

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

January 19, 2022

The meeting of the Council of the Borough of Leesport was called to order by Councilman Ronald Strause on the above date for the Leesport Borough Council, 27 S. Canal Street, Leesport PA, 19533, in the Leesport Fire Company Social Hall, 11 S. Canal Street, Leesport PA 19533, at 7 P.M. Present were Maderia, Reimer, Walborn, Strause, Moquin and Moyer. Also present were Manager Secretary Treasurer **Sandra L.** Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Christopher Hartman.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

Solicitor Christopher Hartman, Esq., explained for the public and the minutes, that council would have to rescind the motions to appoint the Mayor and Councilperson because according to the Sunshine Law, interviews for the positions would have to be in public and not in executive session.

1. A motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Moquin to rescind the appointment of Charles Berger for mayor, all yes.
2. A motion was made by Reimer and seconded by Moyer to rescind the appointment of Thomas Fronina for councilperson, all yes.

At this time, interviews were held for the appointment of Mayor of Leesport Borough:

- a. Charles Berger explained to council his desire to be the Mayor of Leesport Borough and his intentions to serve the people of our town.

At this time, interviews were held for the appointment of a councilperson. We have two candidates for councilperson, Lois Berg and Thomas Fronina.

- a. Lois Berg thanked council for the opportunity to be considered for the position, but at this time, would like to withdraw her name for personal reasons.
- b. Thomas Fronina explained to council his desire to be a councilperson of Leesport Borough and his intentions to serve the people of our town.

Councilman Strause asked the public if there were any comments or questions, hearing none, the floor was closed to the public.

A motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Madeira to appoint Charles Berger to the position of Mayor of Leesport Borough until 2024, all yes.

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Reimer to appoint Thomas Fronina as councilperson for Leesport Borough until 2024, all yes.

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Reimer to ratify the motions previously made as follows:

- a. Strause as President of Leesport Borough
- b. Reimer as Vice President of Leesport Borough
- c. Moyer as President Pro Temp of Leesport Borough
- d. Charles Moody as Vacancy Board Chairman of Leesport Borough

The motions were ratified.

A motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Walborn to ratify the motion previously made as follows:

- a. Reimer as our Emergency Management Coordinator

The motion was ratified.

At this time, the regular January 19, 2022, meeting of Leesport Borough began. Councilpersons present were Moyer, Reimer, Strause, Madeira, Moquin, Walborn and Fronina. Also present was Mayor Berger (on zoom).

A motion was made by Reimer and seconded by Moquin to approve the December minutes, January bills, December financial report and December budget, all yes.

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to approve the Reorganizational minutes, 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 monthly water report and monthly chlorine report
6. an invitation to the BC Public Libraries System Awards on February 1, 2022, on zoom, to receive an award for Leesport Borough Council being the winner of the Outstanding Elected Officials Award

Guests

1. two residents of N. Schuylkill Avenue with complaints of the actions of their neighbor, Chief Keiser and Code Enforcement Officer Pflum will follow up
2. Elaine Strause representing the Lockhouse, explained
 - a. their trip to the local school regarding Williamsburg presentations for the 5th and 6th grade classes.
 - b. Also they have learned that they are eligible for a grant for paving the front of the Lockhouse on E. Wall Street
3. Lois Berg, a resident, commented regarding the trash folks deposit on S. Canal Street
4. a resident of N. Schuylkill Avenue asking council to address the noise coming from the area across the river from his home and the constant use of brake retarders (jig brakes). Also suggested acquiring the private property at the end of Water Street and pave it.

**BOROUGH OF LEESPORT
FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2021**

GENERAL	
CHECKING	2,025.55
MM	299,203.66
CD	31,832.55
WATER	
CHECKING	507.50
MM	305,158.68
CD I	47,924.73
CD II	41,514.77
STATE	
CHECKING	938.16
MM	55,365.36
CODE ENFORCEMENT	2,092.00
DISTRICT JUSTICE	723.61
SPECIAL FUNDS	
Sesquicentennial Fund	13,762.83
Recreation-Rec Board	53,948.76
Payroll fund	973.45
Pension	342,688.06 (11/30/2021)

BILLS PAID

19-Jan-22

STATE

01/21/2022	1541	Frontier	2000 · Accounts Payable	20.47
01/21/2022	1542	Met Ed	2000 · Accounts Payable	4,100.00
01/21/2022	1543	New Enterprise & St...	2000 · Accounts Payable	924.88
01/21/2022	1544	Telco Inc.	2000 · Accounts Payable	239.30

5284.65

WATER

01/21/2022	4027	Aquaflow Pump & S...	2000 · Accounts Payable	509.06
01/21/2022	4028	Hartman Valeriano ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	992.57
01/21/2022	4029	Keystone Engineerin...	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,053.50
01/21/2022	4030	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 · Accounts Payable	445.00
01/21/2022	4031	MET-ED	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,500.00
01/21/2022	4032	Pa Rural Water	2000 · Accounts Payable	470.00
01/21/2022	4033	Reading Eagle Co	2000 · Accounts Payable	187.30
01/21/2022	4034	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,046.50
01/21/2022	4035	T. A . Duffey	2000 · Accounts Payable	3,131.00
01/21/2022	4036	VIST Financial Corp.	2000 · Accounts Payable	230,000.00

241334.93

GENERAL

01/21/2022	8002	Anderson Ins Co., Inc	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	20,018.00
01/21/2022	8003	BC Planning Commi...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	300.00
01/21/2022	8004	Comcast	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	181.65
01/21/2022	8005	David J. Reimer, Sr	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	127.12
01/21/2022	8006	Frontier	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	254.83
01/21/2022	8007	Highmark Blue Shield	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,707.18
01/21/2022	8008	JDR Contracting, LLC	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,000.00
01/21/2022	8009	Kris Wholaver	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	100.00
01/21/2022	8010	Kuzans Hardware	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	304.61
01/21/2022	8011	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,542.96
01/21/2022	8012	MET-ED	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	630.00
01/21/2022	8013	Miller Municipal Su...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,919.20
01/21/2022	8014	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	34,340.52
01/21/2022	8015	Office Basics	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	370.59
01/21/2022	8016	Pa Mayors Assoc	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	60.00
01/21/2022	8017	Poster Compliance C...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	72.03
01/21/2022	8018	Rhoads Energy	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	224.27
01/21/2022	8019	Sams	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	167.94
01/21/2022	8020	Schuylkill Valley Co...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	67,356.00
01/21/2022	8021	Spotts, Stevens and ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	545.66
01/21/2022	8022	Southern States Bank...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,223.60
01/21/2022	8023	Twenty First Century	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	645.71
01/21/2022	8024	Twiford Electrical Se...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,251.75
01/21/2022	8025	UGI Utilities, Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	200.00
01/21/2022	8026	United Concordia Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	359.79
01/21/2022	8027	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	15,736.00

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Mayor - Charles Berger reported the following:

1. the snow plowing was done very well for the recent storms
2. a barbeque will be held for the super bowl
3. all in town is going well

Committee Reports

Sewer- Madeira reported the following:

1. all is working good
2. we are working on the parking lot's drainage
3. plant upgrade bids have been delayed to late spring...it is a \$1.6M project with Ontelaunee and Bern Townships sharing the cost

Code Enforcement- Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. monthly report on file
2. we have served a NOV to a resident on Union Street
3. we are cleaning up the town

Personnel – Reimer reported the following:

1. we will hold a Budget meeting on February 9, 2022, as advertised, after Adhoc meeting regarding our summer programs

Police- Strause reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we will be purchasing body and dash cameras
3. we have some new police commissioners

Engineer-Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Our monthly report is on file
2. MetEd will be completing their electrical work on the library next week

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

1. no new business at this time

Recycling – Fronina reported the following:

1. our totals are on file

Building & Properties- Moyer reported the following:

1. our Archives Library Room will be starting

2. our 2005 GMC dump truck is in the garage for repairs....it has rust on the under carriage and might not pass inspection..we should look for a replacement for it
3. we are able to use the Covid funds to purchase a new dump/plow truck according to our solicitor

Memorials – Strause reported the following:

1. our latest order of Hometown Heros’ banners has been ordered....the extra charge for ordering a smaller amount at a time has been covered by the Recreation Board

Water & Municipal Authority- Moquin reported the following:

1. our **totals are on file**

Roads and Lights-Maderia reported the following:

1. our Snow Emergency signs are up....we have six (6) more on order
2. our new stop signs are up and we have more on order

Recreation- Reimer reported the following:

1. we are preparing for the 2022 recreational season

Unfinished Business- Reimer reported the following:

1. We are researching details for a quarterly newsletter. The cost will be approximately \$1200 a quarter, using RTC Printing. We will have donations to cover the expenses; this will be a Rec Board initiative. We are planning to have our first issue by early summer.

Good and Welfare – Moyer reported the following:

There will be a Souper Bowl & Bake Sale at the SVHS Cafeteria on Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 12 P.M. to 3 P.M., take out only....please support this worthy cause.

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Moquin to adjourn at 8:11 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Attested _____