

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
3406 Kutztown Road
Laureldale, Pa 19605
July 9, 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, and Susan Grimes. John Kahn Sr. was absent. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter, Acting Chief Thomas Link and Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien. Also in attendance was a Reading Eagle reporter Karen Feick.

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Roy Harrington to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Resident Larry Reber, 917 Grove Street, questioned the costs related to adding bathrooms at the Dominic Manzella Park.

SOLICITOR:

The Solicitor has heard from Ron Williams at Fox Rothschild regarding the Radio Promissory Notes for the County Radio System. He was pleased to hear that it was approved by the Borough of Laureldale. Mr. Williams informed Osmer Deming that he is still waiting from the County.

There was a meeting with the City of Reading regarding the IMA on July 9th. William Baer, Patrick O'Brien, Osmer Deming, John Pazdrick and Keith Showalter attended the meeting. The City of Reading will get back to the Borough of Laureldale with revisions on the agreement.

President William Baer reiterated the fact that cardboard is a recyclable item and should not be put out with the garbage. He also noted that once recycling bins are at the curb, the items are then the property of the Borough of Laureldale. It is illegal to rifle through them and take items out for personal gain.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Municipal Retirement Trust

PSAB Webinars

Thank You Letter from Muhlenberg Ambulance Assn

Spring/Summer Local Government Update

Berks Co. School Districts: The Issues, Hot Topics, and Hot Buttons

Berks County Comprehensive Plan Open House

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr to request a preliminary drawing from SDE at approximate cost of \$10,000 for Bathrooms at Manzella Park. Motion did not receive a second and was not considered.

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Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr seconded by Susan Grimes to donate \$100.00 to the Central Fire Company for their Golf Tournament on Aug. 21 at Pleasant Hill Golf Course. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Roy Harrington to accept the report of the Personnel Committee as read by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Roy Harrington to adopt the Resolution dedicating the new flag pole at the Laureldale playground to Chester Bogacki. Carried

Councilor Jason Glessner reported that 1 purchase order totaling \$1003.00 was written for the Month of June.

Motion by Jason Glessner, who made this motion for the absent John Kahn Sr., seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to purchase Security Cameras from Berkshire Systems Group Inc. at an estimated cost of \$ 15,000 with an added cost of \$165.00 per month for Comcast monitoring. Jason Glessner, Susan Grimes, Roy Harrington, William Baer and Diane Choiniere Voted No. Donald Raifsnider Sr Voted Yes.

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Diane Choiniere to replace the air conditioning unit in the Borough Hall. Total estimated cost \$6800.00. Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Susan Grimes to allow the Playground leaders along with the playground participants to paint a mural on the Playground Building. Carried

- Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, July 31, 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. Tri-State Grout, Inc. has completed the television inspection work of the sanitary sewer system and has submitted a full detailed inspection report along with copies of DVD's. Tri-State Grouting, Inc. submitted an Invoice/Payment Application for the work performed and is requesting payment in the amount of \$41,993.00. SDE reviewed the payment request and recommends payment to Tri-State Grouting, Inc. by letter dated July 9, 2012.

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Jason Glessner approving payment of \$41,933.00 to Tri-State Grouting Inc. Carried

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Storm Water Permitting- The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) previously sent a letter to the Borough extending the MS4 Permit until March 15, 2013. SDE prepared and submitted the annual report which was due June 9, 2012. The Borough received additional correspondence from DEP and the Berks County Planning Commission regarding the MS4 and NPDES Permitting. DEP is requiring all municipalities to submit a NPDES renewal application by September 14, 2012. The NPDES permit will be for a 5 year period. SDE has reviewed the requirements and can prepare the required NPDES permit renewal application at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. In addition, the Berks County Planning Commission is part of a MS4 Steering Committee which has been set up to assist municipalities with complying with the MS4 permit requirements as it relates to education programs and public awareness. The Berks County Planning Commission has requested municipalities notify them of the intent to be part of the MS4 Steering Committee by July 27, 2012 and join in this cooperative effort.

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Susan Grimes authorizing SDE to prepare the required NPDES Permit renewal application at a cost not to exceed \$3000.00 Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Roy Harrington authorizing notice to be sent to the Berks County Planning Commission that the Borough intends to be a part of the County's MS4 Steering Committee. Carried

PennDOT ARLE Grant Application - SDE prepared and submitted a grant application to PennDOT requesting a \$20,000 grant to replace the two (2) existing School Zone Speed Limit Flashing Signal Devices along Bellevue Avenue with new LED type signal devices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (4) Home Inspections
- GUARD RAILS AT MANZELLA PARK- PAT O'BRIEN IS LOOKING FOR BETTER PRICING

Bills in the amount of \$150,557.19 including payroll from the general fund and \$5151.18 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Jason Glessner Carried.

Mayor's monthly report was read and filed on motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Susan Grimes. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried. Total taxes collected through June 2012 were \$29,261.58.

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

(8) Permits Issued through 2012

Total Amount: \$ 717.00

Resident Donna Hoover, 3303 Ridgeway Street, wanted to thank Officer William Kelly for assisting her in resolving a problem her family was having with a neighbor.

Council went in to Executive Session at 8:15 and returned to the meeting at 8:30.

Motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Jason Glessner to pay Affordable Pest Control \$2400.00 to empty the property at 3105 Marion Ave. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Susan Grimes.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary