

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
3406 Kutztown Road
Laureldale, Pa 19605
October 10, 2011

The regular meeting of the Laureldale Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President William Baer with the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members were present: Chester Bogacki, 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.

Mayor Fred Feltenberger and Chief Ronald Fisher presented Officer Jason Wink with a medal of valor as well as a plaque commemorating his actions.

President Baer informed council that due to personnel matters they needed to go into executive session at 7:46 pm and then reopened the regular meeting at 8:02 pm.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Kathy Spayd to authorize President Baer to sign a letter of engagement with Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellon, LLC and Michael M. Miller Esq.
Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Susan Grimes to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor compared the Borough's Earned Income Tax Ordinance to the sample Ordinance supplied by the Tax Collection Committee. Recommendation is that there are no significant differences between the two and we do not have to make any changes to existing Ordinance.

All solicitors from municipalities and boroughs that connect with the City of Reading had a meeting on September 27, 2011 to discuss issues concerning the revised draft of the Sanitary Sewer Contract. The City took comments from the solicitors and is going to come up with another revised draft to submit to everyone. The Borough will receive an update once the revised draft is submitted.

PRESIDENT:

Councilman Chester Bogacki has served the Borough of Laureldale for 40 years. He has decided not to run for another four year term and has resigned his position as President of Council. He felt he could provide help and guidance over the next three months to the newly elected President of Council William Baer. Chet wanting to help in the transition of a new President is just another example of his concern for the Borough. Thank you to Chet as well as the other Councilors for putting their faith in me and electing me as their President.

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Municipal Retirement Trust

2011 State Aid Unit Value

E-mail from Brian Gottschall Motorola APX 4000 Radio

Muhlenberg Area Ambulance Assoc Financial Report

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Larry Reber to approve a handicap sign at the residence of Nancy L. Hobbs, 3628 Ridgeway St. Pending approval by the Police Department. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr seconded by John Kahn Sr. to hire a Part time Police Officer – Officer Marc Pentheny will be offered the 32 hr / week position. Carried

Officer Daniel Albright resigned his position as a part time police officer. Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Chester Bogacki to offer this position to William Kelly to work 16 to 20 hours per week. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Chester Bogacki to approve 4 hours of overtime for Patrick O'Brien to do stop sign reflectivity testing. Carried

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

Motion by Chester Bogacki seconded by Kathy Spayd to send a letter to both Santoni and Schwank regarding the raising of bidding thresholds and prevailing wage reform. Carried

Councilor Chester Bogacki reported on the Sewer Department and total gallons of water through the pump house for the month of September.

Councilor Kathy Spayd reported that 5 purchase orders totaling \$371.59 were written for the Month of September.

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Chester Bogacki to adopt amendment to Ordinance #336 for No Left Turn Signs at Frush Valley Road and on Bellevue between Fulton and Holtry Sts. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to purchase (2) gun racks from Radio Maintenance for the Police Department. Total cost installed \$ 590.00. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Larry Reber to purchase (1) shot gun from Handgunner. Total cost installed \$ 639.00. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Kathy Spayd to purchase jacket for Patrolman Felix Mateo from First Precinct \$199.95. Carried

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- Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall
- Christmas tree sale will be at the Borough Garage on 12/2/11 and 12/3/11

ENGINEER

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

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2010/2011 – The balance remaining of the work to be done is \$300.00 which is for the cutting of a protruding tap. SDE contacted Video Pipe and they anticipate completing the work within the next 2 weeks.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2012/2013 – The Contract with Video Pipe Services expires 12/31/11. SDE has prepared specifications and the advertisement for bids to be received at the November 14, 2011 Council Meeting.

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- Review letter dated Sept. 2, 2011 received from PennDOT. SDE and Borough representatives met with PennDOT on 9/26/11 to resolve issues. SDE has revised the plans for resubmission to PennDOT for approval. Bids were received at the 9/12/11 Council meeting and the lowest responsible bidder was Barrasso Excavation, Inc. of Fleetwood, Pa with a Total Bid of \$50,901.00. SDE issued a Notice of Intent to Award letter dated 9/28/11 to Barrasso. A Pre-Construction meeting will be scheduled in the very near future upon receipt of final approval from PennDOT.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 6 Home Inspections
- SEWER CONTRACT WITH CITY

Bills in the amount of \$ 197,068.16 including payroll from the general fund and \$ 39,580.32 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried.

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

Motion by Chester Bogacki seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to do a traffic study regarding the possibility of turning Margaret St in to a one way street. Carried

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Chester Bogacki. Carried.

Building Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Chester Bogacki seconded by Larry Reber. Carried.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Police contract negotiations
2. Discuss the reappointment to boards and commissions – Secretary will contact present members to see if they want to be reappointed.
3. Budget meeting schedule:

10/12/11 - Budget review with Committee and Secretary

11/07/11 – Full Budget review with Council

11/14/11 – Tentative Budget approval and advertising

11/22/11 - Budget Meeting Open to the Public

12/05/11 – Adopt 2012 Budget

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. on motion by Chester Bogacki seconded by John Kahn Sr.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary