

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
October 11, 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, John Kahn Sr. and Chester Bogacki. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter, Chief Ronald Fisher, Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien and Reading Eagle Reporter Chris Reber.

Motion by Kathy Spayd and seconded by Susan Grimes to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR:

Filly Marco Property, 3412 Montclare St, received letter from Kenneth Pick from Community Development Director of Berks County. The CDBG is giving Laureldale Borough a grant for \$40000.00. The money is to be used for the demolition of the property at 3412 Montclare St.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Kathy Spayd to have the engineer work with the CDBG on the specs to demolish the Filly Marco property at 3412 Montclare St.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PSAB Update

Municipal Retirement Trust

Muhlenberg Area Ambulance Assn. Thank You Letter

PSAB E-mail regarding House Bill 1231

Court of Common Pleas Letter

Muhlenberg Community Library Minutes

Comcast E-mail High Definition Technology Fee

Berks County Assn of Boroughs Dinner Meeting Invitation

Salt & Highway Deicing Newsletter

Muhlenberg Twp Police Dept Letter commending Ofc. Sokolovich

American Lung Assoc regarding Diesel-Powered Vehicle Idling Law

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by William Baer to adopt a Resolution for the Police Killed in Service Insurance Policy to be cancelled from the Police Pension Plan. The Pension Plan funds paid for this policy. This is effective 11/01/10. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr seconded by John Kahn Sr. to adopt a Resolution for the Police Killed in Service Benefit to be paid by the State of Pennsylvania. (Both Resolutions will be placed in the Police Pension File.) Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr and Larry Reber to purchase 3 cargo caddies from Cabelas for Police SUVs'. 3 @ \$289.99. Cost \$869.97. Carried

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Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Kathy Spayd to reject all bids for the old police car (2000 Crown Vic). We will use for Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Bids were too low. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Kathy Spayd to have Barrasso Excavation install rails at Chestnut St. Culvert project at a cost of \$1570.00. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by John Kahn Sr. to purchase a strobe light for 2000 Ford Dump Truck from Star Lighting Products. Cost \$105.00 Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Susan Grimes to move forward with the Filly Marco Demolition. Carried

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

Motion by William Baer seconded by John Kahn Sr. to adopt Resolution naming Systems Design Engineering as Accessibility Inspectors for the Borough of Laureldale effective 10/01/10. Carried

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

Councilor Kathy Spayd reported that 3 purchase orders totaling \$362.04 were written for the month of September.

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Susan Grimes to adopt a Resolution authorizing Central Fire Co Fire Police to do traffic and security work at Muhlenberg HS football games. This is necessary for liability insurance. Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to purchase a printer for the office from Office Max. Total Cost \$229. Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to purchase a fax machine and toner for the Police Dept from Office Max. Total Cost \$305. Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Larry Reber to appoint Edgar Kirlin of 3619 Ridgeway Street, Laureldale PA, as deputy code enforcement officer, effective 09/27/10 at the same pay rate of \$9.75/hr for approx 10 hrs per week. Carried

Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

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

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Recreation Board Annual Christmas Tree Sale will be on Friday, Dec 3 and Sat Dec 4 at the Borough Garage. All prices will remain the same from 2009.

ENGINEER

Storm Sewer Project – Elizabeth and Raymond Street - This project is on hold until funding becomes available.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2010/2011 – SDE has reviewed Invoice No. 1 for work completed through 9/1/10 and recommends payment to Video Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$23,700.00. Video Pipe Services will contact the Borough prior to performing the remaining work.

Motion by William Baer seconded by John Kahn Sr. approving payment of invoice no.1 to Video Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$23,700.00. Carried

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- This project is on hold until funding becomes available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 4 completed rental inspections, 2 reinspections and 7 home inspections
- REPLACE LIGHT FIXTURES IN BOROUGH HALL WITH NEW EFFICIENT FIXTURES
- SEWER CONTRACT WITH CITY – ANOTHER MEETING TO ACCEPT IT
- PUMP HOUSE – READING ELECTRIC NEW GAUGES
- HALLOWEEN, SUNDAY OCTOBER 31ST, TRICK OR TREATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 5:00PM TO 9:00PM

Bills in the amount of \$135,705.56 from the general fund and \$27,046.16 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Kathy Spayd. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report read and filed on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Susan Grimes. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried.

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

Deputy Code Officials report received and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Susan Grimes. Carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Larry Reber and Pat O' Brien checked the stop signs for any visibility issues and found one bad one.
- 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.
- Chief Fisher will set up a meeting with the Middle School will be set up to discuss the traffic jam in the a.m.
- Secretary Amy Beakley will send a letter to State Rep Dante Santoni informing him that the Borough Council is opposed to House Bill 1231 regarding workman's compensation for volunteer firemen.
- Smooth Operator Budget was increased from \$1500.00 to \$1800.00 for one quarter.

Resident Raymond Hiester, 3312 Arlington St, felt as if he was being treated unfairly by Chief Fisher. He did not understand why he had to move his trailer off of the street when other cars were not being moved. The ordinance was explained to him.

Resident Paul Kuehne, 3512 Kent Rd, requested that the Borough add No Parking signs to Kent St that would be more visible to the public.

Councilman William Baer informed everyone at the meeting that two Crime Watch participants witnessed a hit and run and got the license plate number. They gave this information to the Laureldale Police Dept.

The 2011 budget is being worked on; copies will be distributed to all Council Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. and seconded by Kathy Spayd

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary