

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
3406 Kutztown Road
Laureldale, Pa 19605
December 10, 2012

The regular meeting of the Laureldale Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President John Kahn Sr. with the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members were present: Donald Raifsnider Sr., Jason Glessner, Roy Harrington, Diane Choiniere, and Larry Reber. Susan Grimes was absent. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter, Acting Chief Thomas Link and Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien. Reading Eagle Reporter Liam Migdail Smith was in attendance.

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR:

City of Reading Sewer Agreement – Deming Law Office received a draft from the City of Reading that addressed almost all of the Borough's concerns. One point still needed to be discussed regarding invoicing. Once resolved the Solicitor will recommend the agreement be signed.

Contract between the Muhlenberg Township Water Authority Contract and the Borough of Laureldale will be updated and submitted to the Borough.

Council President John Kahn Sr. explained to all present that there were four residents interested in filling the vacancy on Council. Council will talk to interested parties in January and fill the position by the end of January 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PSAB Municipal Retirement Trust
PSAB December Update
PA Chamber Insurance Healthcare Reform Update
PSAB 2013 Webinars
Berks Crime Alert Thank You letter
Invitation to Open House at National Penn Bank
PSECU Information
Muhlenberg Library Minutes

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Jason Glessner to adopt the 2013 Budget. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Roy Harrington to adopt Ordinance for Tax Rate of 4.9 Mills. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Diane Choiniere to adopt a Resolution for pay raises and other benefits for employees for the year 2013. Carried

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Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Jason Glessner to authorize the Secretary to pay all bills for the remainder of 2012. Carried

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere to have Patrick O'Brien attend a grant workshop in Enola, PA on February 13, 2013 for a Community Conservation Partnership Grant for the construction of restrooms at Dominic Manzella Community Park. Carried

Councillor Roy Harrington reported on the Street Department for the month of November.

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Jason Glessner approving 4 hours of overtime for Patrick O'Brien in order to conduct stop sign reflectivity tests in the Borough. Carried

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

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Larry Reber to adopt a Resolution for Trash charges of \$54.00 /qtr. Same as 2012. Carried

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Larry Reber to adopt a Resolution for Sewer charges of \$130.00 / qtr. plus \$8.15 per 100 cu. ft overage. Same as 2012. Carried

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Jason Glessner to renew the Contract with Tri-State Grouting for 2013. The original contract the Borough awarded to them was set up for 1 year with the option to renew the Contract for an additional year. Carried

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to hire Kevin Mickle, 416 Colonial Court, Blandon Pa 19510, as a Part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$ 17.00 / hr. Carried

Councillor Jason Glessner reported that 2 purchase orders totaling \$1675.00 were written for the Month of November.

Councillor Diane Choiniere reported on the Parks and Recreation department for the month of November.

- Recreation Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall

ENGINEER

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2012/2013 – Barrasso Excavation is expected to be on site during the week of December 17 to complete the 4 sanitary sewer dig-up repairs. Matt Barrasso will contact Pat O'Brien prior to start of work.

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Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Monitoring- Mr. Showalter reviewed new requirements being enforced by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection with respect to additional monitoring needed at the Borough's existing sewage pump station to show the number of pumps running during peak flow events. Mr. Showalter indicated they contacted the pump manufacturer's representative and they offer a monitoring system that will replace the existing auto dialer and allow viewing of the operating status of the station anytime via the internet along with notifying the Borough Staff of alarm conditions. The estimated cost of the monitoring system is \$3,840 and details of the system will be reviewed by the Borough Staff and the Sewer Committee prior to consideration by Council

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (9) Home Inspections
- Guard rails at Manzella Park- Pat O'Brien is looking for better pricing
- One way streets in Laureldale will become a long term project between Pat O'Brien, the Street Committee and the Police Department.

Bills in the amount of \$155,260.61 including payroll from the general fund and \$ 267,285.41 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 Roy Harrington. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Roy Harrington. Carried. Total taxes collected through 2012 were \$3725.97. Carried

Building Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Larry Reber seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried.

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

Plumbing Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Larry Reber seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried. (3) Permits Issued through November 2012. Total \$219.00.

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Jason Glessner to end leaf picking in the Borough of Laureldale on Wednesday, December 19. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M. on motion Larry Reber by seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary