

LAURELDALE BOROUGH  
3406 Kutztown Road  
Laureldale, Pa 19605  
August 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: Donald Raifsnider Sr., Jason Glessner, Roy Harrington, Diane Choiniere, Susan Grimes and John Kahn Sr. 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 John Kahn Sr. seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

**SOLICITOR:**

The Solicitor has had no luck contacting Social Security on behalf of a resident of the Borough of Laureldale.

City of Reading IMA update – Received rate information.

An ordinance for the MS4 needs to be edited and advertised for approval at the September Council Meeting. A motion will be needed at this meeting to advertise the MS4 Ordinance.

Diane Choiniere made a motion seconded by John Kahn Sr. giving approval to the Solicitor to advertise the MS4 Ordinance. Carried

Fire Chief Dave Feltenberger gave a report on the following items regarding the Central Fire Company:

- Fund Drive
- Radio update
- Training

President William Baer explained that the assessed valuation will increase in 2013, which will allow the Borough of Laureldale to incur slightly more income than 2012. He also explained that taxes are behind but may still catch up to budget figures.

President William Baer submitted his resignation as President of Council as well as Council Member effective August 14,2012.

John Kahn Sr. made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from William Baer. On a roll call vote, Roy Harrington, Jason Glessner, Donald Raifsnider Sr, John Kahn Sr. and Diane Choiniere voted Yes. Susan Grimes voted No. Carried

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COMMUNICATIONS:

PSAB July/August Update

Met-Ed Reinstates Easy Green Program – e-mail

PSAB Webinars E-mail

PSAB Capitol Hill Activity Report

Berks Conservancy 2012 Membership card and thank you letter

PCI Health Care Reform Newsletter

Albright College announcement of a new Director

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Diane Choiniere to purchase new software for the Office from Applied Micro Systems. Approx cost \$26,000. Monthly service charges will be \$425.00. Carried

Councilor Susan Grimes reported on the Street Department and gave the fuel report for the month of July.

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

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John Kahn Sr. approving a \$100.00 donation to the Muhlenberg Golf Tournament. Carried

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Susan Grimes to have Laureldale participate in the Temple Halloween Parade. Carried

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Susan Grimes to approve a donation to the Berks County Emergency Response Team of \$250.00 for 2012. Carried

Motion by Jason Glessner to hire Brandi Courtesis as a Part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.00/hr. On a roll call vote, Roy Harrington, Jason Glessner, Susan Grimes, and Diane Choiniere voted Yes. Donald Raifsnider Sr and John Kahn Sr. voted No. Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to have the windows at the Laureldale Playground covered with Lexan. Costs from Scott Albin Glass approximately \$ 832.65. Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr approving the renewal of Highmark Blue Shield for 09/01/12 through 08/31/13. Carried

Councilor Diane Choiniere reported on the Parks and Recreation department for the month of July.

- Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

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ENGINEER

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

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2012/2013 – SDE will meet with Pat O'Brien and the Borough staff to review the inspection reports prepared by Tri-State Grouting, Inc. and recommended repairs to the sanitary sewer system.

Storm Water Permitting- DEP is requiring all municipalities to submit a NPDES renewal application by September 14, 2012. SDE has prepared the required permit application and the form will need to be executed. SDE reviewed the need to designate a contact person familiar with the storm water permitting requirements and suggested the Borough consider naming Pat O'Brien as the contact person.

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by John Kahn Sr. designating Patrick O'Brien as the contact person and authorized Borough of Laureldale representative with respect to the MS4 and NPDES permitting. Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (12) Home Inspections
- Guard rails at Manzella Park- Pat O'Brien is looking for better pricing
- Fund Balance resolution will be distributed to Council in the near future.
- The Amendment to the Ordinance regarding left hand turns on Frush Valley Road will need further discussion.
- Discussion on the Personnel Committee Minutes distributed at the July Meeting will be discussed at later date
- Weeds in the gutters need further discussion.

Bills in the amount of \$ 150,669.33 including payroll from the general fund and \$ 76,687.73 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.

Mayor Fred Feltenberger reported that the box for used glasses was in place the hallway of the Borough and would glasses be donated to the Lions Club.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Susan Grimes seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried. Total taxes collected through July 2012 were \$633.33.

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

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

Plumbing Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John Kahn Sr. Carried.

(4) Permits Issued through 2012

Total Amount: \$ 412.00

Resident James Kocher, 3200 Chestnut St, had questions regarding security cameras in the borough. He would like to see more of them in his area. He also commented that he sees the Codes car more than Police cars.

Resident, Charity Clouse, 3200 Chestnut St., expressed her concerns regarding the teenagers that hang around on her block. She also questioned who was responsible for the weeds at the Rails to Trails.

Resident, Gail Schwab, 3212 Chestnut St., voiced her concerns regarding threats she has received from the neighbors. She also questioned the Deputy Code Enforcement Officer's job.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. on motion John Kahn Sr. by seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary