

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

February 19, 2025

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, Fronina, Strause, Goetz, Walborn, Moyer and Mayor David J. Reimer, Sr. Moquin was absent. Also present were MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Administrative Assistant Marga H. Row, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

Moment of Silence
Pledge to the Flag

FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 31, 2025

GENERAL

CHECKING	131.95
MM	71,012.48
CD	-

WATER

CHECKING	785.08
MM	79,135.41
CD I	-
CD II	-

STATE

CHECKING	195.35
MM	25,227.72

CODE ENFORCEMENT	3604.50
DISTRICT JUSTICE	1038.48

SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	-
Recreation-Rec Board	105,220.68
Payroll fund	925.38
Pension	394,376.15 (12/31/2024)

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

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Madeira to approve the January 2025, minutes, all yes.

BILLS PAID

02/19/25

STATE

02/20/2025	1650	American Rock Salt	2000 · Accounts Payable	7,782.23
02/20/2025	1651	Frontier	2000 · Accounts Payable	36.25
02/20/2025	1652	Met Ed	2000 · Accounts Payable	4,454.32
02/20/2025	1653	Telco Inc.	2000 · Accounts Payable	100.00

WATER

12,372.80

01/30/2025	4518	Summit Valley Outd...	2000 · Accounts Payable	17,826.23
02/20/2025	4519	Diversified Tech Corp	2000 · Accounts Payable	941.24
02/20/2025	4520	Elite Opps	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,000.00
02/20/2025	4521	Exeter Supply Inc.l	2000 · Accounts Payable	10,938.78
02/20/2025	4522	Fisher Rental	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,996.40
02/20/2025	4523	Highmark Blue Shiel...	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,653.44
02/20/2025	4524	Kuzans	2000 · Accounts Payable	3,000.00
02/20/2025	4525	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,796.30
02/20/2025	4526	MET-ED	2000 · Accounts Payable	4,341.00
02/20/2025	4527	New Enterprise Ston...	2000 · Accounts Payable	685.29
02/20/2025	4528	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	7,117.08
02/20/2025	4529	Summit Valley Outd...	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,577.22

63872.98

GENERAL

02/20/2025	8940	Adrienne Leshar	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	100.00
02/20/2025	8941	Am Trust	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,485.00
02/20/2025	8942	Amy Koller	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	50.00
02/20/2025	8943	Anthony Gigliotti	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	50.00
02/20/2025	8944	Assoc of Mayors of ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	60.00
02/20/2025	8945	Berks County Conser...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	800.00
02/20/2025	8946	Berks County Treasu...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	281.46
02/20/2025	8947	Berks Soil & Stone	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	835.00
02/20/2025	8948	Cougles Recycling Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,026.60
02/20/2025	8949	Elan Financial Services	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	291.42
02/20/2025	8950	Element Risk Manag...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	14,667.00
02/20/2025	8951	Emma Sell	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	100.00
02/20/2025	8952	Francis L. Werley Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	979.43
02/20/2025	8953	Frontier	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	475.24
02/20/2025	8954	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	760.00
02/20/2025	8955	Heath Chimics	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	100.00
02/20/2025	8956	Kantners Tire Service	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	40.00
02/20/2025	8957	Kinley Ford Co	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	198.17
02/20/2025	8958	Kris Wholaver	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	324.00
02/20/2025	8959	Longhorn Landscape	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,500.00
02/20/2025	8960	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,093.55
02/20/2025	8961	Melissa Strause	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	340.26
02/20/2025	8962	MET-ED	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	846.46
02/20/2025	8963	Michael Ruppert	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	50.00

02/20/2025	8964	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	41,897.79
02/20/2025	8965	Office Basics	200.20	Accounts Pay...	154.21
02/20/2025	8966	Onsolve LLC	200.20	Accounts Pay...	441.93
02/20/2025	8967	Pa Assoc of Mun Ad...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	150.00
02/20/2025	8968	PSAB	200.20	Accounts Pay...	284.00
02/20/2025	8969	Ronnie Folk	200.20	Accounts Pay...	7,920.00
02/20/2025	8970	RTC	200.20	Accounts Pay...	253.14
02/20/2025	8971	Schlegel	200.20	Accounts Pay...	375.00
02/20/2025	8972	Steven Knappenburger	200.20	Accounts Pay...	50.00
02/20/2025	8973	T Mobile	200.20	Accounts Pay...	92.40
02/20/2025	8974	Threns	200.20	Accounts Pay...	457.82
02/20/2025	8975	Twenty First Century	200.20	Accounts Pay...	179.79
02/20/2025	8976	UGI Utilities, Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	60.00
02/20/2025	8977	United Concordia Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	327.96
02/20/2025	8978	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	17,794.39
02/20/2025	8979	Wendy Hess	200.20	Accounts Pay...	100.00
02/20/2025	8980	Wex - Sunoco Fleet ...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,384.52
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A motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Walborn to approve the February bills, all yes.

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

A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Madeira to approve the January 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 Epting extending their land development plan to June 19, 2025

Guests

1. Representatives, Ryan and Elaine Strause of the Lockhouse Foundation, regarding a plan to unearth the canal walls along the side of the lockhouse..rough sketches were given to our engineer, code's officer and our solicitor....a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to allow excavation to unearth the walls of the old canal along side of the Lockhouse..... all voted yes, motion carries 6-0
2. Elaine thanked council for all the kind thoughts and tributes given for her late husband, Richard Strause

Mayor - Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. Town Updates
2. all is well in the borough
3. our men did a great plowing job again on our roads
4. the PSAB training was good last month
5. we have again entered our Leesport Reporter in the PSAB literary contest....hope we win
6. there will be a "Meet the B C Commissioners" on April 16

Committee Reports

Police – Strause reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we received a check for \$55 for parking tickets in the borough
3. all is running good

Fire Company

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we are preparing for our 125th anniversary

NBEMS – Moyer reported the following:

1. we had some truck issues over the weekend
2. we will be meeting with Leesport and Maiden creek regarding our EMS services on March 6, at 5 P.M.

Sewer – Madeira reported the following:

1. all is running good at this time

Code Enforcement – Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. our hearing will be shortly regarding a resident
3. Century Cabinetry will be applying for variances to our Zoning Hearing Board

Engineer – Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We have no updates for the SV Water line grant
3. We are inquiring with the state regarding preemptive controls for our Fire and EMS for the traffic lights, they require radar sensor loops at the three lights with detection heads for an additional \$60,000 (about \$20,000 each)..a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Madeira to have our engineer move forward with a grant application to include the radar loops at the three lights, all yes motion carried 6-0.
4. We met recently with representatives from Frontier regarding the \$25,000 bond, they will be finished by April
5. We are discussing a plan of action for the Lockhouse's water issues and to meet with Eshelman Bus Company regarding relining Water Street

Solicitor

1. all is good
2. all is quiet for now

Recycling – Goetz reported the following

1. Monthly Report
2. we will be contacting the fence company regarding a fence for our recycling yard

Building and Properties – Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. all is good for now and our security system fobs are working

Recreation – Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We need to replace our concession stand at the ball field....
we have several options...the season begins in one month, they will remove their items, and the fire company will have a practice for our young fire fighters to enter structures....we met with the railroad maintenance crew regarding the encroachment at the rear of the building, a retaining wall was proposed
3. We are considering removing the two old pavilions and purchasing new equipment at the playground for this spring..
4. we are getting quotes to put a roof on the new stage..
5. We are considering hiring a year round recreational manager..we will set up a meeting with the borough personnel committee for direction
6. we will be doing our summer contracts shortly and we will be asking them to help with volunteering for events
7. our pool opens between May 5 and 9

8. we have lights that were donated that we will have installed, the VoTech Center will be making brackets for us
9. the SVLL may need a temporary concession stand for this season

Memorials – Goetz reported the following:

1. all is going well

Water and Municipal Authority – Walborn reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we have arranged to have our reservoirs televised for maintenance
3. we are getting a quote to have our large reservoir's roof replaced

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Our men have finished replacing the storm water pipe on Shackamaxon St from Butcher Alley to behind the driveway of Growmark and will begin the block from #61 to Butcher Alley shortly
3. we are getting a quote to stop Scott Drive water runoff to resident back yards on N. Centre Ave
4. we are preparing a list of road work for this spring, including the new lot purchased from the Emery family
5. we need a new salt box, we will be getting quotes
6. We will be looking for quotes to have our street cinders cleaned up this spring, we will be contacting Hamburg Borough
7. We will be getting quotes to have our stop bars painted at the stop signs..
8. we will be looking into purchasing a new truck for next year

Unfinished Business

1. we have a letter from the Eptingt Developers to extend their plan until June 19, 2025, a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Fronina to accept their extension , all yes.....,motion carried 6-0

New Business

1. a motion was made to appoint Dennis Chelius to the sewer authority until 2030, by Madeira and seconded by Moyer, all yes, motion carried 6-0
2. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to appoint Chris Rios to the Recreation Board until 2026...all yes, motion carried 6-0
3. Chris Rios was invited to attended our AdHoc and Council meetings and stay for our Water Authority meeting next month
4. a motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Moyer to appoint Wendy Griffith to our recreation Board until 2030, all yes, motion carried, 6-0

EMC – Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. all is good

Good and Welfare

1. Councilman Walborn reported on a “Safe Transaction Zone” currently used in Lower Heidelberg Twp, we will mention it to our police

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Moyer to adjourn at 7:16 P.M., all yes, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Attested _____