing Board for a two year term expiring in 2011. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and Kathy Spayd to appoint Elmer Wert, 3428 Holtry St, Laureldale PA, to the Planning Commission for two year term expiring in 2011. Carried

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Motion Donald Raifsnider Sr. and William Baer to appoint Kathy Spayd to International Property Maintenance Code Appeal Board for one year term expiring in 2010. Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd and Donald Raifsnider Sr. to appoint John Kahn, Sr. to International Property Maintenance Code Appeal Board for two year term expiring in 2011. Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. and Kathy Spayd to appoint Fred Feltenberger to International Property Maintenance Code Appeal Board for three year term expiring in 2012. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and Kathy Spayd to appoint Susan Grimes as an alternate to the Appeals Board for a three year term expiring in 2012. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and Larry Reber to appoint George Straub, 3312 Rosedale Ave, Laureldale PA, as an alternate to the Appeals Board for a three year term expiring in 2012. Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. and Donald Raifsnider Sr. to hire Dexter Parzanese, 2 Girard Ave, Reading Pa, for summer grass cutting and other street jobs at \$8.50/hr. May 10 through Aug 9th. Junior fireman. Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. and Kathy Spayd to hire Tyler Kulp, 3314 Arlington St, Laureldale Pa, as playground leader for 2010 at \$10.25 /hr. Hours will be from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and William Baer to authorize Chief of Police to apply for \$10,000 police grant – for tasers, shotgun, police car camera, ammo, new mct's for police cars (mobile computer terminal). Carried

Motion Donald Raifsnider Sr. and Larry Reber to authorize Chief Fisher to apply for grant from Attorney General's office for two breathalyzers. Carried

Motion Donald Raifsnider Sr. and Larry Reber to purchase new police car from Manderbach Ford \$29,906.00 and Radio Maintenance light package will be \$4850.00. Carried

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

Motion by Larry Reber and Kathy Spayd to repair water leak at playground (new lines, valves, excavating) GMI quote \$3700.00. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and John Kahn Sr. to place no parking signs on the south side of Chestnut St- which is part of 1976 County Street property. Carried

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Motion by Larry Reber and William Baer to replace traffic signal service company Signal Service of West Chester – (quote was for \$950.00/year) with Telco Inc. of Cross Keys Rd – (quote was for \$600.00/year.) Carried

Motion by Larry Reber and Donald Raifsnider Sr. to send 4 of the street crew to Berks County Public Works for a class on cold patching. Carried

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

Motion by William Baer and John Kahn Sr. to raise two manholes on Duke Street – \$3200.00 by Windsor Service (sewer account). Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd and Larry Reber to have the new collector of Earned Income Tax also collect Act 511 Taxes. Carried

Councilor Kathy Spayd reported that 7 purchase orders totaling \$36,289.80 were written for the month of March.

Motion by Larry Reber and Kathy Spayd to purchase 30 yds of mulch for playground areas \$960.00 to be paid by Recreation Board. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and William Baer to donate \$600.00 to Muhlenberg Recreation for Halloween Parade and Golf Tournament Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. and William Baer to order one Defibrillator from Physio Control for \$2295.00. Carried

Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

Crime Watch Meeting will be Wednesday, May 12th 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- Upon further review with the Borough Staff, the existing storm sewers at Elizabeth Avenue and Raymond Street do not appear to be as bad as the storm sewers at Kutztown Road and Grove Street. SDE is evaluating the costs and the grant eligibility for replacing the storm sewers at Kutztown Road and Grove Street.

CDBG Funding Application- Chestnut Street Storm Sewer Replacement Project- The Borough received a letter from the County dated 2/26/10 and Agreement for \$75,000 in Grant Funds.

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SDE will submit a copy of the Bid Documents to the County for review and approval. SDE requested authorization to proceed with advertising the storm sewer work for Chestnut Street upon approval from the County.

Motion by Kathy Spayd and Donald Raifsnider Sr. authorizing SDE to advertise the project for bids for Chestnut Street storm sewer work upon approval from the County. Carried

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.

City of Reading Sewage Agreement- The City is proposing new Sewage Agreements for all of their contributing municipalities. SDE met with the Borough Staff and the Solicitor to discuss the proposed DRAFT Agreement. The Solicitor attended a meeting with other Solicitors representing several contributing municipalities. Additional review comments were requested to be submitted by April 15, 2010. SDE provided comments to the Borough Solicitor who will transmit the comments to the appropriate parties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-NOTARY PUBLIC – AMY IS WORKING ON THIS

-TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 1 completed rental inspection, 0 reinspections and 6 home inspections

-REPLACE LIGHT FIXTURES IN BOROUGH HALL WITH NEW EFFICIENT FIXTURES

-FILLY MARCO PROPERTY-CONDEMN IT-BORO WILL TAKE IT OVER, COST WILL BE ABOUT \$27,000 FOR EMPIRE WRECKING TO TEAR IT DOWN.

-SEWER CONTRACT WITH CITY – ANOTHER MEETING TO ACCEPT IT?

-CDBG - MONIES- AFTER CHESTNUT STREET, OTHER MONIES TO SPEND AT GROVE AND KUTZTOWN RD – STORM SEWER

-PUMP HOUSE – ELECTRIC- WARKO READING ELECTRIC TO CHECK OUT WITH PAT O'BRIEN

Bills in the amount of \$ 96,766.92 from the general fund and \$ 676.93 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by John Kahn Sr. and Larry Reber. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report read and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd and Larry Reber. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by John Kahn Sr. and William Baer. Carried.

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

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Plumbing Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd and William Baer.
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Muhlenberg School Bleachers issue needs to be resolved.
- Request from Muhlenberg Area Ambulance Assoc. to tax each household \$30.00/yr. Hold for further discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary