

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
3406 Kutztown Rd.
Laureldale, PA 19605
Monday, February 9, 2026

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, Nytza Santiago, Heather Sustello, and Dean Borrell. Also present were Borough Manager Josh Levensgood, Mayor Cherlynn Martin, Engineer Keith Showalter, Solicitor Alex Elliker, and Public Works Supervisor Bill Kutz.

There were no comments from the public on agenda items.

Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Heather Sustello to approve the minutes of the previous amended committee meeting and council meeting. Carried.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor, Alex Elliker, had no report to give. This was filed on a motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Beth Young. Carried.

President Rick Heffner reported on the following:

- January bills were paid from the General Fund in the amount of \$206,956.90.
- January bills were paid from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$17,986.07.
- There were 2 grants awarded to the Borough for Sewer projects. The first was for sewer work on Kutztown Rd. in the amount of \$292,942.50 and the second for sewer work on the east side of the Borough in the amount of \$538,286.50. Josh Levensgood has applied for other grants and is waiting for those approvals.

COMMUNICATIONS

Balance/Bank Statements for January
January Revenue & Expense Report
Monthly Check Recap for January
Application and Certification for Payment of Contract 'A' at Dominic Manzella Park
Meter Request Letter to Muhlenberg Township Authority
Reconciliation Letter to the City Of Reading
Resolution 2026-01
Runwell PC Proposal
Engagement Letter for annual Borough Audit

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Councilor Hess reported on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Dean Borrell to pay Easton Contractors LLC payment #1 in the amount of \$29,700.00 for construction work that has been completed as part of the Dominic Manzella park bathroom project. Carried.

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

Councilor Sustello reported on behalf of the Law Committee.

Motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Dean Borrell to purchase a new computer for the secretary's office from Runwell Solutions in the amount of \$2424.00. Carried.

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

Councilor Borrell reported on behalf of the Public Works Committee.

The motion to approve resolution 2026-01 to appoint Jim Bobeck primary delegate and Joshua Levengood alternate delegate to represent the Borough for the Berks County Tax Collection Executive Committee has been tabled until the March 2026 Meeting.

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

Councilor Calpino reported on behalf of the Public Health Committee.

The motion to sign a contract with WG Maldon for the installation of 4 flow meters on the sewer lines on the east side of the Borough in the amount of \$15,300.00 has been tabled until the March 2026 Council Meeting.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello to hire Joseph Walters as part-time Deputy Codes Officer. Carried.

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

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Councilor Young reported on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Rosedale Playground on March 28, 2026, at 11AM with a rain date of March 29, 2026, at 11AM.

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

ENGINEER

City of Reading/Chapter 94 Report for 2025- Mr. Showalter reported a letter was received from the City of Reading requesting the annual Chapter 94 Report. SDE is coordinating the preparation of the annual Chapter 94 Report with the Borough Manager.

Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Heather Sustello to accept the report of the Engineer. Carried.

Mayor Martin reported on behalf of the Laureldale Police Department for January.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello to accept the report of the Police Department. Carried.

Fire Chief David Feltenberger read the report from the Central Fire Co. for December and January. Mr. Feltenberger also announced his retirement from Central Fire Co. and reported that Bill Kutz is now the acting Chief.

Members of Central Fire Co. were in attendance to present a plaque to Mr. Feltenberger and to thank him for his 55 years of dedicated service.

Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Heather Sustello to accept the report of the Fire Company. Carried.

President Rick Heffner read the report of the Tax Collector. Total taxes collected in January were \$107.07. This was filed on a motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Dean Borrell. Carried.

Borough Manager Josh Levensgood read the report for the Building and Plumbing Inspector for January. This was filed on a motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Heather Sustello. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Janet Hess to authorize and approve to pay bills. Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Karen Schreiber, Muhlenberg Public Library Board President, addressed council and thanked them for their donation and noted the upcoming Book Sale starting on March 18, 2026. Borough Council plans to advertise future events for the Library on the sign outside Borough Hall.

With no other business to discuss, the council meeting was adjourned at 7:32PM on a motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Dean Borrell. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sholl
Assistant Secretary