

# BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

October 16, 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, Fronina, Strause, Moquin, Goetz, Walborn, Moyer and Mayor David J. Reimer, Sr. Also present were MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Engineer Jason Coyle, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

Moment of Silence  
Pledge to the Flag

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

### GENERAL

CHECKING	356.11
MM	209,969.13
CD	34,635.92

### WATER

CHECKING	544.21
MM	45,166.00
CD I	51,222.11
CD II	44,095.22

### STATE

CHECKING	89.03
MM	39,442.24

### CODE ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT JUSTICE

1,099.20
662.48

### SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	15,015.64
Recreation-Rec Board	112,586.55
Payroll fund	905.23
Pension	384,282.71 (8/31/2024)

A motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Walborn to approve the September 2024, minutes, all yes.

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

STATE					
10/17/2024	1639	Frontier	2000	Accounts Payable	36.01
10/17/2024	1640	Met Ed	2000	Accounts Payable	4,218.09
10/17/2024	1641	Telco Inc.	2000	Accounts Payable	341.70
					<b>4595.80</b>

WATER					
10/17/2024	4449	christopher C. Hemmig	2000	Accounts Payable	4,893.79
10/17/2024	4450	Elite Opps	2000	Accounts Payable	2,100.00
10/17/2024	4451	Fisher Rental	2000	Accounts Payable	2,996.40
10/17/2024	4452	Gen Serve	2000	Accounts Payable	1,564.29
10/17/2024	4453	Kris Wholaver	2000	Accounts Payable	180.00
10/17/2024	4454	Kuzans	2000	Accounts Payable	2,174.29
10/17/2024	4455	L/B Water	2000	Accounts Payable	488.65
10/17/2024	4456	Longhorn Landscaping	2000	Accounts Payable	2,500.00
10/17/2024	4457	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000	Accounts Payable	379.75
10/17/2024	4458	MET-ED	2000	Accounts Payable	3,265.37
10/17/2024	4459	Pa Rural Water	2000	Accounts Payable	556.00
10/17/2024	4460	Lift Inc	2000	Accounts Payable	710.63
10/17/2024	4461	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000	Accounts Payable	7,521.39
10/17/2024	4462	Suburban Propane	2000	Accounts Payable	107.77
10/17/2024	4463	Summit Valley Outd...	2000	Accounts Payable	3,267.51
10/17/2024	4464	Threns	2000	Accounts Payable	811.26
10/17/2024	4465	Twiford Electrical Se...	2000	Accounts Payable	11,862.29
10/17/2024	4466	V & M Towing	2000	Accounts Payable	263.75
10/17/2024	4467	Wex Co	2000	Accounts Payable	1,020.22

GENERAL					
10/17/2024	218	Southern States Bank...	408	PROFESSION...	2,283.28
10/17/2024	8845	Berks Co Conservati...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	500.00
10/17/2024	8846	Berks Soil & Stone	200.20	Accounts Pay...	2,087.00
10/17/2024	8847	Crime Alert	200.20	Accounts Pay...	500.00
10/17/2024	8848	Frontier	200.20	Accounts Pay...	434.45
10/17/2024	8849	George Ely	200.20	Accounts Pay...	2,176.00
10/17/2024	8850	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	2,536.50
10/17/2024	8851	Highmark Blue Shield	200.20	Accounts Pay...	5,653.44
10/17/2024	8852	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	3,965.58
10/17/2024	8853	Manderbach Ford Inc	200.20	Accounts Pay...	757.76
10/17/2024	8854	MET-ED	200.20	Accounts Pay...	793.73
10/17/2024	8855	Micro Air Computers...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	172.00
10/17/2024	8856	Miller Municipal Su...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	543.50
10/17/2024	8857	New Enterprise Ston...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	29,149.65
10/17/2024	8858	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	38,655.74
10/17/2024	8859	Office Basics	200.20	Accounts Pay...	116.52
10/17/2024	8860	PSAB	200.20	Accounts Pay...	11,881.25
10/17/2024	8861	Ronnie Folk	200.20	Accounts Pay...	11,955.00
10/17/2024	8862	Summit Valley Outd...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	10,153.48
10/17/2024	8863	UGI Utilities, Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	20.00
10/17/2024	8864	Union Fire Co. No. 1...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	11,394.14
10/17/2024	8865	United Concordia Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	327.96
10/17/2024	8866	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	17,256.00
					<b>153312.98</b>

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

A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Moyer 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. minutes from the NBRP**

Guests –

1. Elaine Strause of the Historical Society and Lockhouse Foundation
  - a. Announcing that October 25, there will be a bonfire at the Fall Fling and ghost stories at the Lockhouse
  - b. Openhouse, November 23, 10 to 4 pm and November 24, 12 to 3 pm at the Lockhouse
  - c. Harvest Moon, November 2, from 5 to 8 pm, with food and fun

Mayor - Mayor Reimer reported the following:

- 1. Town Updates**
- 2. We have persons opening cars and taking items on cameras early in the morning recently**
- 3. We have a recent report of an injured animal and a request from a resident to provide a service to accept injured animals ..a big thank you to Ann Wagner**
- 4. A presidential candidate will be coming to Reading**
- 5. We will have story time on October 27 at our library**
- 6. a big thank you to our men for the work they have done to the storm sewer on Schackamaxon St**
- 7. a thank you to Marga and Sandy for their work in our office**
- 8. we had a special board meeting on October 14, of the safety council**
- 9. we will be voting on November 5**
- 10. November 9, is our fire company banquet**
- 11. thank you to all who have helped us this past month**

### **Committee Reports**

Sewer - Madeira reported the following:

1. all is running good at this time
2. we met last evening
3. we sent a draft agreement to Bern Twp
4. we need two authority members

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. we recently had a short meeting and a longer executive session on personnel
3. we had a very good crowd for our NNO

Fire Company - Kenny Quell reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file

Engineer – Jason Coyle reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Updates for SV Water line grant..we will try to set up a meeting with the school
3. We are inquiring with the state regarding preemptive controls for our Fire and EMS for the traffic lights
4. We are having an ongoing problem with Frontier's residential disturbances...we have been in touch with several Frontier contacts
- 5.. We will begin excavating the storm sewer line for the Lockhouse's water issues...
6. We are in the test mode for the CL17s...
7. We have sent to DEP our first submission for the lead ruling

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

1. We are working on our Well Head Protection Draft Ordinance..we should have it ready to have a motion to advertise next month....only sites have changed to conditional uses to be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board
2. A draft ordinance amendment to our zoning ordinance has been advertised regarding poultry inclusion....the ordinance will also include a registration and making aware of good education information available for the keeping of poultry.....the floor was opened to the the public...Councilman Goetz objected to the passing of the ordinance..two residents, Avery Venegas and Harrison Rahn commented that they are in favor of the ordinance, the floor was closed....a motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Madeira to pass Ordinance #491 allowing five (5) hens, and no roosters, all voted yes, except Goetz voted no..motion passes 6-1
3. Our solicitor will be preparing an agreement/policy with our fire company and our recreation board concerning the use of designated tax monies and the procedures for presenting their requests....we have tabled the discussion until next month
4. We have advertised three (3) draft ordinances amending our current Ordinances #350..355 and 411, relating to recycling of yard waste.. The motions to pass the new ordinances are respectively as follows:
  - a. Ordinance #492 ...1. Fronina 2. Moqun, all yes
  - b. Ordinance #493....1. Madeira 2. Walborn, all yes
  - c. Ordinance #494....1. Walborn 2. Moyer, all yes

Recycling – Goetz reported the following

1. Monthly Report
2. We have submitted our application for a grant for starting up our recycling yard
3. Our recycling agreement extension has been approved by Cougles. We need to send them a change order... our engineer is handling..

Building and Properties – Moyer reported the following

1. Our security system will be completed shortly
2. we are working with TMobile with regards to hot spots
3. we have planned to replace the ball field concession stand in 2025..we are obtaining prices for cinder block compared to a pole building, our guys will do the work
4. we are planning also to have the stage sealed

Memorials – Goetz reported the following:

1. all is going well

Recreation – Moyer reported the following:

1. Our solicitor is preparing a policy to be used by our Recreation Board for the requesting and use of the 1 mil recreation tax
2. Our pool is closed for the season
3. We had a good season
4. Our payroll stayed in budget
5. We need to have additional fasteners installed in the concrete for the off season pool cover
6. our baby pool needs a pump
7. Kay Pools will be draining our pumps
8. Harvest Moon will be November 2
9. our guys will prepare the fire pit for the bon fire
10. Youth soccer will be hosting a Kauffman barbeque in the field on November 17
11. the Weyandt tournament donated \$10,000 to the cost of a stage roof
12. we have sold 52 bricks to date of the 500 needed for our stage
13. we will have a “Kids Christmas Party” on December 7
14. we will be hosing a “Lite Up Leesport” shortly
15. Halloween will be celebrated on October 31, 6 to 9pm
16. we will have our list of things to do shortly

Water and Municipal Authority – Walborn reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Well Head Protection Ordinance is being prepared
3. Our RAFA system has been installed at Wells # 3, 4 and 5 we are in the trial stage with the operation and the use of the CL 17s..our chairman has proposed that our licensed water operators do the testing with the CL17s instead of our guys. After a successful trial period, we can obtain our license with the state. A small diameter tube will enable good testing. This will save the expenses of overtime for our men going forth....there is no additional fees for Elite to check the CL17s. By next month we will have them up and operating properly
4. Our engineer has prepared specs for the SV water line

5. Our well #5 is pulling down too much lately, the springs in the area must be impacted..RAWA has declared drought conditions for Lake Ontelaunee
6. We have recently had generator issues at well #5

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. **Monthly Report**
2. **Folk has completed our pot hole patching**
3. **We are replacing some storm water drainage pipe on Shackamaxon St**
4. **The catch basin at 267 Main Street has been repaired/replaced, we will have the contractor come back to patch and seal around the catch basin**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **2025 draft budget ....motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Goetz to advertise now to pass in November, all yes.**
2. **Discussion on tax rate for 2025..... we will advertise in November, no increase for next year**
3. **Report to county by mid December, our tax values for 2025 after ordinance is passed for inclusion on the March 1, tax bills**

#### **New Business**

1. **Ontelaunee Twp has signed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the borough**

#### **EMC**

1. **we are having new property damage training**
2. **we discussed our Code Red, it is still good and working for us**

#### **Guests**

1. **Wendy Griffith of Main Street informed council of the actions of her neighbor**

An executive session was called at 7:39 P.M. on personnel...they returned at 7:49 P.M.

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Moyer to adjourn at 7:54 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_