

LAURELDALE BOROUGH  
 3406 Kutztown Road  
 Laureldale, Pa 19605  
 December 12, 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: John Kahn Sr., Kathy Spayd, Larry Reber, Donald Raifsnider Sr. and Susan Grimes. Chester Bogacki was absent. 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 a Reading Eagle reporter Liam Midgail-Smith.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Larry Reber to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

**SOLICITOR:**

Regarding the Sanitary Sewer contract with the City of Reading, Solicitor is in discussion with the lead attorney on behalf of all municipalities. The City of Reading has not contacted the municipalities with any new information.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Municipal Retirement Trust  
 December PSAB Update  
 PSAB Legislative Alert  
 PSAB Webinar Listing  
 Prevailing Wage E-mail from Ed Troxell  
 E-mail from Shelley Houk regarding HB 373 and HB 797  
 E-mail from Shelley Houk regarding Emergency Regs regarding snow plowing  
 Christmas Luncheon Memo  
 PA Borough Councils Assoc.  
 Commonwealth of Pa. Public Officials Lunch Invitation  
 Reading Eagle Article regarding red-light cameras  
 Central Fire Co Meeting minutes for October and November 2011  
 Central Fire Co. Relief Assoc. Meeting minutes for October and November 2011

Reorganization Meeting will be held at the Borough Hall on January 3, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Larry Reber to approve the 2012 Budget. Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Larry Reber to adopt the Ordinance for a Tax Rate of 4.9 Mills. Same as 2011. Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Larry Reber to sign a two year contract with Verizon. Verizon's Solutions Bundle plan will save approximately \$1700.00 per year. Carried

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Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by John Kahn Sr. to adopt the resolution for pay raise and other benefits for employees for the year 2012. This may not apply to the Police since they are under a contract not yet negotiated. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by John Kahn Sr authorizing Mayor Fred Feltenberger to take unused Police uniforms to get dry cleaned and distributed when needed. Carried

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

There will be no leaf pickup after Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. After the 15<sup>th</sup> residents can bag up their leaves and call the office for pickup.

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by John Kahn Sr. to add the following language to the Schedule of Fees for Commercial and Industrial permits for 2012. "The permit fees for commercial and industrial projects that have an estimated construction cost over \$1,000,000.00 may be evaluated and negotiated on a case by case basis, separate from the fees outlined in this schedule. In no case will the permit fees exceed the fees as calculated in accordance with this schedule." Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to adopt Ordinance #475 this modification will add no parking signs on the west side of Montrose Ave. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Kathy Spayd to purchase a LED Flare Kit from Miller Municipal Supply. Total cost \$195.00 Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Susan Grimes to purchase two cutting edges for Fisher HD Plow. Total cost from Levan Machine \$280.00. Carried

Motion by William Baer seconded by Larry Reber to adopt a Resolution for Trash charges \$54.00 /qtr. Same as 2011. Carried

Motion by William Baer seconded by Kathy Spayd to adopt a Resolution for Sewer charges \$130.00 / qtr. plus \$8.15 per 100 cu. ft overage. Same as 2011. Carried

Motion by William Baer seconded by Larry Reber to approve the Sanitary Sewer Contract with Tri-State Grout in the amount not to exceed of \$113,505. Carried

Council President William Baer reported on the Sewer Department and total gallons of water through the pump house for the month of November.

Councilor Kathy Spayd reported that 4 purchase orders totaling \$757.94 were written for the Month of November.

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to purchase a laptop computer from Office Max total cost not to exceed \$1000.00. Carried

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Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to authorize the Secretary to pay all bills for the rest of the year. Carried

Motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Susan Grimes to approve the By-Laws. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Larry Reber authorizing employees to further investigate the possibility of signing up with Aflac. This would require a payroll deduction to employees that elect to participate. Carried

- Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 31st 29th 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 reported that Video Pipe attempted to complete the remaining work which involved the cutting of a protruding tap but the flow in the line was high and the work could not be done. SDE indicated the work would be included in the future Contract work and they notified Video Pipe that their contract is considered complete.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2012/2013 – SDE will notify Tri-State Grouting of the award of the Contract. SDE will be meeting with the Borough Staff and Sewer Committee to review the potential work to be done in 2012.

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- Approval of shop drawings for the materials to be used for this project was received from PennDOT, and the Contractor has ordered all materials. The catch basins are in production and the Contractor anticipates construction will begin in the second week of January, weather permitting. Final Paving will be performed in the Spring, 2012.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 3 Home Inspections
- GROVE ST AND KUTZTOWN RD. CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED AND WAITING FOR PENNDOT FINAL APPROVAL TO BEGIN WORK.

Bills in the amount of \$154,957.33 including payroll from the general fund and \$296,545.20 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 Kathy Spayd seconded by John Kahn Sr. Carried.

Mayor Fred Feltenberger recognized Chief Ronald Fisher for outstanding Police work.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Kathy Spayd seconded by Susan Grimes. Carried.

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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 Susan Grimes. Carried.

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

President William Baer thanked the three outgoing Councilors, Chester Bogacki, Kathleen Spayd and Larry Reber for their years of service to the Borough of Laureldale.

Chester Bogacki

- Served 40 years on Borough Council
- He is a first class fiscal manager who has been a great asset to the Borough of Laureldale.
- Always worked for the Residents in an effort to make the Borough a place we could all be proud of.
- Strong family man
- Sits on various Boards in the Community

Larry S. Reber

- Served 4 years on Borough Council
- Served on Property and Supply Committee and Fire, Water and Sanitation Committee
- Chaired the Streets and Sidewalk Committee
- Attended workshops sponsored by the County and could be seen working with the Street Department on special projects.
- Very dedicated to seeing that the Borough remains a great place to live.
- Dedicated family man

Kathy Spayd

- Served diligently on Council for 21 yrs
- Served on Finance Committee and Fire, Water and Sanitation Committee
- Chaired Property and Supply Committee

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by John Kahn Sr.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary