

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
 3406 Kutztown Road
 Laureldale, Pa 19605
 August 8, 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: John Kahn Sr., Donald Raifsnider Sr., Kathy Spayd, Larry Reber, William Baer and Susan Grimes. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter, Chief Ronald Fisher, and Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien. Also in attendance was Reading Eagle reporter Karen Feick.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by William Baer to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR:

Police Mutual Aid Agreement –Ordinance has been drafted.

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Susan Grimes authorizing the Solicitor to advertise the Police Mutual Aid Agreement Ordinance so that it can be adopted at the September Council Meeting. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Costars approval for Salt Contract for 2011-2012
 PA Budget & Legislative Update
 Municipal Retirement Trust
 Report from PA State Mayor's Assoc Annual Conference
 Invitation for Judith Schwank to discuss State Budget
 Muhlenberg Community Library Thank You
 Pennsylvania Fair Share Act
 APPI Energy Quote
 Muhlenberg Township Halloween Parade
 Berks County Assoc of Boroughs Survey
 Police Mutual Aid Ordinance
 Highmark Renewal Information

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Larry Reber for Council to approve a subdivision of the Lot at 3524 E. Kent Rd. owned by Michele Kile, 3523 W Kent Rd. The Borough Planning Commission, Berks County and DEP have approved all necessary requirements. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by John Kahn Sr. to authorize Chief Fisher and Mayor Feltenberger to participate in the Muhlenberg Township Halloween Parade. Parade will be on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Rain date will be on Sunday, October 2, 2011. Carried

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

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Motion by Larry Reber seconded by John Kahn Sr. to do an emergency repair of a catch basin sinking in on the east side of the 3300 block of Raymond Street. Repairs completed by Barrasso Excavation Inc. Total cost \$1254.00. Completed by July 7, 2011. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Susan Grimes to have the Street Supervisor, Mayor and Chief of police investigate the truck problems and damages of properties off of Elizabeth Ave. going towards Boscov's and Exide. Carried

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 approve and pay Video Pipe Services for sewer maintenance contract for \$22,175.00. Balance due is \$3115.00 for uncompleted work. Total contract price was \$47,875.00. Carried

Motion by William Baer seconded by Kathy Spayd to purchase electricity through Constellation Energy for a term of two years. This would result in a possible savings of \$5000.00 to \$6000.00 per year. Contract was checked by the Borough Solicitor. Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Susan Grimes to authorize Chief Fisher to sign a user agreement with PennDot for use of computers and printers donated by PennDot. Effective 07/13/11. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Larry Reber to advertise the Community Yard Sale in the newspaper. Carried

Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 30th 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 – Refer to Councilman Baer's report. Payment Application #2 was received requesting an amount of \$22,175.00 and SDE reviewed this by letter dated July 26, 2011 and recommends payment. Copies of the Report and DVD were provided to the Borough. The balance remaining after Payment Application #2 is \$3,115.00. SDE will coordinate the remaining work with Video Pipe and the Borough Staff.

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- SDE reviewed the project with PennDOT and has prepared an updated cost estimate based on what PennDOT will allow. SDE requested authorization to submit a Highway Occupancy Permit Application to PennDOT and authorization to advertise the project for bidding after review by the Borough Staff.

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by John Kahn Sr. approving submission of the highway occupancy permit application to Penndot and authorization to advertise the project for bidding. Carried

City of Reading Act 537 Study- SDE provided information to the City's consultant that was requested by the City of Reading letter dated July 7, 2011. SDE reviewed potential future sewage needs of the Borough based on potential future development within the Borough. SDE indicated that the City has not yet established any future reservation capacity charges and that this would be part of the future sewage agreement. At this time, SDE recommends that a letter be sent to the City indicating the range of the Borough's potential future sewage needs. The future sewage needs could range from 6,400 gallons per day based on 16 infill developable lots to 45,600 gallons per day based on 16 infill developable lots along with the potential for 98 apartments within the Borough's Industrial Zoned District.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Kathy Spayd approving submission of a letter to the City outlining the Borough's potential future sewage needs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 6 Home Inspections
- SEWER CONTRACT WITH CITY – ANOTHER MEETING TO ACCEPT IT

Bills in the amount of \$134,581.96 including payroll from the general fund and \$6455.65 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Larry Reber. Carried.

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

Deputy Code Officials report was 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 Susan Grimes. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pat O'Brien – gave an update on Street Repairs for 2011
2. Police contract negotiations-another meeting has been set up for August 16, 2011.
3. Security Cameras, cost of cameras and installation by Cam-Tek Systems Inc., Mechanicsburg, Pa. a Costars company \$15,000.00. Comcast service \$145.00 per month / \$1740.00 per year charges. Comcast will waive installation charges. This project has been put on hold due to economic conditions, but will be readdressed at a future meeting.

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Resident, Michele Kile, 3523 W Kent Rd, thanked Council for approving the subdivision of her property. She also commented on the issue of security cameras in the Borough.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary