

# BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

MARCH 16, 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 Fire Company Social Hall, 11 S. Canal Street, Leesport PA 19533, at 7 P.M. Present were Madeira, Reimer, Walborn, Strause, Fronina and Moyer on zoom. Moquin was absent. Also present were Mayor Charles Berger on speaker phone, Manager Secretary Treasurer **Sandra L.** Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman.

A motion was made by Reimer and seconded by Madeira to approve tonight's meeting agenda as advertised, all yes

## FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 28, 2022

### GENERAL

CHECKING	830.18
MM	262,360.72
CD	31,851.69

### WATER

CHECKING	569.62
MM	120,574.59
CD I	47,953.54
CD II	41,532.40

### STATE

CHECKING	700.84
MM	45,767.82

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

DISTRICT JUSTICE	-
	272.45

### SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	13,768.67
Recreation-Rec Board	79,060.17
Payroll fund	976.78
Pension	339,348.78 (1/31/2022)

## STATE

03/18/2022	1548	First Energy	2000 · Accounts Payable	100.00
03/18/2022	1549	Frontier	2000 · Accounts Payable	36.87
03/18/2022	1550	Met Ed	2000 · Accounts Payable	4,000.00

**4136.87**

## WATER

03/18/2022	4048	American Continent ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,574.74
03/18/2022	4049	Delaware River Basi...	2000 · Accounts Payable	487.00
03/18/2022	4050	Kantners Tire Servic...	2000 · Accounts Payable	263.51
03/18/2022	4051	Kuzans	2000 · Accounts Payable	98.34
03/18/2022	4052	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 · Accounts Payable	284.85
03/18/2022	4053	MET-ED	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,330.00
03/18/2022	4054	Office Basics Inc.	2000 · Accounts Payable	88.40
03/18/2022	4055	On Solve	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,725.30
03/18/2022	4056	Pa Rural Water	2000 · Accounts Payable	210.00
03/18/2022	4057	Rhoads Energy	2000 · Accounts Payable	462.92
03/18/2022	4058	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	3,220.19
03/18/2022	4059	Summit Valley Outd...	2000 · Accounts Payable	15,995.49
03/18/2022	4060	T A Duffey	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,120.00
03/18/2022	4061	Twiford Electrical Se...	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,815.06
03/18/2022	4062	United Healthcare	2000 · Accounts Payable	734.30
03/18/2022	4063	VIST Financial Corp.	2000 · Accounts Payable	21,000.00
03/18/2022	4064	Well Care	2000 · Accounts Payable	38.70
03/18/2022	4065	WellCare	2000 · Accounts Payable	414.00

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## GENERAL

03/18/2022	8048	Anderson Ins Co., Inc	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	14,447.00
03/18/2022	8049	Animal Rescue Leag...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	488.50
03/18/2022	8050	Berks Co Conservati...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	700.00
03/18/2022	8051	Co of Berks Dept of ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	8,507.39
03/18/2022	8052	Comcast	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	181.65
03/18/2022	8053	County of Berks	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	203.52
03/18/2022	8054	EHD	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	293.00
03/18/2022	8055	Frontier	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	270.97
03/18/2022	8056	Highmark Blue Shield	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,707.18
03/18/2022	8057	Kris Wholaver	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	100.00
03/18/2022	8058	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,356.95
03/18/2022	8059	MET-ED	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	550.00
03/18/2022	8060	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	34,340.52
03/18/2022	8061	Southern States Bank...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	543.13
03/18/2022	8062	Stony Creek Rentals	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	74.25
03/18/2022	8063	Twenty First Century	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	383.87
03/18/2022	8064	United Concordia Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	359.79
03/18/2022	8065	USABLE Life	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	195.00
03/18/2022	8066	W.B. Mason	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	25.96
03/18/2022	8067	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	15,736.00

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A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Reimer to approve the February minutes, all yes. A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Fronina to approve the March bills, all yes. A motion was made by Reimer and seconded by Madeira to approve the February financial report all yes. A motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Walborn to approve the February 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 monthly water report and monthly chlorine report
6. an email from Aecon regarding a fiber optic line crossing the river

#### Guests

1. Elaine Strause, representing the Historical Society and the Lockhouse, reported that they will have an Open House at the Lockhouse on, April 2, 2022, 10 A.M. until 2 P.M., and also they are planning a Mother's Day Tea.
2. Duane Knoll of our Sewer Authority was present.

Mayor - Charles Berger reported the following:

1. the stop sign at Buttonwood and Spring Garden Street was knocked down, we will replace it.
2. our residents are happy with our men's plowing during the recent snow storms
3. we are all pleased with the police coverage in town

#### Committee Reports

Sewer- Madeira reported the following:

1. all is working good
2. we had a short meeting last month
3. we have applied for a ARF grant from the county for our upgrade, it was submitted by March 31, 2022

Code Enforcement- Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. it was a good month

Personnel – Reimer reported the following:

1. we will have a short Personnel Meeting after council meeting tonight

Police- Strause reported the following:

1. Chief Keiser is absent tonight
2. our monthly report is on file
3. we sold two (2) autos at auction and used the money we received for the autos to purchase specialty shields for our men
4. a recent grievance was settled
5. all is running good
6. our new administrative assistant is doing a good job
7. our National Night Out event will be August 2, 2022, from 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. at SVHS

Engineer-Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Our monthly report is on file
2. the Epting hearing has been tentatively postponed until May 19, 2022, they are going back to their original plan and are waiting for Ontelaunee's opinion, it will all probably be in the township
3. the SV Library addition is finished
4. we will be able to do the brake retarder study without any outside additional expense

Solicitor- Chris Hartman Esq., reported the following:

1. we will prepare a revised draft landlord/tenant ordinance with new fees for next month's discussion and possibly vote to advertise if approved by council

Recycling – Fronina reported the following:

1. our totals are on file

Building & Properties- Moyer reported the following:

1. our Archives Library Room has begun
2. we will have Twiford Electric rewire the ceiling wires to prepare the ceiling for drywall
3. we have obtained the proper permits from our building inspector
4. we have contacted ATS for a heat and smoke alarm system with two (2) 10# fire extinguishers using the system we already have at the borough hall...a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to spend up to \$1000 to have ATS provide the above system for our new Library Archives' Room, all yes

Memorials – Strause reported the following:

1. our banners are on order

Water & Municipal Authority- Walborn reported the following:

1. our **totals are on** file
2. we have appointed a tentative Steering Committee for our Well Head protection Program
  - a. Matt Walborn, Duane Knoll, David Reimer, Cody Madeira, Marty Goetz, Charlie Moody, Irene Reed, Kelly Burdick, Jason Newhard, Rhonda Hakundy, Chris Hartman
3. a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Reimer to ratify signing the resolution for application of an ARF grant from DCED for the purchase of generators for our well system, all yes
4. we will have our Water Authority meeting after council meeting

Roads and Lights-Madeira reported the following:

1. we have been discussing the replacement of the storm sewer pipe and also the resurfacing on Shackamaxon Street again
2. the state will be resurfacing #61 shortly throughout the borough from Arlington Street to #73
3. we will be resurfacing some of our roads shortly

Recreation- Reimer reported the following:

1. we are discussing the list of events for Community Days
2. the Conner Kleffel tournament will be shortly
3. it will cost \$1574 to open the pool this year
4. our pavilion rental fees will be the same as last year
5. we will be operating under the Pesticide License of Kay Pools this year
6. the SVUB will be beginning shortly
7. our pool house roof will be repaired this year
8. we will be hosting the YMCA playground program again this year for a cost of \$5000
9. we will have a slight increase in fees for the playground program this year
10. we will be replacing the sand filter for the pool for a cost of \$3771
11. we are getting prices for a new stage...could be a Berks VoTech project if we are able to arrange it
12. we are applying for a grant for landscaping development of the recreational area
13. we have sold many Newsletter ads
14. we have many applications for employees this year
15. at some point, we will consider transforming the parking lot grass area at the pool into a parking area
16. we are looking into if we would be able to have a "Beer and Wine Garden" at Community Days....we have sent our Ordinance to our solicitor to see if we would need a waiver according to our recreation area rules and regulations

Unfinished Business

1. a motion was made by Reimer and seconded by Madeira to sign the MOU agreement with the Berks County Conservation District for land development, all yes

Good and Welfare

1. Fiber Optic cable over river has been applied for by Aecon
3. we need to Submit an ARF monies' budget to the state by April 30
4. Grant for road's etc. project available  
Resolution – discuss..motion..vote
5. Schuylkill River Trail extension – a motion was made by Reimer and seconded by Walborn to write letters for Muhlenberg Township's intensions to apply for a grant to extend the trail in their jurisdiction
6. we will be contacting Industrial Maintenance to have their street sweeper clean up our cinders
7. we have a motion by Reimer and seconded by Moyer to have Longhorn Landscaping perform landscaping maintenance for the borough for twelve (12) months for \$2500 a month, beginning April 1, all yes
8. we will ask the SV Library when they plan to have their ribbon cutting ceremony for their new room and have all the folks that assisted with the project present for a photo

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Reimer to adjourn at 8:33 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_