

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
August 9, 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 Larry Reber to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR:

Filly Marco – condemned property at 3412 Montclare St. Final letter was sent to property owner on 07/30/10. He was given thirty days from receipt of this letter to tear his property down. If he doesn't do this, under the IPMC the borough can take down this property on the 31st day. This property was removed from the Tax Upset Sale that was scheduled for Sept 2010. This property will be placed back on schedule for Dec. 2010. He may give us an extension beyond this if necessary.

Laudenslager property on Freemont St. – nothing has been done with the bldg. Borough has continued to cite Mr. Laudenslager. Hearing has been scheduled with DJ Patton. Per Patrick O'Brien, there has been some work done on the property and he has it up for sale.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PSAB Update

Municipal Retirement Trust

PENNDOT Funding Opportunity E-mail

MS4 Meeting E-mail

Reading Eagle article on storm sewers

Letter from Maiden creek Township

E-mail regarding House Bill 2431 and Senate Bill 1357

Memo from Chief Fisher

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Kathy Spayd to donate \$150.00 for the Central Fire Company golf tournament on Saturday 08/14/10 at Galen Hall Golf Course. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Kathy Spayd for the Borough to reimburse Pat Bohn for Medicare and Blue Shield costs. She was removed from the Borough's contract on 08/01/10. Total \$248.00 per month. Carried

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Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to order Traffic Citations for Police Department from RR Donnelly. Total cost \$181.50 Carried

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

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

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 6 purchase orders totaling \$12153.00 were written for the month of July.

Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

Crime Watch Meeting will be Wednesday, August 18 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall. There will be a speaker from the Berks Women in Crisis.

ENGINEER

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

CDBG Funding- Chestnut Street Storm Sewer Replacement Project- Construction is expected to start on August 11, 2010. SDE will coordinate inspection of the work with the Borough Staff.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2010/2011 – Work is expected to start the week of August 23, 2010. The Borough Staff will handle inspection of the work with assistance from SDE as needed.

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- 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. SDE received verbal confirmation from the CD Office that the remaining allocated funds will be available for this project. Income surveys of this area will need to be performed by the Borough Staff to determine if the project will be eligible for funding.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- NOTARY PUBLIC – WAITING FOR APPROVAL FROM THE STATE
- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 4 completed rental inspections, 0 reinspections and 3 home inspections
- REPLACE LIGHT FIXTURES IN BOROUGH HALL WITH NEW EFFICIENT FIXTURES
- SEWER CONTRACT WITH CITY – WAITING TO HEAR FROM CITY OF READING
- PUMP HOUSE – READING ELECTRIC NEW GAUGES- WAITING FOR PRICING
- LINE PAINTING ON CERTAIN STREETS WAS STARTED BY BERKS TRAFFIC CO.
- STORM SEWER CULVERT AT CHESTNUT ST, PROJECT WILL BEGIN APPROX 08/11/10
- VIDEO PIPE OF NEW JERSEY WILL START SANITARY SEWER MAINTENANCE 08/23/10
- PLAYGROUND FENCE EXTENSION COMPLETED BY HAHN. GATE WILL BE INSTALLED AFTER 08/06/10.

Bills in the amount of \$94142.50 from the general fund and \$2434.44 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Larry Reber. Carried.

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

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by William Baer. Carried.

Building Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by William Baer. Carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Muhlenberg School Bleachers-permits issued
- 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.
- 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.

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Resident, Mr. Kocher of 3200 Chestnut St, Laureldale PA 19605, wanted to express his concerns involving excess trash in street as well as underage residents out after curfew.

Resident, Mrs. Schwab of 3212 Chestnut St, was concerned about a dog that was penned outside for 3 or more hours and was barking excessively. She too was concerned about the underage residents and their activities.

Resident, Mrs. Wilson of 3526 Rosedale Ave submitted a letter regarding noise issues.

Chief Ron Fisher was instructed to address all of the resident's issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M. on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and seconded by Kathy Spayd

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary