

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
July 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: Donald Raifsnider Sr., Kathy Spayd, Larry Reber, Susan Grimes, William Baer, and Chester Bogacki. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer John Loeper, Chief Ronald Fisher, Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien and Reading Eagle Reporter Karen Feick

Motion by Kathy Spayd and seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR:

Laudenslager House completion on Freemont Street Appeal date expires June 10, 2010
Continuing to cite homeowner. No work has been done on the property.

FillyMarco – deadline for their reply to certified letters is June 16, 2010. Owner proposed to sell the property to the Borough for \$15,000.00 plus Borough would waive all liens. Empire Wrecking would charge \$27,000.00 to dismantle the property. Decision tabled until next meeting.

Motion for Solicitor to proceed with condemnation made by Kathy Spayd seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Storm water e-mail from County of Berks
SDE Letter regarding CDBG FFY 2010 Funding
Letter from City of Reading regarding Emergency Update Project
PSAB Update
Comcast Update Letter
E-mail from Chief Fisher
Muhlenberg Community Library Minutes
Municipal Retirement Trust Reports
The Municipality Liability Update

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Kathy Spayd to purchase a new police video camera from Watch Guard for \$5003.00 for the new Police SUV. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Larry Reber to send Officers Tom Link and Jason Wink to Sobriety Check Point School in Tamaqua on July 20, 2010 from 8 am to 4 pm. There is no charge for the class. Carried

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

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Kathy Spayd to adopt a resolution that would prohibit the use of the Dominic Manzella Park to all Daycare Centers from other municipalities. They would need to obtain a permit to use the facilities. Carried by a roll call vote.

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to add similar striping to the Borough's two existing Police Vehicles. Carried

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

Motion by William Baer seconded by Larry Reber to allow Video Pipe Inc. to proceed with \$61,000.00 Sewer Pipe Maintenance Project. Carried

Motion by William Baer seconded by Kathy Spayd to participate in the Berks Police Chiefs Association Patrol Officer Testing Program. Carried

Councilor Kathy Spayd reported that 3 purchase orders totaling \$6178.00 were written for the month of July.

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

Crime Watch Meeting will be Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

ENGINEER

Storm Sewer Grant – Elizabeth and Raymond Street Project- This project is on hold.

CDBG Funding- Chestnut Street Storm Sewer Replacement Project- SDE issued the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to Landis C. Deck & Sons. The Contract Amount is \$34,195.68. A Pre-Construction meeting was held on June 24, 2010. SDE has received shop drawings and will review. Construction is expected to occur within the next several weeks. SDE will coordinate inspection of the work with the Borough Staff.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2010/2011 – SDE met with the Borough Staff and reviewed work planned to be done in 2010. SDE will issue a Work Order to Video Pipe Services. The estimated cost of the proposed work is \$61,400.

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Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- SDE reviewed the project with PennDOT and has prepared an updated cost estimate. SDE sent a letter dated June 24, 2010 to Ken Pick of the CD Office requesting any funds remaining from the Borough's allocated funds be available for this project. Income surveys of this area will need to be performed in the near future by the Borough Staff.

Muhlenberg School District- Middle School Expansion - The remaining work includes as-built plans and final inspections/reviews. A second release request has been submitted by the School District in the amount of \$41,744.40. SDE has reviewed the request and recommends approval.

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by William Baer approving release of the funds to the School district in the amount of \$41,744.40. Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-NOTARY PUBLIC – AMY IS WORKING ON THIS

-TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 7 completed rental inspections, 2 reinspections and 6 home inspections

-REPLACE LIGHT FIXTURES IN BOROUGH HALL WITH NEW EFFICIENT FIXTURES, THIS WILL BE A WINTER PROJECT

-SEWER CONTRACT WITH CITY – ANOTHER MEETING TO ACCEPT IT. WAITING FOR REVISED AGREEMENT

-PUMP HOUSE – READING ELECTRIC NEEDS TO INSTALL NEW GAUGES FOR INCOMING ELECTRIC

-LINE PAINTING ON CERTAIN STREETS WAS STARTED BY BERKS TRAFFIC CO.

-ELECTRICAL WORK AT DOMINIC MANZELLA PARK WILL START JULY 13TH

-STORM SEWER CULVERT AT CHESTNUT ST., PROJECT WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF JULY

Bills in the amount of \$94,369.25 from the general fund and \$29,217.19 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Kathy Spayd. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report read and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by William Baer Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Susan Grimes. Carried.

Building Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Larry Reber seconded by Kathy Spayd. Carried.

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

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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. This issue will be tabled until the 2011 budget is created.
- Police Department needs to update their CPR certification by July 2010.
- New Police SUV is at Radio Maintenance for equipment changes as well as the installation of lights.
- Trash Bills for 2011 may become part of income from taxes. To be discussed at 2011 Budget meeting
- Street Work- EJ Breneman will mark off street repair work to be done.
- Street Curb and Sidewalk repairs with home inspection, getting pricing from contractors.
- Blue Shield informed the Borough of a 5% increase in cost for 2010-2011 contract for employees.
- Storm water systems upgrade – DEP – tabled for Committee Meeting

Resident Jeffrey Smith, 3422 Fairfield St, is concerned about two dogs in his neighborhood. Mr. Smith confirmed that he has had no confrontations with the dogs. Per Chief Fisher, Laureldale Borough had only one dog biting incident in the past year and would be unable to pass any new ordinances regarding aggressive dogs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and seconded by Kathy Spayd

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary