

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
 3406 Kutztown Rd.
 Laureldale, PA 19605
 Monday, August 11, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Laureldale Borough Council was called to order at 7:00PM in person by President, Rick Heffner with a pledge to the American Flag. The following council members were present: Rick Heffner, Janet Hess, Jeff Calpino, Beth Young, Heather Sustello, and Dean Borrell. Bethany Pursell was not in attendance. Also present were Borough Manager Josh Levengood, Mayor Donald Raifsnider, Jr., Engineer Keith Showalter, Solicitor Alex Elliker, Public Works Supervisor Bill Kutz, and Police Chief Doug Goeltz.

Motion by Beth Young and seconded by Heather Sustello to approve the minutes of the previous workshop and council meetings. Carried.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor, Alex Elliker, had nothing new to report for the meeting. This was filed on a motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Beth Young. Carried.

President Rick Heffner reported on the following:

- July bills were paid from the General Fund in the amount of \$227,679.72
- July bills were paid from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$23,482.97
- Reminder that 2025 Fall Fest is Sept. 27 from 11AM-3PM with a rain date of Oct. 4

COMMUNICATIONS

July Revenue & Expense Report
 Monthly Check Recap for July
 Balance/Bank Statements for July
 July Tax Collector Report
 2026 Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans

Councilor Hess reported on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Dean Borrell to purchase an LED sign for the front of the Borough Hall in the amount of \$36,645.00 from Signature Signs. \$31,000 was received for the sign from a grant obtained by State Rep. Jacklyn Rusnock's office. Carried.

Motion by Beth Young and seconded by Heather Sustello to accept the report of the Finance Committee. Carried.

Councilor Sustello reported on behalf of the Law Committee.

Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Beth Young to accept the report of the Law Committee. Carried.

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Councilor Borrell reported on behalf of the Public Works Committee.

Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Beth Young to accept the report of the Public Works Committee. Carried.

Councilor Young reported on behalf of the Property and Supply Committee.

Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Heather Sustello to accept the report of the Property and Supply Committee. Carried.

Councilor Calpino reported on behalf of the Public Health Committee.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Dean Borrell to extend the trash contract with Eagle Disposal/AJ Blosenski for the 2026 calendar year at no extra cost. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello to contract with Riverview Nursery to maintain the Laureldale section of the rail trail. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Janet Hess to advertise bidding for the Dominic Manzella restroom building project based on the review of the bid documents from Borough staff. Carried.

Motion by Beth Young and seconded by Dean Borrell to accept the report of the Public Health Committee. Carried.

Councilor Pursell was not in attendance therefore had no report to give for the Parks and Recreation Committee.

ENGINEER

Storm Water Permitting- Mr. Showalter reported SDE will be scheduling the annual stormwater outfall inspections with the Borough Staff. SDE is preparing the Annual MS4 Report for submission to DEP which is due by September 30, 2025.

Community Park Restroom Grant Project- Mr. Showalter reported SDE has prepared preliminary Bid Documents for the proposed Restroom Building for review by the Borough Staff. SDE will coordinate bidding of the project with Josh Levengood. Bids are anticipated to be received for review at the October Council meeting.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Beth Young to accept the report of the engineer. Carried.

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Mayor Donald Raifsnider, Jr., read the Mayor's report for July. This was filed on a motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Beth Young. Carried.

Fire Chief David Feltenberger read the report from Central Fire Co. for June and July. This was filed on a motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Beth Young. Carried.

Borough Manager Josh Levengood read the report for the Building and Plumbing Inspector for July. This was filed on a motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello. Carried.

Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Heather Sustello to authorize and approve to pay bills. Carried.

Brenda Conrad at 2001 Myrtle St. addressed Council with questions regarding permit fees for the installation of curbs that the homeowners are responsible to repair or replace. She also asked questions regarding the dismissal of Chief Horner and the election of a new Mayor for 2026.

Colleen Dugan Schearer was granted permission by Council to address the public attending the meeting and introduced herself as the Democratic Candidate for Magisterial District Judge in the upcoming election.

William Ricchiuti at 1315 Frush Valley Rd. addressed Council with questions regarding police coverage of the Borough. He also expressed concerns regarding a pond in his neighbor's yard which is not in any violation of Borough Codes.

Brandi Delong from Laureldale Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation asked Council for their assistance to contact Fire/EMS/Police for a First Responder Appreciation event being held on September 11, from 11AM-3PM.

Borough Council went into an executive session at 7:38PM to discuss a legal/personnel issue.

Per Borough Manager Josh Levengood, Borough Council reconvened public portion of the meeting at 8:01PM.

Per Borough Manager Josh Levengood, a motion was made by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Sholl
Assistant Secretary