

LAURELDALE BOROUGH
 3406 Kutztown Rd.
 Laureldale, PA 19605
 Monday, June 9, 2025

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, Bethany Pursell, Heather Sustello, and Dean Borrell. Rick Heffner and Beth Young were not in attendance. Also present were Borough Manager Josh Levengood, Mayor Donald Raifsnider, Jr., Engineer Keith Showalter, Solicitor Alex Elliker, Luis Rosario as Public Works Representative.

Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Jeff Calpino 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 Heather Sustello and seconded by Bethany Pursell. Carried.

Vice President Janet Hess reported on the following:

- May bills were paid from the General Fund in the amount of \$252,901.73
- May bills were paid from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$346,981.55 which included a quarterly City of Reading payment in the amount of \$325,093.62.

COMMUNICATIONS

May Revenue & Expense report

Monthly Check Recap for May

Tax Collector Report

Berks County Solid Waste Authority annual report for 2024

Laureldale Borough Police Pension Plan Actuarial Valuations as of Jan 1, 2025

Laureldale Borough Police Pension Plan Compliance Audit dated June 2025

Laureldale Borough Non-Uniform Pension Plan Actuarial Valuations as of Jan 1, 2025

Laureldale Borough Non-Uniform Pension Plan Compliance Audit dated June 2025

Councilor Hess reported on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Heather Sustello to purchase a telescopic hydraulic cylinder for the streets department 2015 truck for approximately \$1600.00 plus shipping. Carried.

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

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Councilor Sustello reported on behalf of the Law Committee.

Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Bethany Pursell 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 Pursell read the report of the Property and Supply Committee.

Motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Dean Borrell 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 Bethany Pursell to accept the resignation of Thomas Schmoyer effective June 13, 2025. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Dean Borrell to accept the agreement with Muhlenberg Township for the transfer of the deed for the Laureldale portion of the rail trail. Carried.

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

Councilor Pursell reported on behalf of the Parks and Recreation committee.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello to accept the report of the Parks and Recreation committee. Carried.

ENGINEER

Engineer report read by Keith Showalter.

Community Park Restroom Grant Project- Mr. Showalter reported the Contractor completed the final paving and restoration work for the water and sewer extension work. SDE is waiting for as-built record drawings and a final payment application. SDE is working on Bid Documents for the proposed Restroom Building and will coordinate with the Borough Staff.

Muhlenberg School District Sanitary Sewer Relocation – Mr. Showalter reported SDE is continuing to observe the sanitary sewer relocation work but it is going slow due to rock encountered at the job site.

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

Mayor, Donald Raifsnider, Jr., read the Mayor's report for May. This was filed on a motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Jeff Calpino. Carried.

Fire Chief David Feltenberger read the report from Central Fire Co. for May. This was filed on a motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Jeff Calpino. Carried.

Borough Manager Josh Levengood read the report for the tax collector. The total property tax collected in May was \$10,357.10. This was filed on a motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Heather Sustello. Carried.

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

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello to authorize and approve to pay bills. Carried.

Health Officer Janet Hess updated the public and council on the measles outbreak in PA.

Nytza Santiago at 3415 Noble St. asked council for an update on the new sign for Borough Hall. She also asked if council plans to fill the open position of full-time police officer after June 13, 2025.

Borough Council went into an executive session at 7:21PM to discuss personnel issues.

Per Borough Manager Josh Levengood, Borough Council reconvened public portion of the meeting at 7:33PM.

Per Borough Manager Josh Levengood, there was no other business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38PA on a motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Jeff Calpino. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sholl
Assistant Secretary