

LAURELDALE BOROUGH  
 3406 Kutztown Road  
 Laureldale, Pa 19605  
 May 11, 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, Donald Raifsnider 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 was in attendance. Councillor John Kahn Sr. was absent.

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

Residents Wendy Young of 3507 Montclare St. as well as Rose Fisher of 3516 Montclare St. addressed Council with their concerns over questionable activities surrounding the resident at 3584 Hawthorne. They asked for help or guidance as to what to do to make their neighborhood safer.

Resident Barry Galvin of 3531 Hawthorne St. requested that his street be paved. Street Supervisor Patrick O'Brien said that it would be addressed this year.

Resident Wanda Galvin of 3531 Hawthorne and 3408 Kutztown Road questioned the ordinance regarding the height of grass. Patrick O'Brien will address this with his department.

#### SOLICITOR:

- Performed routine legal research on blighted property and employee law
- Recorded and updated one new Municipal Lien satisfied two existing liens
- Researching the issue regarding ownership on a piece of land in the Borough.

Council President Larry Reber informed everyone that the Executive Session that was held on Monday 05/04/15 ended at 8:00 on the same day. Personnel issues were discussed.

Discussion regarding the Borough of Laureldale's definition of Part Time hours. Solicitor Osmer Deming will gather more information before any decisions are made.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Municipal Retirement Trust  
 PSAB April  
 PSAB Webinar Training Opportunities  
 E-mails from State Rep. Mark Rozzi  
 E-mail from Berks Conservancy – First Aid Course  
 Thank you letter for donation made to Berks Conservancy  
 Thank you letter from Muhlenberg Community Library for quarterly donation

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Motion by Donald Raifsnider Sr. seconded by Zachary Kuhn to hire Anthony Correnti as a Part-time Street Department Employee starting on 05/12/15 at \$12.50/hr. Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Roy Harrington to have the Mayor attend the Mayor's Association Conference, 07/16-07/19, Cost approx. \$750.00. Carried

Motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Roy Harrington to donate \$100.00 to the Muhlenberg Twp. Golf Tournament 08/14/15. Carried

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

Motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Diane Choiniere to allow the Street Department to close part of the 3400 block of Fremont St. so that Calvary Lutheran Church can have their Strawberry Festival on June 6, 2015 from 11:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Carried

Motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Jason Glessner to change the plumbing Schedule of Fees. Carried

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

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Donald Raifsnider Sr. to extend the Trash Contract with Republic Services for 2016. Carried

Councillor Jason Glessner reported on Property, Supply and Law for the month of April.

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Zachary Kuhn to donate \$100.00 to Camp Cadet. Carried

Motion by Jason Glessner seconded by Diane Choiniere to donate \$1000.00, same as 2014 to Albright College, Center for Excellence in Local Government. This is the yearly municipal sponsorship. Carried

Councillor Diane Choiniere reported on Parks and Recreation for the month of April 2015.

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Storm Water Permitting- SDE reported that they are working with the Borough Staff and gathering information needed for the Annual Report to be submitted to DEP for the MS4 Permit. The Annual Report is due by July 31, 2015.

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract- 2014/2015 – SDE reported that the Contractor has not contacted SDE or the Borough with an alternate method of foaming the lines on Kent Avenue for root control. SDE will follow-up and coordinate with the Borough staff and the Contractor.

PennDOT ARLE Grant Project- SDE reported that they received preliminary cost estimates/quotes from Telco, Inc. for the proposed school warning signal device work on Bellevue Avenue. SDE reviewed the costs with the Borough Staff. Borough representatives will review the scope of work and options with School representatives to see if the school district will contribute any funds towards the project. SDE will be soliciting additional proposals and will be preparing the necessary permit application for PennDOT approval upon confirmation of the scope of work.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(9) Home Inspections were completed in March 2015.

Bills in the amount of \$229,784.92 including payroll from the general fund and \$109,261.05 from the sewer revenue account to be paid on motion by Zachary Kuhn seconded by Diane Choiniere. Carried.

Mayor's monthly report was read by Mayor Fred Feltenberger and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried.

Mayor Fred Feltenberger informed Council that a bulletproof vest would need to be ordered for Diana Maldonado should she be hired as a part-time Police Officer.

Mayor Fred Feltenberger informed Council that some of the benches at the park were warped and needed to be replaced.

Tax Collectors monthly report received and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Jason Glessner. Carried. Total taxes collected through April 2015 were \$588,706.36. Carried

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

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The Deputy Code's report for March and April 2015 were received and filed on motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Diane Choiniere. Carried

Plumbing Inspector's monthly report received and filed on motion by Diane Choiniere seconded by Roy Harrington for the month of April 2015. (6) Permits were issued. Total fees \$519.00. Carried.

Resident Terese Reppond of 1100 Elizabeth Ave requested that No Parking Signs be placed at the end of the 3400 Block of Freemont St a few days before the Strawberry Festival at Calvary Lutheran Church. This was granted by Council.

Resident Barry Galvin of 3531 Hawthorne St voiced his opinion on the hiring of a part time Street Department worker. He also questioned the salary he will be paid

Motion by Roy Harrington seconded by Zachary Kuhn to adjourn at 8:37. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Beakley, Secretary