

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
3406 Kutztown Road
Laureldale, Pa 19605
December 9, 2013

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: Jason Glessner, Roy Harrington, Diane Choiniere, Donald Raifsnider Sr., Zachary Kuhn and Larry Reber. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter, Acting Chief Thomas Link, and Reading Eagle Reporter Liam Migdail Smith. Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien was absent.

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Roy Harrington to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Bids were opened for the 2014 Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Project. A motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Larry Reber was made to accept the lowest bid by Tri-State Grouting subject to the Engineer's approval. Carried.

| BOROUGH OF LAURELDALE BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA MAINTENANCE AND INTERNAL REPAIR SERVICES FOR THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM 2014 BID OPENING DECEMBER 9, 2013 | |
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| BIDDERS | TOTAL BID (Bid Items #1 thru #21.b.) |
| Sewer Specialty Services 2462 New Road Leicester, NY 14481 | \$164,420.00 |
| Tri State Grouting 567 Walther Road Newark, DE 19702 | \$112,435.00 |
| Video Pipe Services Inc. 1566 Harding Highway Newfield, NJ 08344-5220 | \$147,267.00 |

Resident William Baer, 3332 Ridgeway Street, asked Council for answers to the Budget questions he submitted at the Committee Meeting on December 2, 2013.

Resident, Tracy Ibrahim, 3347A Montrose St., asked Council to consider passing an Ordinance that would limit the number of dogs a resident may own or to find a quicker way to resolving issues with dogs that attack.

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SOLICITOR:

No report given

COMMUNICATIONS:

Municipal Retirement Trust
Muhlenberg Community Library Minutes
Thank you letter from Muhlenberg Community Library
PSAB November Update
Berks Fire and Water invitation to Open House on 02/13/14

Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere to adopt the Resolution for pay raises and other benefits for employees for the year 2014. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber to adopt the Budget for 2014. On a roll call vote, Jason Glessner, Zachary Kuhn, Larry Reber, Diane Choiniere and Roy Harrington voted yes. John Kahn Sr. and Donald Raifsnider Sr. voted no. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber to adopt Tax Rate Ordinance to be increased one mill to 5.9 Mills. On a roll call vote, Jason Glessner, Zachary Kuhn, Larry Reber, Diane Choiniere and Roy Harrington voted yes. John Kahn Sr. and Donald Raifsnider Sr. voted no. Carried

Motion by Larry Reber seconded by Zachary Kuhn authorizing the Secretary to pay all the bills for the rest of the year. Carried

Motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Larry Reber to adopt a Resolution to destroy all audio taped at meetings once meeting minutes have been approved. Carried

Motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Roy Harrington to return \$1500.00 in escrow money to Forino Builders for the Saylor Farm Subdivision upon recommendation of SDE and Patrick O'Brien. Carried

Councillor Zachary Kuhn reported on the Street Department for the month of November. He also added that leaf picking in the Borough of Laureldale will end on December 18, 2013.

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 Zachary Kuhn to adopt a Resolution for Trash charges \$54.00 /qtr. Same as 2013. Carried

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Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Larry Reber to adopt a Resolution for Sewer charges \$140.00 / qtr. plus \$8.15 per 100 cu. ft overage. John Kahn Sr., Zachary Kuhn, Larry Reber, Diane Choiniere and Roy Harrington voted yes. Donald Raifsnider Sr. voted no. Carried

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Zachary Kuhn authorizing Patrick O'Brien to work with SDE in purchasing a laptop for the Sewer Department. Carried

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

ENGINEER

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2012/2013 – Tri-State Grouting is completing the work required under Work Order No. 1. The work is anticipated to be completed before the end of the year. The current Contract expires on 12/31/13.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2014/2015 – SDE will review the bids received with the Solicitor and will send the Notice of Award/Notice to Proceed to the apparent low bidder, Tri-State Grouting, LLC, provided all paperwork is in order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (3) Home Inspections were completed
- Trash will be picked up on December 26, 2013 and January 2, 2014 due to the holidays.

Bills in the amount of \$137,246.70 including payroll from the general fund and \$217,587.24 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report was read and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Larry Reber. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Larry Reber seconded by Roy Harrington. Carried. Total taxes collected through November 2013 were \$3023.41 Carried

Building Inspector's report was received and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Zachary Kuhn. Carried

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

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Plumbing Inspector's report received and filed on motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. Carried. (2) Permits were issued through November 2013 - \$84.00. Carried

Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 8:00 pm. They returned at 9:20 stating that they discussed Personnel Issues.

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to adjourn at 9:25. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary