

LAURELDALE BOROUGH  
September 13, 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. John Kahn Sr. was absent.

Motion by Kathy Spayd and seconded by Larry Reber to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

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2010 Crown Victoria Bid  
BID OPENING – September 13, 2010**

<b>BIDDER</b>	<b>TOTAL BID</b>
1. Bay Ridge Motors Inc. 1869 Richmond Terrace Staten Island NY 10310	\$278.00
2. Sulli Motors 321 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Ambridge PA 15003	\$365.00
3. Grace Quality Used Cars Inc 954 Lincoln Highway Morrisville PA 19067	\$787.00
4. Police Car Store LLC 9 Cynwyd Rd Bala Cynwyd PA 19004	\$879.00
5. Thomas Link Mohrsville PA 19533	\$450.00

Motion by Larry Reber and seconded by Kathy Spayd to receive bids for the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria. Carried

**SOLICITOR:**

Filly Marco Property, 3412 Montclare St., Attorney Osmer Deming received demolition specs from City of Reading and forwarded them to Keith Showalter of SDE. Checking with CDBG's Ken Pick to use grant monies if possible.

Laudenslager Property on Freemont St.-homeowner is working with the Borough gave him another 30 days to complete outside clean up.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

PSAB Update

Municipal Retirement Trust

Fall Program Brochures from Albright College Center for Excellence

Reading Area Transportation Study

Resolution 2001-11

Mockenhaupt Benefits Group

County of Berks Breakfast Invitation

PA DEP MS4 NPDES General Permit Information

Muhlenberg School District Town Hall Meeting

Dante Santoni – Acts signed into Law by the Governor for 2009-2010

Motion by William Baer and seconded by Kathy Spayd to oppose House Bill 2431 introduced by Rep. Caltagirone which would amend the Constitution and establish Berks County as the basic unit of local government. Letter will be sent to Rep. Santoni. Carried

Motion by William Baer and seconded by Kathy Spayd to oppose Senate Bill 1357 which takes away the rights of local governments to determine their own destiny with regard to mergers and consolidations. Letter will be sent to Rep. Santoni. Carried

Motion by William Baer and seconded by Kathy Spayd to support Senate Bill 900 introduced by Sen. Argall which is the Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Act. This bill allows a municipality to take various actions against the owner of a blighted property. Letter will be sent to Rep. Santoni. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and seconded by William Baer to add \$13,407 to the 2011 budget for the Police Pension. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Kathy Spayd to accept the MMO for the Non Uniform Pension plan in the amount of \$57,417. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and seconded by Susan Grimes to replace one Police car computer unit \$3443. There is a balance of \$9,268 in our account with Berks County. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and seconded by Susan Grimes to appoint Edgar Kirlin of 3619 Ridgeway St as a temporary Crossing Guard. Hourly Salary \$9.75. Carried

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Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Kathy Spayd to have the 1997 Dump Truck repaired. The transmission and fly wheel need to be repaired. Work to be done by Scott Goshert, 922 Elizabeth Ave., Approx cost \$1105.00. Carried

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

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

Councilor Kathy Spayd reported that 3 purchase orders totaling \$1261.96 were written for the month of August.

Motion by Kathy Spayd and seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to purchase a new computer for Pat Bohn from Ridge Technologies Approx cost \$944.00. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes and seconded by Larry Reber to have Barrasso Excavation install a catch basin, tile box and piping out to creek area in the park area to prevent water seepage from mountainside. Total cost \$3995.00. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes and seconded by Larry Reber to have Reichert's Landscaping add 7 trees at Dominic Manzella Park. Total cost \$2700.00. Carried

Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

Crime Watch Meeting will be Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall.

#### ENGINEER

Muhlenberg Middle School Project- SDE conducted all final inspections during the week of August 23, 2010. The Borough prepared and issued a Certificate of Occupancy following all final inspections. SDE will review and finalize costs associated with the building permit so the Borough can close out the permit account. With respect to the site improvements, the remaining work includes as-built plans and final inspections/reviews.

SDE will finalize these costs in the near future upon submission and review of the as-built plans.

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

CDBG Funding- Chestnut Street Storm Sewer Replacement Project- Construction is complete. There was 1 Change Order issued for additional stone rip-rap in the amount of \$1,015.00. Final Payment Application has been received and reviewed by SDE letter dated 9/13/10. The final payment amount reflects actual quantities of materials installed.

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Motion by Larry Reber seconded by William Baer approving the change order No 1 and payment to Landis C. Deck and Sons in the amount of \$34,359.68.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2010/2011 – Work is in progress. No invoice received to date. Some minor changes to the repair work were reviewed with the Borough Staff which will result in an estimated additional cost of \$1,500.00.

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- If CDBG funding is pursued 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.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 7 completed rental inspections, 0 reinspections and 2 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 COMPLETED BY BERKS TRAFFIC CO.
- STORM SEWER CULVERT AT CHESTNUT ST, PROJECT WAS COMPLETED
- 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.
- HALLOWEEN, SUNDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, TRICK OR TREATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 5:00PM TO 9:00PM
- TEMPLE HALLOWEEN PARADE WILL BE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010 –
- FOR 2011 BUDGET INCLUDE IN TAX RATE? \$30 PER HOUSEHOLD FOR MUHLENBERG AMBULANCE AND \$30 PER HOUSEHOLD FOR CENTRAL FIRE CO.

Motion by William Baer and seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr to send three Police cars to the Temple Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 2, 2010. Carried

Bills in the amount of \$108,105.96 from the general fund and \$ 253,929.64 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Susan Grimes. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report read and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried.

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

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Larry Reber and Pat O' Brien will be checking the stop signs for any visibility issues.
- Chief Fisher will set up a meeting with the Muhlenberg Police Department to revisit the Mutual Aid Agreement with Muhlenberg Township
- Chief Fisher will look in to the cost of getting Taser guns repaired.
- Lights from 67-3 police car are to be moved to the 67-2 police car
- Storm Sewer culvert at Chestnut St completed except a handrail on east side of project

Resident Raymond Hiester, 3312 Arlington St, had questions regarding his unhitched trailer that he parked in front of his home. He felt as if he was being treated unfairly. The ordinance was explained to him.

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