

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
 3406 Kutztown Road
 Laureldale, Pa 19605
 May 14, 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: Donald Raifsnider Sr., Jason Glessner, Roy Harrington, Diane Choiniere, John Kahn Sr and Susan Grimes. Mayor Fred Feltenberger was absent. Also present were Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter, Chief Ronald Fisher and Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien. Also in attendance was a Reading Eagle reporter David Johnson.

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

A presentation on security cameras was given by Jason Miller of Berkshire Systems Group Inc. Council will review his proposal. The initial proposal is for \$14,278.00. A supplemental proposal using 360 degree cameras is forth coming.

SOLICITOR:

The Solicitor received an amended copy of the Sanitary Sewer contract from the City of Reading. It has been forwarded to the Borough as well as to Systems Design Engineering for review. No deadlines have been mentioned as of this time.

The Flood Plain Ordinance has been advertised and is ready for passage.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Jason Glessner to adopt the Flood Plain Ordinance. Carried

President William Baer corrected a misprint in the Reading Eagle. The Borough of Laureldale is under contract with Quality Disposal not J.P. Mascaro.

House Bill 1702, the revision of the Borough Code, is currently on the Governor's desk waiting for a signature.

The switch from Met-Ed to Constellation Energy resulted in a savings of \$3985.06 for the first five months of 2012.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Municipal Retirement Trust
 US DOT New Info on Sign Reflectivity
 Open Records Act Webinar
 Allentown Diocese – Volunteer Opportunity
 Understanding the Sunshine Law – Webinar
 PIRMA Spring Update
 County of Berks Media Release
 Keystone Fund-Recreation Park and Conservation Fund
 Understanding & Working with District Justices Webinar
 Berks Conservancy – Upcoming Events

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Councillor John Kahn Sr. announced that the Audit has been reviewed by Council and is now available to the public.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to send Mayor Fred Feltenberger to Mayor's Conference in Lancaster July 19-22. Approximate Cost \$800.00. Jason Glessner, Susan Grimes, Roy Harrington, Donald Raifsnider Sr and John Kahn Sr., William Baer Voted Yes. Diane Choiniere Voted No. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Susan Grimes to get estimated costs for installation of bathrooms at Dominic Manzella Park from Systems Design Engineering. Carried

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

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John Kahn Sr. to have the Solicitor draft an ordinance adding parking restrictions amend the Parking Signs ordinance to include: (3) 30 minute parking signs on Belmont Ave., with two on the north side (funeral home) one on the south side (Lattanzio's). Carried

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Roy Harrington to adopt the Resolution that would update the Handicapped Policy allowing the use of a Placard in applying for a handicapped parking space in the Borough of Laureldale. Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Jason Glessner to advertise the Young Lungs at Play ordinance. Carried

- Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 29, 2012 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- 2012/2013 – SDE issued Work Order No. 1 to the Contractor by letter dated 3/14/12. Contractor arrived on March 26, 2012 to perform the work but did not have the hydrant adapter as required by the Contract to obtain water for performing the required work. The adapter the Contractor ordered did not fit the hydrants and he had to reorder the correct adapter. The Contractor is expected to be back within 1-2 weeks to perform the work.

Storm Sewer Project- Kutztown Road and Grove Street- SDE requested PennDOT close out their permit. PennDOT inspected the work and there were a couple of issues that needed to be addressed by the Contractor, Barrasso Excavation. The Contractor addressed the issues. PennDOT re-inspected the work and has closed out the permit. The project is now considered complete.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- TENANT LANDLORD INSPECTIONS – 3 Home Inspections
- SECURITY CAMERAS- LOOKING FOR FUNDING
- GUARD RAILS AT MANZELLA PARK- PAT O'BRIEN IS LOOKING IN TO PRICING

Bills in the amount of \$188,681.77 including payroll from the general fund and \$2,778.69 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 Susan Grimes seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere. Carried. Total taxes collected through April 2012 \$441,946.19

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

(22) Permits Issued

Total Estimated Cost \$61,868.00

Total Fees Collected \$2,612.00

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

(30) Ordinance Violation Notices Issued

(23) Completed at time of this report

(0) Citations Issued

Plumbing Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere. Carried.

(5) Permits Issued through April 2012

Total Amount: \$585.00

President William Baer explained the need for a fund balance policy.

Resident Larry Reber, 917 Grove St, commented on the placement of the proposed security cameras. He suggests several locations throughout the borough to provide additional safety for the residents.

There was a moment of silence observed in honor of Councilwoman Kathleen Spayd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary