

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

OCTOBER 19, 2022

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 Reimer, Strause, Maderia, Moyer, Fronina, Walborn and Moquin. Absent was Mayor Charles Berger. Also present were MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

GENERAL

CHECKING	628.13
MM	663,565.43
CD	31,917.21

WATER

CHECKING	567.37
MM	74,203.13
CD I	48,117.44
CD II	41,592.75

STATE

CHECKING	718.70
MM	46,537.93

CODE ENFORCEMENT

889.00

DISTRICT JUSTICE

906.79

SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund

13,780.84

Recreation-Rec Board

100,544.06

Payroll fund

945.26

Pension

304,172.14 (8/31/2022)

BILLS PAID

19-Oct-22

STATE

10/21/2022	1570	American Rock Salt	2000 - Accounts Payable	5,004.87
10/21/2022	1571	Frontier	2000 - Accounts Payable	37.90
10/21/2022	1572	Met Ed	2000 - Accounts Payable	4,240.00
10/21/2022	1573	Telco Inc.	2000 - Accounts Payable	315.02
				9597.79

WATER

10/21/2022	4144	Coyne Chemical inc.	2000 - Accounts Payable	3,125.64
10/21/2022	4145	Highmark Blue Shiel...	2000 - Accounts Payable	5,452.29
10/21/2022	4146	Kris Wholaver	2000 - Accounts Payable	150.00
10/21/2022	4147	Kuzans	2000 - Accounts Payable	41.96
10/21/2022	4148	Longhorn Landscaping	2000 - Accounts Payable	2,500.00
10/21/2022	4149	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 - Accounts Payable	909.70
10/21/2022	4150	MET-ED	2000 - Accounts Payable	2,800.00
10/21/2022	4151	Office Basics Inc.	2000 - Accounts Payable	166.57
10/21/2022	4152	Ontelaunee Township	2000 - Accounts Payable	200.00
10/21/2022	4153	Pa Rural Water	2000 - Accounts Payable	504.00
10/21/2022	4154	Sam's Club Inc.	2000 - Accounts Payable	87.52
10/21/2022	4155	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000 - Accounts Payable	6,958.03
10/21/2022	4156	United Concordia-De...	2000 - Accounts Payable	327.96
10/21/2022	4157	VIST Financial Corp.	2000 - Accounts Payable	21,000.00
				44223.67

GENERAL

10/21/2022	8188	Alarm Tech Systems ...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	475.00
10/21/2022	8189	Berks Soil & Stone	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	10,000.00
10/21/2022	8190	Captain Clog	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	898.00
10/21/2022	8191	Frontier	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	324.55
10/21/2022	8192	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	3,240.00
10/21/2022	8193	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	3,758.46
10/21/2022	8194	MET-ED	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	510.00
10/21/2022	8195	Miller Municipal Su...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	65.50
10/21/2022	8196	New Enterprise Ston...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	293,960.76
10/21/2022	8197	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	34,340.52
10/21/2022	8198	PSAB	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	14,755.38
10/21/2022	8199	Rhoads Energy	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	416.07
10/21/2022	8200	Sandra L. Pascavage	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	42.00
10/21/2022	8201	Southern States Bank...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	1,171.00
10/21/2022	8202	Twenty First Century	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	440.04
10/21/2022	8203	Twiford Electrical Se...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	176.77
10/21/2022	8204	Union Fire Co. No. 1...	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	11,471.47
10/21/2022	8205	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20 - Accounts Pay...	16,360.00
				392405.52

A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Madeira to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes, all yes. A motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Reimer to approve the September 28, 2022, Budget meeting minutes, all yes. A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Moyer to approve the October bills, all yes. A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Walborn to approve the September financial report all yes. A motion was made by Reimer and seconded by Moquin to approve the September 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. **copy of a letter to PETA regarding a Right to Know request recently**
8. **a thank you note from the SVCL for our continued support**
9. **a review letter of the St Luke's Medical Office Building from the BCPC and from our engineer**
10. **a notice of a drought watch for Berks County from DEP**
11. **a paid loan letter from Tompkins Bank for our recent loan that was paid off**
12. **a letter from USDA regarding funds available for water/storm water projects**
13. **a newsletter from the Leesport Area Historical Society**
14. **Union Fire Company #1 of Leesport's financial report ending December 31, 2021**
15. **Leesport Borough Sewer Authority's financial report ending December 31, 2021**

16. **letter from the solicitor from Ontelaunee Township regarding the water service at the Epting development**
17. **copy of an invoice and email from Americold informing us they will be paying the additional tapping fee for their EDUs**
18. **a letter from DEP advising the borough that the drought watch for Berks County has been lifted**
19. **a letter from St Luke's Medical Center requesting water from the borough for their new facility on #61, they are requesting 1000 (6 edus) gpd**
20. **a copy of a quote sent to our insurance carrier for damage to our bucket truck recently**
21. **emails from Ryder Inc. and Lift Inc. informing the borough they will be changing their water meters at the borough's request because they are not reading properly**
22. **an email from the code enforcement officer for Ontelaunee Township informing the borough that they will not be issuing the U and O for Bob Cat until they pay their tapping fees to the borough**

Guests

1. Elaine Strause of the Historical Society and Leesport Lockhouse with their fall events that can be found on the borough's website.

Committee Reports

Sewer- Madeira reported the following:

1. all is working good

Code Enforcement- Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we are working with the solicitor regarding an inspection ordinance
3. we have sent out rental license letters to all landlords regarding disruptive tenants
4. we have taken 2 residents to the District Justice for violations
5. we have been asked by the auction owner for a permit for paving their lot

Police - Chief Keiser of the NBRP reported the following:

1. Our monthly report is on file
2. a motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Reimer to sign and adopt our new parking ordinance #481, the ordinance was advertised...the floor was opened to the public for questions, hearing none, the floor was closed, on a roll call vote, all voted for the motion.
3. we need a another vehicle
4. our 2023 Police Budget has passed
5. we will be adding 2 corporals
6. we should have our body cameras by next week

Fire Company – Ethan Moquin reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we will have a raffle in October
3. October 11 was our open house
4. we will be applying for another grant
5. we are looking to purchase a new truck
6. we will be observing Trunk or Treat

Recycling – Fronina reported the following:

1. our totals are on file

Engineer- Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. a motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Moyer to have our engineer apply for a water/catch basin grant, all yes...possibly another water connection for the schools.
3. our engineer and solicitor will be attending the Joint Leesport Ontelaunee Epting Remediation meeting on October 24, 2022.

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

1. Our solicitor will be preparing, for council's review, a draft ordinance of the updated 2018 Property Maintenance Code
2. the solicitor will also be preparing an ordinance dealing with inspections of properties that are reselling

Building & Properties- Moyer reported the following:

1. our Archives/Library is almost complete
2. the carpet is ordered for our office
3. repairs for the outside of the building will begin shortly
4. our smoke alarm system has been installed
5. the updates to our bathroom and closet will begin shortly
6. a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Moquin to have our bucket truck repaired, all yes

Memorials – Strause reported the following:

1. our banners are here and will be hung shortly
2. we have been in touch with our designer of our borough sign, he should have it back in place shortly at the bank and also the missing parts on our sign at the Memorial Park.

Water & Municipal Authority- Moquin reported the following:

1. our totals are on file
2. our solicitor is preparing our Well Head Protection Ordinance to be advertised and adopted
3. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Moquin to have our engineer write a letter to St. Lukes' project on #61 to approve their request for 1000 gpd (6 EDUs), all yes.
4. the supplier of water to the proposed Epting tract has not yet be decided between Leesport and Ontelaunee Twp water systems.

Roads and Lights-Madeira reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we will be having some work done on our trucks to have them prepared for the winter season shortly.
3. a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Moquin to approve the change order #1 for the contract with New Enterprise adding \$120,714.52 to the total cost, all yes.
4. a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Moyer to pay to New Enterprise \$293,960.82, all yes.

Recreation- Moyer reported the following:

1. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to appoint Betsy Moquin to the Rec Board until 2027, all yes.
2. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to appoint Stephanie Luckey to the Rec Board until 2024, all yes.

3. a motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Moyer to change the stage's location, all yes
4. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to waive land development for the construction of a new stage, all yes.
5. a motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Madeira for the borough to contribute to the construction of the stage \$12,000, after some discussion the motion and second was withdrawn.
6. a motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Madeira to contribute up to \$12,000 to match the Rec Board's donation for the construction of the stage, all yes, except Reimer voted no, motion carries 6-1.
7. we will have our tree lighting December 1st, 2022, we will be contacting the Fire Co also

Unfinished Business

1. Epting Remediation/Project...joint Leesport/Ontelaunee Twp., public meeting Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7 P.M., at the Leesport Auction.. public encouraged to attend
2. Ordinance to update the Property Maintenance Code to 2018 version, being prepared by our solicitor
3. Well Head Protection Ordinance being prepared by our solicitor and advertised
4. a motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Madeira to appoint Alexander Elliker, Esq.. as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. all yes.
5. An Intermunicipal Agreement with Ontelaunee and Bern Twps. for our Well Head Protection Ordinance, being worked on by our solicitor
6. a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Reimer to approve our 2023 Budget as advertised, all yes.
7. a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Moyer to amend the agenda to reapprove and resign the Williamsport Holdings (Lift/Dunkin Donuts) land development plans from 2016, all yes....they were not recorded in a timely manner.
8. a motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Moquin to have council and our Planning Commission resign the plans for the Williamsport Holdings' Land Development plans from 2016, all yes.

New Business

1. a motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Reimer to advertise our Tax Rate Ordinance # 482 for 2023 at 5.72 mils, all yes.

EMC – Reimer reported the following:

1. we have submitted our action plan to the county

Good and Welfare

1. Halloween Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2022, 6 P.M. to 9 P.M., with a curfew Friday, October 28, 2022, until Friday, November 4, 2022, we will have five police officers on duty.

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to adjourn at 8:21 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Attested _____