

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
February 14, 2011

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, William Baer, John Kahn Sr., Susan Grimes 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 Karen Feick.

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

SOLICITOR:

Muhlenberg Township has asked the Borough of Laureldale to waive the subdivision plan review for the Rails to Trails Property along Montrose Ave. Osmer Deming has reviewed the Resolution Muhlenberg Township has drafted for the Borough of Laureldale and it appears to be in order and it is recommended that it be passed.

Motion by William Baer seconded by John Kahn Sr. to adopt the Rails to Trails Resolution. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Muhlenberg Community Library Minutes
Municipal Retirement Trust
Reading Area Transportation System E-mail
DEP Recycling Grant Approval Letter
Tax Claim Bureau Remittance Change Notification
Comcast Lineup Additions and Change

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Larry Reber to approve the Ad for Muhlenberg School Play (Cats) - \$100.00. Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Larry Reber to appoint Berks County Tax Claim Bureau to collect delinquent real estate taxes for the year 2010. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by John Kahn Sr to purchase 5 copies of Gould Publishers Crime Codes Books at \$28.00 each. Total Cost \$140.00 Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Susan Grimes to hire Joseph Ring of 3301 Orchard Place as a part-time Police Officer contingent on him passing the Psychological and Medical exams. Pay rate \$15.00/hour. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by William Baer to remove Part-time Police Officer Kevin Hall from Police Dept work schedule due to absenteeism. Carried

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Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by John Kahn Sr. to allow the Pennsylvania State Police help with coverage as needed due to the absence of two full-time Police Officers Thomas Link and Mark Sokolovich who are ill. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by John Kahn Sr. to order a Center Flap Kit for the snow plow on the 2006 Dump Truck. Cost from Levan's Machine Shop \$308.00. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to send Pat O'Brien to school for Fire Codes Updates for Commercial Buildings on March 3, 2011 in Bethlehem Pa. Cost \$130.00 for 2 sessions. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Susan Grimes to purchase 100 tons of road salt. Cost \$66.86 / ton. Total cost \$6686.00. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to give a \$.50 pay increase to Part-Time Officers as per request of Chief Fisher. Voted yes by Chester Bogacki, Donald Raifsnider Sr., Kathy Spayd and Larry Reber. Voted no by William Baer, Susan Grimes and John Kahn Sr.

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to send a letter from Council to Tim Holden asking him to support the Safe Highways and Infrastructure Preservation Act H.R. 1618 and S. 779 introduced in Congress to freeze the size and weight at which trucks can operate. If passed, SHIPA will freeze the maximum weight on Interstates at 80,000 pounds. Carried

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

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

Councilor Kathy Spayd reported that 4 purchase orders totaling \$11237.00 were written for the Month of January.

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to destruct all old records that are past the retention date. They will be taken to United Documents Destruction and Storage Co. Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by William Baer to re-appoint Vincent Spease to the Civil Service Commission for 2 years (2011-2013). Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Susan Grimes to re-appoint Dennis Spease to the Zoning Hearing Board for 2 years (2011-2013). Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Larry Reber to re-appoint Ron Fisher and Fred Feltenberger to the Police Pension Board for 3 years (2011-2014) Carried

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Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Larry Reber to re-appoint Donald Raifsnider Sr. to Planning Commission for 2 years (2011-2013) Carried

Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall.

Crime Watch Meeting will be Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall.

ENGINEER

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

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2010/2011 – SDE will meet with the Borough Staff in the near future to review potential work for 2011.

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- This project is on hold until funding becomes available. Pat O'Brien will contact PennDOT.

3412 Montclare Street (Filly Marco Property)- Payment Application/Invoice No. 1 in the amount of \$15,000.00 was received from Brice Excavating for work completed to date. SDE reviewed the Payment Application/Invoice by letter dated 2/9/11 and recommends payment to Brice Excavating in the amount of \$15,000.00. Minor restoration work remains to be completed in the Spring as soon as the weather permits.

Motion by William Baer seconded by Kathy Spayd approving payment of Invoice # 1 to Brice Excavation LLC in the amount of \$15000.00. Carried

City of Reading/Chapter 94 Report for 2010- A letter dated 1/24/11 was received from the City of Reading requesting the Chapter 94 Report information be submitted by 2/25/2010. SDE has prepared a DRAFT Chapter 94 Report for review by the Borough and submission to the City. SDE will add fourth quarter billing information upon receipt from the Borough.

Motion by William Baer seconded by Kathy Spayd authorizing Council President to sign the Chapter 94 report for 2010 after review. Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 3 completed rental inspections, 0 reinspections and 2 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

Bills in the amount of \$132,605.58 including payroll from the general fund and \$4958.55 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Susan Grimes. Carried.

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

Deputy Code Officials report was received and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Larry Reber. Carried.

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

Resident Barbara McGowan of 3326 Ridgeway St had questions regarding the Borough's handicapped sign policy. She also wanted to know if the Borough had an ordinance restricting the number of cars each household is allowed to own. Chief Fisher will address both questions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary