

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
 3406 Kutztown Road
 Laureldale, Pa 19605
 April 13, 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: Roy Harrington, Zachary Kuhn, Diane Choiniere, John Kahn Sr. and Jason Glessner. Also present were Mayor Fred Feltenberger, Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien, Solicitor Osmer Deming, Engineer Keith Showalter and Chief Ronald Fisher. Reading Eagle Reporter Karen Feick was in attendance. Councillor Donald Raifsnider Sr. was absent.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Resident Janet Hess of 3324 Orchard Place addressed Council. She is concerned about the volume of empty/vacant homes in the Borough of Laureldale. Solicitor Osmer Deming will forward information regarding a Blighted Property Program he had attended to Council for their review.

SOLICITOR:

- Performed routine legal research
- Recorded and updated one new Municipal Lien
- Researching the possibility of the Borough using Municibid to sell property

COMMUNICATIONS:

Municipal Retirement Trust
 PSAB March Update
 PSAB Classroom Training Opportunities
 E-mail from State Senator Judy Schwank
 E-mail from PSAB – PSAB Launches Statewide TV Show

Motion by Diane Choiniere to purchase a Front End Loader from Plaster Equipment Supply. Total cost after trade-in will be approximately \$77,000.00 Carried by a roll call vote

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

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

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Councillor Jason Glessner reported that work was going to start on the roof of the Borough building. Due to the harsh winter, repairs are needed.

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Zachary Kuhn to donate \$500.00 to the Berks County Emergency Response Team (BCERT). Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Diane Choiniere to have the 5th Annual Community Yard Sale Saturday, September 19th and Sunday September 20th. Carried

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Zachary Kuhn to allow the Boy Scout Troop #124 have an overnight stay at the upper pavilion at the Manzella Park on a Friday at the end of April. Carried

ENGINEER

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2014/2015 – SDE reported that the Contractor was unsuccessful with their first method of foaming the lines on Kent Avenue for root control. The Contractor will be back on site within the next several weeks to try an alternate method of root control. SDE will coordinate with the Borough staff and the Contractor.

PennDOT ARLE Grant Project- SDE reported that they discussed the proposed scope of work on Bellevue Avenue with PennDOT and also met with a potential contractor to review the scope of work and requested a proposal. SDE will be soliciting additional proposals and will be preparing the necessary permit application for PennDOT approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(4) Home Inspections were completed in March 2015.

Bills in the amount of \$165,739.33 including payroll from the general fund and \$4,499.83 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report was read by Mayor Fred Feltenberger and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by John Kahn Sr. Carried.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried. Total taxes collected through March 2015 were \$124,385.29. Carried

Building Inspector's monthly report received and filed on motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried.

There is no Deputy Code's report for March 2015.

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Plumbing Inspector's monthly report received and filed on motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Zachary Kuhn for the month of March 2015. (3) Permits were issued. Total fees \$192.00. Carried.

Councillor Zachary Kuhn reported that he had attended the Ready Rosie event at Muhlenberg Elementary School. He directed everyone to their website for more information should they be interested.

Council President Larry Reber told Council that the Law Committee conducted two interviews. Both were interested in working for the Borough as Part Time Police Officers. More will be announced at the next meeting.

Motion by John Kahn Sr. seconded by Roy Harrington to adjourn at 7:55. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary