

# BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

**April 17, 2024**

The meeting of the Council of the Borough of Leesport was called to order by President Ronald Strause on the above date for the Leesport Borough Council, 27 S. Canal Street, Leesport PA, 19533, in the Leesport Borough Hall, Leesport PA 19533, at 6 P.M. Present were Maderia, Fronina, Moyer (arrived after roll call), Strause, Goetz and Walborn. Moquin was absent. Also present were Mayor David J. Reimer, Sr., MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Administrative Assistant Marga Row, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Madeira to accept tonight's agenda as advertised, all voted for the motion.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 31, 2024.**

### **GENERAL**

<b>CHECKING</b>	<b>707.04</b>
<b>MM</b>	<b>6,348.38</b>
<b>CD</b>	<b>33,827.48</b>

### **WATER**

<b>CHECKING</b>	<b>1,011.67</b>
<b>MM</b>	<b>129,227.43</b>
<b>CD I</b>	<b>49,926.04</b>
<b>CD II</b>	<b>44,044.47</b>

### **STATE**

<b>CHECKING</b>	<b>232.55</b>
<b>MM</b>	<b>59,758.45</b>

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT JUSTICE**

<b>1,438.00</b>
<b>1,832.16 (2 MO)</b>

### **SPECIAL FUNDS**

<b>Sesquicentennial Fund</b>	<b>14,646.00</b>
<b>Recreation-Rec Board</b>	<b>101,403.30</b>
<b>Payroll fund</b>	<b>902.67</b>
<b>Pension</b>	<b>364,806.17 (2/29/2024)</b>

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Goetz to approve the March 2024, minutes, all yes.

A motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Walborn to approve the April bills, all yes.

Borough of Leesport

BILLS PAID

17-Apr-24

STATE

04/19/2024 1622 Frontier 2000 Accounts Payable 50.00

04/19/2024 1623 Met Ed 2000 Accounts Payable 4,150.00

WATER

4200.00

04/18/2024 4373 A & J Structures LLC 2000 Accounts Payable 1,700.00

04/18/2024 4374 Diversified Tech Corp 2000 Accounts Payable 941.24

04/18/2024 4375 Elite Opps 2000 Accounts Payable 2,000.00

04/19/2024 4376 Exeter Supply Inc.l 2000 Accounts Payable 40.08

04/19/2024 4377 Fisher Rental 2000 Accounts Payable 2,996.40

04/19/2024 4378 Kris Wholaver 2000 Accounts Payable 450.00

04/19/2024 4379 Kuzans 2000 Accounts Payable 3,319.19

04/19/2024 4380 L/B Water 2000 Accounts Payable 11,501.75

04/19/2024 4381 M.J. Reider Associat... 2000 Accounts Payable 229.85

04/19/2024 4382 MET-ED 2000 Accounts Payable 7,210.00

04/19/2024 4383 Spotts, Stevens and ... 2000 Accounts Payable 646.00

31034.51

GENERAL

04/19/2024 8672 Alarm Tech Systems ... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 425.00

04/19/2024 8673 Albright College/CE... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 150.00

04/19/2024 8674 Amtrust Financial 200.20 Accounts Pay... 4,853.00

04/19/2024 8675 Berks County Solid ... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 500.00

04/19/2024 8676 Co of Berks 200.20 Accounts Pay... 9,278.17

04/19/2024 8677 Comcast 200.20 Accounts Pay... 274.83

04/19/2024 8678 Element Risk Manag... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 12,444.00

04/19/2024 8679 Frontier 200.20 Accounts Pay... 435.20

04/19/2024 8680 Hartman, Valeriano, ... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 1,147.00

04/19/2024 8681 Highmark Blue Shield 200.20 Accounts Pay... 5,436.46

04/19/2024 8682 Lift Inc. 200.20 Accounts Pay... 154.97

04/19/2024 8683 Longhorn Landscape 200.20 Accounts Pay... 2,500.00

04/19/2024 8684 LTL Consultants, LT... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 3,926.57

04/19/2024 8685 MET-ED 200.20 Accounts Pay... 460.00

04/19/2024 8686 Northern Berks Regi... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 38,655.74

04/19/2024 8687 Rodney Beard 200.20 Accounts Pay... 42.40

04/19/2024 8688 Sam's Club 200.20 Accounts Pay... 771509022586... 118.62

04/19/2024 8689 Smart Choice 200.20 Accounts Pay... 56.13

04/19/2024 8690 Spotts, Stevens and ... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 1,292.00

04/19/2024 8691 Thren's Auto 200.20 Accounts Pay... 101.93

04/19/2024 8692 Twenty First Century 200.20 Accounts Pay... 329.78

04/19/2024 8693 UGI Utilities, Inc. 200.20 Accounts Pay... 2,000.00

04/19/2024 8694 United Concordia Inc. 200.20 Accounts Pay... 327.96

04/19/2024 8695 Waste Industries Inc. 200.20 Accounts Pay... 17,256.00

04/19/2024 8696 Wex - Sunoco Fleet ... 200.20 Accounts Pay... 1,113.13

103278.89

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Walborn to approve the March financial report, all yes.

A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Madeira to approve the March budget, all yes.

### **Correspondence**

- 1. our engineer's monthly report**
- 2. copy of a letter from our solicitor to the owner of the lot east of the railroad on Main Street regarding purchasing the lot**
- 3. NBRP monthly report**
- 4. copy of a letter to our code's officer regarding 37 Railroad Avenue**
- 5. code enforcement report and copies of letters sent to residents**
- 6. our trash and recycling totals**
- 7. copy of the application submitted to DRBC for the renewal of our ground water withdrawal permit**
- 8. our chlorine totals for the month**
- 9. our water report**
- 10. minutes from the NBRP**
- 11. agreement of sale from Jonathan Yeager for lot east of the railroad on Main Street**

### **Guests**

1. Elaine Strause of the Leesport Lockhouse/Historical Society discussed the Memorial Day Program to be held at our new stage this year and the flags that will be displayed
2. The transportation markers that were discussed at last month's meeting, will be delayed
3. An event was recently attended at the Stoltfolz homestead
4. In 2025, the Schuylkill Navigation Company will celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> year

Mayor – Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Town Updates
3. We will be celebrating “Keep America Beautiful” the end of this month
4. We recently had some under bridge graffiti, the state removed it, there is an offer of cash reward for a tip leading to the arrest of those responsible
5. our guys were complimented again on their good snow plowing
6. we have a safety barrier now at the end of Main Street at the river
7. the SV classes will be picking up trash around town this week, the town cleanup will end next weekend and we will send in our report
8. next Tuesday is Voting Day and we would like to thank everyone for supporting our town

## Committee Reports

Sewer - Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Work is almost completed
3. Bern Twp has sent the authority half of the amount owed
4. our solicitor will inform them that the balance must be paid by the deadline, or more expenses will be added to the balance due.

Code Enforcement – Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file

Police- Chief Keiser reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. It was a good month
3. we had some minor car repairs
4. we will have another car out shortly
5. we have a change of venue for our NNO to the Berks County Fairgrounds in Bern Township
6. we had lots of stops on #61 lately

Fire Company - Kenny Quell reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we will be celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in 2025

Engineer – Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Updates for SV Water line grant
3. Letter sent to SV School to contribute to cost of water line
4. We are preparing the grant application for reimbursement for our generators
5. We are contacting the state regarding the rain water on Main Street
6. We have applied for a permit from DEP to operate our new chlorine reading system
7. We will meet with our employees regarding the drainage from Canal Street to the Lockhouse and Laundromat.. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to have our engineer contact a televising company to attempt finding the drainage pipe under E. Wall St, not to exceed \$5000, all yes
8. A property owner and their engineer attended our AdHoc meeting regarding the water aside of the Laundromat
9. We are inquiring with the state regarding preemptive controls for our Fire and EMS for the traffic lights on #61
10. we have contacted a PennDot representative regarding our water valves being resurfaced over on #61, they will get back to us
11. After a discussion with our solicitor regarding the Fiber Optic project by Frontier throughout the borough, it was decided that our ordinance for utility street openings would apply here, they are proposing 14 crossings and so far the fees could reach \$4900 plus a \$1000 bond

Solicitor – Chris Hartman, Esq., reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. DEP has requested we amend our ordinances relating to trash/recycling for our grant application made to them to open our yard waste area..a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Goetz to have our solicitor prepare amendments to our ordinances, all yes
3. We have an acceptance response from the owner of the lot east of railroad on Main Street to sell, we will deduct past due taxes owed on the land and pay half transfer taxes and settlement costs...a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Fronina to approve and sign a Deed of Dedication and have our president represent the borough at settlement, all yes.
4. We have an email from Epting's attorney, we have conveyed the borough's thoughts and provided our arsenic free lab report

Recycling – Goetz reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We are working on our grant application for our new recycling yard, our meeting with the county and DEP went very well

Buildings and Properties – Moyer reported the following:

1. We are inquiring about purchasing one lot on Main St and the Emery property at the intersection of Water and Shackamaxon Sts.
2. Our solicitor has prepared a Deed of Dedication for the Emery property and it is being reviewed by the Emery's
3. We are adding some security at our office
4. We have contacted the manager for real estate with Frontier Communications inquiring if they are willing to sell the whole lot to the borough
5. our ball field concession stand was flooded in this last rainstorm, we had the roof patched temporarily for now
6. we will look into repairing the foundation and roof

Memorials – Goetz reported the following:

1. Monthly report
2. Our Memorial Day Celebration will be held at the stage this year, we will have all the flags there

Recreation - Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Discuss our playground cameras
3. Our Community Days will be September 6 and 7
4. We will have our list of projects for 2024 shortly
5. a motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Madeira to have White's Roofing replace the roof and any wood necessary at the pavilion for \$6000, all yes
6. We are pricing sheds at the Amish Market Place
7. We are getting pricing from Kay Pools to install a pump and a second sand filter
8. We are looking into replacing some of the smaller ride equipment at our older playground

9. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to have the trees trimmed at the pavilion and recreation areas for \$5200, all yes
10. We will have the YMCA hold playground sessions again this year at our Rec Area
11. We will be extending the road to the back of the ball fields with millings from another job
12. We are getting quotes to paint our new stage
13. we are currently interviewing for our summer positions
14. we will be replacing our utility shed at the pool with a 12 x 16 shed from Kuzans for \$5900
15. we have made a tentative list of building and properties versus Recreation for future purchases
16. we will have Twiford Electric give us a quote for additional lighting at the pool

Water and Municipal Authority – Walborn reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Well Head Protection Ordinance discussion
3. We are moving along with our LP tanks, generators, French drains, chlorine analyzers, alarm system and RAFA system
4. We have contacted L/B Water to schedule our RAFA system install
5. Our engineer is preparing specs for the SV water line
6. We are applying for a permit from DEP to operate our new chlorine reading system
7. We have received an extension letter from the Epting Project until June 19, 2024
8. We met with the Epting folks last month
9. We will be using our cell phones for our water system monitoring after the installation of our RAFA system is complete
10. We have begun the paper work for the lead connection inspections due by October

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We are working on our five year road plan
3. We are having our street sweeping done April 25 and 26 by Industrial Grounds Maintenance, after our street sweeping, we will be doing patching
4. Our engineer is looking into pre-emptive controls for the fire and EMS to control the traffic lights

Unfinished Business

1. our solicitor is preparing our draft parking ordinance
2. our code's officer asked our solicitor to also include in the parking ordinance the verbiage from "paved surfaces to stone surfaces" for more clarification going forth

New Business

1. While we were installing the cameras in the meeting room, pieces of plaster came down from the ceiling inside the drop ceiling... We have called Berks Fire and Water to inspect it
2. the president has asked council to have all reports and information for AdHoc and Council meetings to the secretary by the Monday before the meetings at 5 P.M. going forth

EMC – Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. On April 5, 2024, we experienced an earthquake
2. we have attended trainings recently, special needs victims were discussed and mass care units

Good and Welfare

1. June 14 is a moon light swim at our pool....a "Swiftee" theme is planned
2. our pool opens Memorial Day

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to adjourn at 7:47 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_