

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
3406 Kutztown Rd.
Laureldale, PA 19605
Monday, August 10, 2026

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

Motin by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Nytza Santiago to approve the minutes of the previous workshop and council meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor, Alex Elliker, had no report to give. He asked, at this time, for the Council to enter an executive session to address a personnel issue.

Council entered an executive session at 7:02PM.

The public portion of the council meeting was reconvened at 7:15PM.

Vice President Janet Hess reported on the following:

- July bills were paid from the General Fund in the amount of \$207,950.76.
- July bills were paid from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$24,470.63.

A moment of silence was taken for Anthony Correnti, a Borough streets employee who passed away on June 3, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS

Balance/Bank Statement July
July Revenue & Expenses Report
Monthly Check Recap of July
Copy of quote from CM3 Building Solutions
Annual Financial Statement Audit for the year ended December 31, 2025
LED Replacement Recommendations from First Energy

Councilor Hess had no report to give for the Finance Committee.

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Councilor Young reported on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee thanking Tyler Eckert for completing his Eagle Scout project by painting the sign at Dominic Manzella Park and planting flowers.

Fall Fest will be held at the Rosedale Playground on September 19 from 11AM-3PM.

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

Councilor Sustello reported on behalf of the Law Committee.

Motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Nytza Santiago to extend the trash contract with AJ Blosenski at the same cost to the Borough for 2027. Carried.

Motion by Beth Young and seconded by Nytza Santiago to accept the report of the Law Committee. Carried.

Councilor Borrell reported on behalf of the Public Works Committee.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello to accept the report of the Public Works Committee. Carried.

Councilor Santiago 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 pay Easton General Contractors for payment application #7 in the amount of \$23,102.32. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Beth Young to pay Tri Vet Contracting Company, Inc. payment application #2 in the amount of \$31,563.70. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Nytza Santiago to pay John G. Membrino payment application #1 in the amount of \$35,062.00. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Beth Young to hire Aron Brotzman and Luis Ortiz as full-time probationary officers; tabling the motion to hire Robert Souders until the September Council Meeting. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Dean Borrell to hire CM3 Building Solutions to do repairs to the video surveillance cameras at Borough Hall at the cost of \$2693.00 Carried.

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

ENGINEER

Storm Water Permitting- Mr. Showalter reported SDE performed 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, 2026.

Community Park Restroom Building Grant Project- Mr. Showalter stated the only remaining work is some outstanding Punch List items by the General Contractor along with getting as-built plans and warranty information for the materials installed in order to close out the Project.

PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant- Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project- The Borough was awarded a \$249,000 grant for sanitary sewer rehabilitation work in January, 2026. SDE requested COSTARS proposals for Phase 1 Sewer Rehabilitation work along Kutztown Road. Two (2) COSTARS Proposals were received as follows:

Mr. Rehab \$130,341.05
Performance Pipelining \$150,196.00

SDE sent a copy of the proposals received to the Solicitor for review and will request approval at the September Council meeting.

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

Mayor Cherylynn Martin reported on behalf of the Police Department. This was filed on a motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Heather Sustello. Carried.

Fire Chief Bill Kutz reported on behalf of Central Fire Co. This was filed on a motion by Beth Young and seconded by Heather Sustello. Carried.

Vice President Janet Hess read the report of the Tax Collector. Total taxes collected in July were \$2257.32. This was filed on a motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Beth Young. Carried.

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

Motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Beth Young to authorize and approve to pay bills. Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Janet Hess gave an update on the status of the measles virus in PA and Berks County.

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Brenda Conrad from 2001 Myrtle St. presented a gift to the Laureldale Police Department in appreciation for their services. The gift was accepted by Officer Tom Link.

Patrick Shannon from 3420 Raymond St. addressed council regarding the enforcement of maintaining sidewalks within the Borough.

Ken Snyder from 3406 McKently St. addressed council regarding residents setting off fireworks within the Borough. Mr. Snyder also informed council of a neighbor of his that has live chickens on their property.

Motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Beth Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:49PM.
Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Sholl
Assistant Secretary