

LAURELDALE BOROUGH  
 3406 Kutztown Road  
 Laureldale, Pa 19605  
 February 13, 2012

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., Donald Raifsnider Sr., Jason Glessner, Roy Harrington, Diane Choiniere 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 a Reading Eagle reporter Liam Midgail-Smith.

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by John Kahn Sr. to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

#### SOLICITOR:

Representatives from the City of Reading regarding the Sanitary Sewer Contract would like to make a presentation at the March committee meeting.

The Floodplain Ordinance has been reviewed in its entirety and is fine as it has been presented but needs to be abbreviated and summarized prior or advertising.

President William Baer discussed the following:

The Laureldale Borough has been split in to two districts and will be represented by Congressman Jim Gerlach and Congressman Joe Pitts.

The Street Department will be putting the No Left Hand Turns signs in place by the end of the week at Frush Valley and Kutztown Road. Warnings will be given out by the Police Department for the first thirty days to allow motorists to get used to the placement of the signs.

Contract negotiations with the Police Department have lead to a need for arbitration.

The article in the Reading Eagle regarding the smoking ban in Laureldale Parks and Playgrounds was misstated. There will be no vote by Council on this item until a formal presentation has been made by the organization and Council discusses the issue.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Municipal Retirement Trust

Letter from Deming Law Office - Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement

PA Dept of General Services Letter - Approval in PA Federal Surplus Property Program

Systems Design Engineering Fax regarding Kutztown Road Storm Sewer Project

Costars Newsletter

Newsletter on 2012 Grant Workshops

PSAB 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Road and Bridge Safety Improvement Award Program

PSAB February Update

E-mail from Ron Grutza – PSAB LCN Capitol Hill Update

Newsletter from Ridge Support

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John Kahn Sr. reported that the Borough saved \$2435.82 in 2011 by switching energy providers.

John Kahn Sr. and Patrick O'Brien met with Berkshire Systems Group to discuss security cameras for the Borough.

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Susan Grimes to appoint Roy Harrington as the Excessive Force Coordinator. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Diane Choiniere to approve a meeting with Systems Design Engineering to discuss the addition of bathrooms at the Dominic Manzella Park. Carried

Susan Grimes informed Council that the Recreation Board was looking in to the possibility of getting guard rails installed at the top of the hill at the Dominic Manzella Park. Patrick O'Brien is looking in to the pricing and availability.

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John Kahn Sr. to order recycling bins from Rehrig Pacific. Costars pricing is \$7.60 per bin for 500 pcs. Lead time is 3-4 weeks. Carried

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. authorizing Bill Baer to get a written quote from Print regarding Laureldale Borough brochures. Carried

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. for Council to approve two Councillors and the Mayor to attend the PSAB Conference. Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Wide Yard Sale. Dates in May and September will be determined at a later date. Carried

Young Lungs at Play – a presentation will be given at the March 5<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting.

Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

Councilor Roy Harrington reported on the Sewer Department and total gallons of water through the pump house for the month of January.

Councilor Jason Glessner reported that 1 purchase order totaling \$144.50 were written for the Month of January.

Bills in the amount of \$157,733.69 including payroll from the general fund and \$11,625.57 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere. Carried.

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

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2012/2013 – SDE notified Tri-State Grouting of the award of the Contract. SDE will meet with the Borough Staff to review potential work to be done in 2012. SDE will issue Work Order to Tri-State Grouting after meeting with the Borough Staff.

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- Barrasso Excavation installed the new storm sewer line during the week of January 30, 2012 and the project is considered substantially complete. Final Paving will be performed in the Spring, 2012. Payment Application No. 1 was received from Barrasso Excavation requesting an amount of \$42,683.73. SDE reviewed Payment Application No. 1 and recommends payment.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere approving payment application No. 1 to Barrasso Excavation in the amount of \$42,683.73. Carried

City of Reading/Chapter 94 Report for 2011- The Borough received a letter dated January 24, 2012 from the City of Reading requesting the Chapter 94 Report information by February 24, 2011. SDE has prepared the DRAFT Chapter 94 Report and is waiting to add 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter information. SDE will submit the Final Report to the City upon review by the Borough Staff.

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Jason Glessner authorizing submission of the final chapter 94 report for 2011 to the city upon review by the Borough staff. Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 5 Home Inspections

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

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried.

Building Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Diane Choiniere. Carried.

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

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

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The Borough of Laureldale's current trash contract will expire on December 31, 2012. The Borough plans to go out for bids on a new contract in April 2012.

Letters will be sent out to residents with Handicapped Parking spaces verifying the continued need for the space.

Marcellus Shale Impact fee passed. Waiting to hear if HB1329 regarding prevailing wage passes.

Resident Donna Hoover, 3303 Ridgeway St., requested that a plaque be placed on the pavilion at the Laureldale playground. She also wanted to discuss a letter she had in her possession from the PA DEP. The Borough of Laureldale was unaware of the letter. Donna Hoover is going to give a copy of the letter to the borough for review.

Resident Larry Reber, 917 Grove St, asked Council to consider giving special consideration to Veterans living in the Borough.

Resident Glenn Harting, 742 Belmont Ave., expressed his opinion regarding an article in the Reading Eagle regarding a no smoking ban in the park and playground. He cautioned the Borough that legislating peoples lives can be dangerous, and to think before acting on this issue.

Property Owner, Kevin Straub 3416 Kutztown Road, asked Council if there were any plans on developing the commercial business in the borough.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary