

LAURELDALE BOROUGH  
 3406 Kutztown Rd.  
 Laureldale, PA 19605  
 Monday, September 14, 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 in attendance were Mayor Cherylynn Martin, Borough Manager Josh Levengood, Solicitor Alex Elliker, Engineer Keith Showalter, and Public Works Supervisor Bill Kutz.

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

### SOLICITOR

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

President Rick Heffner reported on the following:

- August bills were paid from the General Fund in the amount of \$255,274.39.
- August bills were paid from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$360,060.59.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Balance/Bank Statements August  
 August Revenue & Expenses Report  
 Monthly Check Recap of August  
 Letter from County of Berks Office of the Commissioners regarding Imagine Berks comprehensive planning process.  
 Mr. Rehab sanitary sewer quote  
 Letter McCarthy Engineering regarding time extension  
 Morgan Welding Quote  
 Berks County Conservation District Letter regarding annual sporting clays fundraiser  
 Court of Common Pleas Berks County letter regarding electronic filing of proposed and enacted municipal ordinances  
 Thomas Anderson & Assoc. letter regarding pension plan

Councilor Hess reported on behalf of the Finance Committee

Motion by Janet Hess and seconded by Nytza Santiago to reject all bids for the Rosedale playground paving project and re-bid for October's council meeting. Carried

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

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

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

Councilor Sustello reported on behalf of the Law Committee.

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

Councilor Borrell reported on behalf of Public Works Committee.

Motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Jeff Calpino to approve the annual MS4 report and authorize the Council president to sign the report for submission to the DEP. Carried.

Motion by Beth Young 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 Nytza Santiago and seconded by Heather Sustello to purchase 12 manhole risers from Morgans Welding in the amount of \$2269.80 to be paid out of the Sewer Fund. Carried.

Motion by Beth Young 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 Janet Hess to approve the 2027 pension obligations for both uniform and on-uniform employees. Carried.

Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Heather Sustello to contract with Mr. Rehab for sewer work on Kutztown Rd at a cost of \$130,341.05 to be paid from grant funds. Carried.

Based on the Officers' employment experience with the Borough and subject to Borough Police Officer Association approval, a motion was made by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Beth Young to approve Borough medical plan coverage for Officers Aron Brotzman and Luis Ortiz as of October 1, 2026. Both officers shall still be considered probationary full-time officers for their first 12 months of full-time employment, subject to all other terms of the Association Contract. Acknowledgment of the above shall be signed by the officer prior to becoming effective. Carried.

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Motion by Jeff Calpino and seconded by Dean Borrell to accept McCarthy Engineering's letter granting a time extension for the Muhlenberg School District Phase 5 land development plan until November 10, 2026. Carried.

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

### ENGINEER

PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant- Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project- SDE reported that the Contract work awarded to Mr. Rehab at a cost of \$130,341.05 is based on a COSTARS proposal. The Borough received two (2) COSTARS proposals and Mr. Rehab was the lowest cost. SDE will set up a Pre-Construction meeting with the Contractor and the Borough Staff. The work is anticipated to be completed this Fall.

Motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Dean Borrell 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 Jeff Calpino. 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.

President Rick Heffner read the report of the Tax Collector. Total taxes collected in August were \$2466.08. This was filed on a motion by Dean Borrell and seconded by Beth Young. Carried.

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

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

### NEW BUSINESS

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

Patrick Shannon from 3420 Raymond St addressed council regarding the enforcement of maintaining sidewalks within the Borough and asked for clarification on the removal of ordinances out of the Borough ordinance book.

Brenda Conrad from 2001 Myrtle St addressed council regarding scheduling community yard sales on the same day as trash collection.

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Amber Cobb from 3200 Chestnut St. addressed council regarding the accuracy of the Borough Council Meeting Minutes.

James Kocher from 3200 Chestnut St. addressed council regarding permits issued in the Borough and voiced concerns about the condition of the sidewalks in the Borough.

Gail Schwab from 3212 Chestnut St. addressed council regarding the loud music in the neighborhood.

Ashley Lambert from 1511 Prince St. addressed council to compliment both Borough Council and Borough Employees on doing a good job.

Motion by Heather Sustello and seconded by Dean Borrell to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Sholl  
Assistant Secretary