

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

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, Maderia, Fronina, Walborn, Moquin, Moyer, Berger (Zoom)s and Strause. Also present were MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman.

FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 31, 2023

GENERAL

CHECKING	878.36
MM	277,040.56
CD	31,954.37

WATER

CHECKING	987.81
MM	142,639.19
CD I	48,301.16
CD II	41,782.91

STATE

CHECKING	269.58
MM	26,741.52

CODE ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT JUSTICE

1,473.50
378.76

SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	13,912.16
Recreation-Rec Board	95,061.59
Payroll fund	954.96
Pension	315,244.60 (12/31/2022)

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

A motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Reimer to approve the January 18, 2023, minutes, all yes.

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

BILLS PAID

15-Feb-23

STATE

02/17/2023	1582	First Energy	2000 · Accounts Payable	6,150.00
02/17/2023	1583	Frontier	2000 · Accounts Payable	38.39
02/17/2023	1584	Telco Inc.	2000 · Accounts Payable	363.45

6551.84**WATER**

02/17/2023	4185	Diversified Tech Corp	2000 · Accounts Payable	629.65
02/17/2023	4186	Highmark Blue Shiel...	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,452.29
02/17/2023	4187	L/B Water	2000 · Accounts Payable	728.19
02/17/2023	4188	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 · Accounts Payable	324.85
02/17/2023	4189	MET-ED	2000 · Accounts Payable	3,120.00
02/17/2023	4190	Summit Valley Outd...	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,824.00
02/17/2023	4191	Triangle Communica...	2000 · Accounts Payable	100.00
02/17/2023	4192	United Concordia-De...	2000 · Accounts Payable	640.77

16819.75**GENERAL**

02/17/2023	8279	Alarm Tech Systems ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	43.64
02/17/2023	8280	Anderson Ins Co., Inc	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	14,578.00
02/17/2023	8281	Animal Rescue Leag...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	611.00
02/17/2023	8282	Berks County Conser...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	500.00
02/17/2023	8283	Centerport Flower Sh...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	159.00
02/17/2023	8284	Comcast	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	231.65
02/17/2023	8285	Frontier	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	408.92
02/17/2023	8286	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,169.00
02/17/2023	8287	Kris Wholaver	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	225.00
02/17/2023	8288	Longhorn Landscape	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,500.00
02/17/2023	8289	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,245.84
02/17/2023	8290	MET-ED	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	660.00
02/17/2023	8291	Miller Municipal Su...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	390.00
02/17/2023	8292	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	38,685.02
02/17/2023	8293	Office Basics	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	513.28
02/17/2023	8294	PA Assn of Mun Ad...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	150.00
02/17/2023	8295	Rhoads Energy	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	496.53
02/17/2023	8296	Southern States Bank...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	600.67
02/17/2023	8297	SV Youth aseball	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	335.00
02/17/2023	8298	Truckco Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	5,000.00
02/17/2023	8299	Twenty First Century	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	889.47
02/17/2023	8300	Twiford Electrical Se...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,482.74
02/17/2023	8301	UGI Utilities, Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,600.00
02/17/2023	8302	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	16,864.00

93338.76

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

A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Moquin to approve the January budget, all yes.

Guests

1. Scott Zechman, owner of a car dealership on N. Centre Avenue, has a bucket truck for sale that he thought the borough might be interested in purchasing
2. Wendy Griffith, of Main Street, has made council aware of a problem at the rear of the homes at the lower end of Main Street, she was advised to talk with her attorney
3. Gregg Edelman Esq., solicitor for the Epting developers, asked council to approve the plans for the retention pond to be in the borough. Our solicitor explained we will not be approving the plan at this time until further information is presented.

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. **an email from DEP for the Act 2 Remediation for the Epting Development**
9. **an email from PennDot advising the submission for the scoping meeting application was withdrawn for the Epting Development**
10. **notice of intent to remediate for the Leesport Farmer's Market**
11. **Receipt for the filing of Ordinance #484 – International Property Maintenance Code with the Berks County Law Library**
12. **receipt of several applications for the Assistant Administrator's position**

Mayor – Mayor Berger reported the following:

1. speeding on Main Street is a problem

Committee Reports

Sewer- Madeira reported the following:

1. all is going good
2. we are in preliminary construction stage of our project
3. we will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from now on and it has been advertised
4. we are still dealing with Bern Township regarding their fees

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. 80 N. Centre Avenue has become a problem

Personnel – Reimer reported the following:

1. we have an employee that will be retiring the end of March
2. we are exploring enhancements of our current utility billing program
3. we have received several applications for the Assistant Administrator position

Police – Chief Keiser reported the following:

1. Our monthly report is on file
2. this will be the NBRP's 25th anniversary this year
3. we have a \$6,270 grant for the cameras
4. we now have a computerized evidence control
5. we will have 2 new officers in 2023 and 2 corporals
6. we have ordered new guns that should be here shortly
7. we will have our Ford Explorer on the street in May
8. we will have MOUs with the officers' union regarding the vehicles GPS
9. we are working on the NNO for next year with Bern Township and Shoemakersville Borough

Fire Company – Ethan Moquin reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. our barbeque sales were very good with online sales, we had orders for 1700
3. our bingo program is doing very well
4. we will be replacing our engine soon
5. we will have our rescue engine for sale

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. we are waiting for word regarding our MS4 grant we applied for to install a new SV School water line, we have asked the school to help with the matching funds
3. a motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Moyer to have our engineer apply for a loan of \$3M from the Pa Infrastructure Fund for 3.25 % interest for our upcoming road project, all yes.
4. we are having a drainage problem on Canal and Wall Streets, we will be walking the area

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

1. we are working on several new ordinances for the borough
2. we have a Joint Comprehensive Plan with Ontelaunee Townships...Ontelaunee will be rezoning 500 acres from residential to agricultural for land preservation...we will be amending our Joint Comprehensive Plan
3. we are working with the code enforcement officer on a checklist to present to council for the re-inspections for property resales

Building & Properties- Moyer reported the following:

1. our Archives/Library is almost complete
2. the carpet is ordered for our office
3. our outside windows have been capped
4. the siding and stairs will begin shortly
5. the updates to our bathroom and closet will begin shortly
6. we are working on installing new windows at the pool's concession stand

Memorials –Strause reported the following:

1. we have a Hometown Hero's banner that has been damaged in the wind
2. our two borough's signs need repair and new finials at the tank, the electric has been repaired at the bank sign

Water & Municipal Authority- Moquin reported the following:

1. our totals are on file
2. we are reviewing our Well Head Protection Plan and proposed Ordinance to be advertised
3. we are reviewing an agreement with Bern and Ontelaunee Twps., regarding the well head protection ordinance
4. our solicitor is suggesting we make this ordinance part of our Zoning Ordinance and is working with our engineer and code enforcement officer

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report is on file
2. We have planned for our engineer to visit a drainage problem on Canal St and to review the condition on W. Shackamaxon St
3. We are trying to contact the owner of the corner on Water Street to purchase the land
4. we should have quotes for line painting shortly
5. we have found a possible replacement for our bucket truck
6. We recently had a joint meeting with Ontelaunee regarding the Epting use of Hafer Drive
7. Our bucket truck is still nonoperational
8. We will have a joint traffic study prepared regarding the Epting Development with Ontelaunee
9. Met Ed is having tree trimming/removals done by ECI, an environmental company beginning next week
10. We have an email from PennDot advising that Epting Scoping Meeting Application has been withdrawn
11. Longhorn Landscaping contract will expire March 31, 2023...a motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Madeira to continue their contract until March 31, 2024, all yes

12. Shackamaxon St sinkholes were checked by Chris, our foreman...he said they are from the concrete storm drain and can be filled in..we have contacted a contractor to check the project
13. PennDot has covered the third yellow line on Main Street
14. We have asked PennDot to allow a no left turn sign to be put on E. Shackamaxon Street at #61
15. we have found a possible replacement bucket truck for purchase

Recreation- Fronina reported the following:

1. all is going very well and we are making our plans for the playground and pool improvements for this coming season
2. we will be looking into updating or constructing a pool office and shower
3. we will be installing new windows in the concession stand
4. we have contract for the construction of a stage at our playground
5. we will have the YMCA do our summer program again this year, we will be asking the borough to pay \$1000
6. the newsletter will now be the borough's project
7. we are working on some new projects

Unfinished Business –

1. 133 N. Centre Avenue (old bank) attended our PC meeting asking for a waiver of land development....they were told they needed to submit land development plans with the proper fees...
2. Well Head Protection Ordinance .. in progress
3. Trucks' brakes' noise ordinance....being worked on by our solicitor and codes officer
4. Intermunicipal Agreement with Ontelaunee and Bern Twps. for our Well Head Protection Ordinance....still being worked on
5. Real Estate Reinspection Ordinance being worked on by our code officer and solicitor

New Business

1. the proposed car wash aside of Dunkin Donuts has withdrawn their Zoning Hearing application for a variance

EMC – Reimer reported the following:

1. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Walborn to adopt and sign Resolution # 255-2023, for our updated Emergency Management Plan, all yes

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Moquin to adjourn at 8:13 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Attested _____