

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

August 21, 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 Madeira, Moyer, Strause, Goetz, Walborn and Mayor David J. Reimer, Sr. Fronina and Moquin were absent. Also present were MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

Moment of Silence
Pledge to the Flag

FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 31, 2024

GENERAL

CHECKING	576.31
MM	256,320.49
CD	34,361.38

WATER

CHECKING	1,040.81
MM	86,056.71
CD I	50,784.73
CD II	44,738.39

STATE

CHECKING	405.84
MM	50,365.61

CODE ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT JUSTICE

1,080.05
1,041.46

SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	14,890.23
Recreation-Rec Board	118,891.21
Payroll fund	902.54
Pension	372,551.33 (6/30/2024)

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

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

STATE

08/22/2024	1633	Frontier	2000 · Accounts Payable	13.11
08/22/2024	1634	Met Ed	2000 · Accounts Payable	3,218.83
08/22/2024	1635	Telco Inc.	2000 · Accounts Payable	210.50

3442.44

WATER

08/22/2024	207	Southern States -Mas...	449 WATER FACILIT...	2,442.14
08/22/2024	4422	Diversified Tech Corp	2000 · Accounts Payable	941.24
08/22/2024	4423	Gen Serve	2000 · Accounts Payable	768.00
08/22/2024	4424	christopher C. Hemmig	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,038.00
08/22/2024	4425	Highmark Blue Shiel...	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,436.46
08/22/2024	4426	Kris Wholaver	2000 · Accounts Payable	270.00
08/22/2024	4427	Elite Opps	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,075.00
08/22/2024	4428	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 · Accounts Payable	594.60
08/22/2024	4429	MET-ED	2000 · Accounts Payable	93.14
08/22/2024	4430	Promax Inc.	2000 · Accounts Payable	40,677.00
08/22/2024	4431	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	12,907.68
08/22/2024	4432	Threns	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,403.94
08/22/2024	4433	21st Century Media -...	2000 · Accounts Payable	222.60
08/22/2024	4434	United Concordia-De...	2000 · Accounts Payable	327.96
08/22/2024	4435	USable Life Ins.	2000 · Accounts Payable	117.00

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GENERAL

08/22/2024	8788	All Temp	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	144.16
08/22/2024	8789	Berks Fire & Water	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	6,601.11
08/22/2024	8790	Berks Soil & Stone	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	835.00
08/22/2024	8791	Christopher C. Hem...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	487.19
08/22/2024	8792	Comm of PA	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	10.00
08/22/2024	8793	Cougles Recycling Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	713.40
08/22/2024	8794	David J. Reimer, Sr	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	664.60
08/22/2024	8795	Element Risk Manag...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	191.00
08/22/2024	8796	Fisher's Rental	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,996.40
08/22/2024	8797	Frontier	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	428.14
08/22/2024	8798	Full Landscaping	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	15,200.00
08/22/2024	8799	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,737.84
08/22/2024	8800	Kuzans Hardware	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	5,468.27
08/22/2024	8801	Longhorn Landscape	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,500.00
08/22/2024	8802	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,349.91
08/22/2024	8803	Manderbach Ford Inc	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,261.47
08/22/2024	8804	MET-ED	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	295.72
08/22/2024	8805	Miller Municipal Su...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,892.60
08/22/2024	8806	New Enterprise Ston...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	27,409.46
08/22/2024	8807	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	38,655.74
08/22/2024	8808	Ontelaunee Township	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	5,476.59
08/22/2024	8809	Ronnie Folk	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	11,710.00
08/22/2024	8810	RTC	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	253.14
08/22/2024	8811	Summit Valley Outd...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	5,207.84
08/22/2024	8812	Thren's Auto	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	19.98
08/22/2024	8813	Twenty First Century	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	175.91
08/22/2024	8814	Twiford Electrical Se...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	16,376.00
08/22/2024	8815	UGI Utilities, Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	20.00
08/22/2024	8816	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	17,256.00
08/22/2024	8817	Wex - Sunoco Fleet ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,085.07

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

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to approve the July financial report, all yes.

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

Correspondence

1. our engineer's monthly report
2. NBRP monthly report
3. code enforcement report and copies of letters sent to residents
4. our trash and recycling totals
5. our chlorine totals for the month
6. our water report
7. minutes from the NBRP
8. a letter from the Epting developers extending the approval date for their project until December 18, 2024.

Mayor - Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. All is good
2. the Mayor's conference we recently attended was really good
3. we have been researching DCED training for grants
4. we attended a SV Library ice cream social on August 9
5. our new edition of our Leesport Reporter will be distributed shortly
6. we will be attending several meetings to obtain more information for our town
7. September 6 and 7, are our Community Days
8. we will be a guest reader at our library soon
9. NNO will be held September 24, at the Berks County Fair Grounds on County Welfare Road

Committee Reports

Sewer - Madeira reported the following:

1. all is running good at this time
2. we met last evening
3. we had Kurt Dahms, a representative from Americold, at our meeting asking for a reduction in their sewer rates
4. our solicitor is working on the agreement with Bern Township

Code Enforcement – Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file

Police – Strause reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. our NNO will be held September 24, from 6 to 8 P.M. with fire works at the Berks County Fair Grounds in Bern Township

Fire Company - Kenny Quell reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. a letter was sent in to the county committing to hosting the voting venue again this fall
3. we received a grant along with other fire companies for equipment
4. we have begun the preparations for our 125th Anniversary
5. our banquet will be held October 4

Engineer – Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We will need a temporary easement for the proposed SV Water line
3. We will contact the state regarding fixing 2 catch basins on Main Street
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 system
7. We are inquiring with the state regarding preemptive control for our Fire and EMS for the traffic lights
8. We will meet with the borough's water operator regarding procedures
9. We will be contacting the state regarding our water valves on #61
10. We are having a continual problem with Frontier, they have not received permits nor have they given the borough a performance bond for their work
11. we will be moving forward with our plan to have the line televised at the Lockhouse
12. A motion was made by Goetz and seconded by Moyer to approve the Epting Project extension to December 18, 2024, all voted yes.

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

1. We are working on our Well Head Protection Draft Ordinance
2. A draft ordinance amendment to our zoning ordinance has been distributed to council for review regarding poultry inclusion...the ordinance will also include a registration and making aware of good education information available for the keeping of poultry, the draft has been reviewed by the Berks County Planning Commission and our Planning Commission ...a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to advertise the ordinance, all voted yes
3. Our Parking Ordinance has been advertised..opening the floor to the public and hearing no comments, the floor was closed, a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Moyer to pass Ordinance #490 amending Ordinance # 365, all voted yes
4. our solicitor will be preparing an agreement with our fire company and our recreation board concerning the use of designated tax monies and the procedures for presenting their requests

Recycling – Goetz reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. our engineer is preparing an addendum for the contract continuance for our recycling with Cougles

Building and Properties – Moyer reported the following:

1. Our security system will be completed shortly
2. we had new window treatments installed by Lowes
3. we are working with TMobile with regards to hot spots

Memorials – Goetz reported the following:

1. all is going well

Recreation – Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We have installed gates at the entrance to the ball fields and the SRGW trail
3. We have completed the basketball courts with the installation of the new poles
4. A thank you to our men for all their hard work to the recreation area
5. Our income has been down this season
6. Our rentals have been good
7. A special thank you to our councilman Walborn for all his help
8. the storm damage to the ball field concession stand was not covered by our insurance or the SV League's insurance because of its condition, we had planned to have the roof replaced, but will hold off and perhaps consider a new shed instead
9. our pool closes after Labor Day
10. the ball tournament, held by the Weyandt Family, will donate the profits to our roof project for our stage

Water and Municipal Authority- Walborn reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Well Head Protection Ordinance is being worked on by our solicitor
3. Our RAFA system has been installed and we are in the trial stage with the operation..our men have had the program installed on their private phones.. There was discussion from our engineer and licensed operator regarding the water pressure in our CL17 test line, needing to have a higher pressure to keep the chlorine active in the line for the periodic tests...the higher pressure is causing the waste water to pond at our French drains.....after much discussion, it was decided to have a smaller test line installed at the wells to try to keep the chlorine in the line more stable while not allowing the waste water to pond at the French drains....we will revisit the issue after the smaller test lines are installed
4. We will reimburse our men \$20 a week each for using their personal cell phones, a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Moyer to reimburse our men \$20 weekly for the use of their cell phones to run our water system, all voted yes
5. Our engineer has prepared specs for the SV water line
6. We have applied for a permit from DEP to operate our new chlorine reading system
7. We will meet with our engineer and water operator regarding procedures

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Folk has completed our hot patching....we have quotes to repair Butcher Alley for \$16,275 and N. Canal St for \$19,670... plus the material from NESL under costars....a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Walborn to have Folk make the repairs to both streets for the quoted figures, all voted yes
3. We will get a quote in spring to do all our stop pads
4. We have information about AI's for trucks for road's inspections
5. We have had our weeds in the streets sprayed, they will be sprayed again for missed areas and regrowth
6. We will look into leasing a backhoe for a year at a time if we do not get the recycling grant

Unfinished Business

1. We have an assistance agreement and resolution prepared by our solicitor with Ontelaunee Township..a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Walborn to sign the agreement, all voted yes ..A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Goetz to sign the resolution, our designated representative will be our road's foreman, all voted yes

New Business

1. Our fire company will be coming to council later this fall regarding some future purchases
2. Our NNO was cancelled due to weather and has been rescheduled for September 24, 6 to 8 P.M.
3. Our fire company has notified the county that they will again host the election event this fall.

Good and Welfare

1. Our MMO for our 2025 pension plan will be \$10,567
2. our trash receptacles at our SRGW trail are missing, we have ordered 2 more

An executive session was called on real estate and possible litigation at 7:16 P.M., they returned at 7:51 P.M.

The executive session was call on real estate and possible litigation..

A motion was made by Goetz and seconded by Walborn to adjourn at 7:51 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Attested _____