

July 7, 2025

The committee meeting of the Laureldale Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Council President, Rick Heffner. The following members were present: Janet Hess, Jeff Calpino, Dean Borrell, and Beth Young. Heather Sustello and Bethany Pursell were not present. Also in attendance were Borough Manager Josh Levengood, Mayor Donald Raifsnider, Jr., and Alex Elliker.

The following issues were discussed.

1. Motion by Beth Young and seconded by Jeff Calpino to purchase a flagpole for Borough Hall from American Flag Shoppe in the amount of \$2355.00. Carried.
2. Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Beth Young to renew the electric contracts with AEP. Carried.
3. Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Jeff Calpino to pay Wexcon for the Dominic Manzella Park water and sewer extension in the amount of \$37,655.20. Carried.
4. Motion by Beth Young and seconded by Dean Borrell to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough Police Department and the Muhlenberg School District regarding mutual support policies and procedures. Carried.

Borough Council went into an executive session at 7:10 PM to discuss Borough Police Officers Association grievance.

Borough Council reconvened into a public session at 7:20PM.

5. Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Dean Borrell to deny the police officer grievance, and, with the authorization from Alex Elliker, send a written decision within twenty days. Carried.

Borough Council went into a second executive session at 7:22 to discuss Borough Chief of Police personnel/employment matters.

Borough Council reconvened into a public session at 8:20PM.

6. Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Jeff Calpino to deny the Police Chief's appeal letter and to terminate the employment of Chief Brian Horner effective immediately. Carried.

7. Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Janet Hess to hire Doug Geltz as a temporary Police Chief for up to 60 days. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Dean Borrell to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM. Carried.