

December 1, 2025

The committee meeting of the Laureldale Borough Council was called to order at 7:00PM by Council President, Rick Heffner. The following members were present: Janet Hess, Heather Sustello, and Beth Young. Also in attendance were Borough Manager Josh Levensgood, Mayor Donald Raifsnider, Jr., Streets Supervisor Bill Kutz, Solicitor Alex Elliker, and Police Chief Doug Goeltz.

The following issues were discussed.

1. Janet Hess will be making a motion to approve the 2026 budget.
2. Heather Sustello will be making a motion to approve resolution 2025-12 for pay and benefits for the Borough staff for the 2026 calendar year.
3. Beth Young will be making a motion to approve resolution 2025-13 for the 2026 updated fee schedule.
4. Rick Heffner and Janet Hess will be attending the Muhlenberg School District Board meeting on December 3, 2025, to address the volume of the school's exterior sound system.
5. Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Beth Young to approve an increase for the tax collector's expenses to \$1600 beginning in 2026. Carried.
6. Heather Sustello will be making a motion for the Brindle Buddies contract for 2026.

Borough Council entered an executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:26 PM.

Council reconvened public session at 7:40 PM.

7. Heather Sustello will be making a motion to hire Doug Goeltz as a full-time police chief effective January 1, 2026.
8. Janet Hess will make a motion to purchase the property at 3146 Marion St. Laureldale.

Motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Beth Young to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Carried