

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
3406 Kutztown Road
Laureldale PA 19605
September 14, 2015

The regular meeting of the Laureldale Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Larry Reber with the pledge to the flag. The following Council Members were present: Zachary Kuhn, Diane Choiniere, John H. Kahn Sr., Roy Harrington and Jason Glessner. Also present were Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Steve Moyer and Chief Ronald Fisher. Councillor Donald Raifsnider Sr., Mayor Fred Feltenberger and Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien were absent.

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John Kahn Sr. to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Resident Bethany Pursell of 3025 Marion St addressed Council. She is interested in filling the vacancy on Council.

SOLICITOR:

- Performed routine legal research regarding the Police grievance process.
- Recorded four Municipal Liens
- Researched the legality of charging Mercantile Tax in regards to rental inspections.

President of Council Larry Reber reported that Council went in to an Executive Session at the workshop meeting on September 8, 2015. The meeting adjourned the same night. The meeting was to discuss Personnel issues.

Motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Jason Glessner to place an ad in the Reading Eagle. Councillor John Kahn Sr. will be moving out of the Borough and his vacancy needs to be filled. Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Municipal Retirement Trust
PSAB August and September Update
PSAB Legislative Update
E-mail from Senator Judy Schwank – July 2015
E-mail from Berks County Conservation District

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Zachary Kuhn to accept the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform Pension which will be \$64,678 as well as the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension which will be \$34,138.00. Police Pension is no longer fully funded. Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Jason Glessner to purchase a new Wi-Fi for the Borough Hall, cost from Frasier will be approx. \$619.04. Carried

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Councillor Zachary Kuhn reported on the Street Department and gave the fuel report for the month of August.

Motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Diane Choiniere to run an ad in the Merchandiser notifying residents that Halloween will be on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 5 to 9. Carried

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

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John Kahn Sr. to hire a Custodian to clean the Borough Hall. This position will work 8 hours per week at \$10.00/hr. Ad placed in the Merchandiser. Approx. cost \$125.00. Carried

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Diane Choiniere to accept the quote for \$10,729.26 that was received from Deer County Farm and Lawn for a tractor for the Street Department. Carried

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Zachary Kuhn to purchase leatherette hacky sack balls from Kinteco for the Police Department to distribute at the Temple Halloween Parade. The parade will be on Saturday, October 3rd. Total Cost \$768.75. Carried

Motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Roy Harrington to purchase the Impeller from ODB for the leaf picker as well as a Creeper for the borough garage. Impeller cost \$1081.00, Creeper cost \$250.00. Carried

Councillor John H. Kahn Sr. reported on Parks and Recreation for the month of August 2015.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Zachary Kuhn for the Laureldale Police Department to participate in the Temple Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 3rd. Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere to have the 3rd Annual Holiday House decorating contest. An ad will be placed in the Muhlenberg newsletter. Carried

ENGINEER

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2014/2015 – SDE reported the root foaming of the laterals is not yet completed. SDE met with Pat O'Brien to discuss future work. SDE recommended the Borough plan to perform dig-up repairs of selected laterals in 2016 based on video inspections to eliminate concerns with roots and infiltration. SDE will meet with Borough Staff to review and confirm locations of work.

PennDOT ARLE Grant Project- SDE reported that Pat O'Brien met with representatives of the School District to review options regarding the new school signal devices. SDE will update plans and secure updated proposals based on the initial meeting to review with the Borough and School District. SDE will complete design and permit applications for submission to PennDOT after meeting. Construction would be anticipated to occur in Summer, 2016.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(6) Home Inspections were completed in July 2015.

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Bills in the amount of \$120,274.03 including payroll from the general fund and \$253,150.25 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Zachary Kuhn. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report for August was read by Councillor Jason Glessner and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John Kahn Sr. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John H. Kahn Sr. Carried. Total taxes collected through July 2015 were \$4118.43. Total taxes collected in August 2015 were \$3814.82 Carried

Building Inspector's monthly report received and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Diane Choiniere. Carried.

The Deputy Code's report for August 2015 were received and filed on motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by John H. Kahn Sr. Carried

Plumbing Inspector's report for June through August were received and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Diane Choiniere:

(3) Permits were issued in June 2015 - \$212.00

(5) Permits were issued in July 2015- \$439.00

(12) Permits and (2) License Renewals were issued in August 2015- \$1813.00

Carried

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Zachary Kuhn to adjourn at 7:55 and go in to an Executive Session. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary