

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

JANUARY 18, 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 and Strause. Absent was Mayor Berger. Also present were MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman.

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2022

GENERAL

CHECKING	321.63
MM	336,672.77
CD	31,945.37

WATER

CHECKING	521.97
MM	116,780.38
CD I	48,254.41
CD II	41,618.69

STATE

CHECKING	196.89
MM	30,940.77

CODE ENFORCEMENT	3,398.50
DISTRICT JUSTICE	1,279.29

SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	13,868.80
Recreation-Rec Board	94,146.24
Payroll fund	936.48
Pension	325,114.50 (11/30/2022)

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Walborn 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 December 21, 2022, minutes, all yes.

BILLS PAID

18-Jan-23

STATE

01/20/2023	1580	First Energy	2000 · Accounts Payable	4,090.00
01/20/2023	1581	Frontier	2000 · Accounts Payable	37.33
				4127.33

WATER

01/20/2023	4176	Anderson Insurance ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	20,219.00
01/20/2023	4177	Hartman Valeriano ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,266.50
01/20/2023	4178	Kris Wholaver	2000 · Accounts Payable	150.00
01/20/2023	4179	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 · Accounts Payable	179.85
01/20/2023	4180	MET-ED	2000 · Accounts Payable	3,320.00
01/20/2023	4181	Petty Cash-Sandra L...	2000 · Accounts Payable	240.00
01/20/2023	4182	Rhoads Energy	2000 · Accounts Payable	463.29
01/20/2023	4183	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,186.79
01/20/2023	4184	Summit Valley Outd...	2000 · Accounts Payable	7,509.21
				39534.64

GENERAL

01/20/2023	8258	Animal Rescue Leag...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	611.00
01/20/2023	8259	Berks County Planni...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	300.00
01/20/2023	8260	Comcast	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	231.65
01/20/2023	8261	Frontier	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	400.84
01/20/2023	8262	Highmark Blue Shield	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	5,452.29
01/20/2023	8263	Kantners Tire Service	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	537.02
01/20/2023	8264	Kuzans Hardware	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	103.95
01/20/2023	8265	Longhorn Landscape	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,500.00
01/20/2023	8266	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	3,399.76
01/20/2023	8267	MET-ED	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	810.00
01/20/2023	8268	Miller Municipal Su...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	127.00
01/20/2023	8269	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	38,685.02
01/20/2023	8270	Office Basics	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	847.02
01/20/2023	8271	Southern States Bank...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,444.78
01/20/2023	8272	Storks Auto Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	126.14
01/20/2023	8273	Thren's Auto	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	324.14
01/20/2023	8274	Twenty First Century	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,666.85
01/20/2023	8275	Twiford Electrical Se...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	3,462.03
01/20/2023	8276	UGI Utilities, Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	400.00
01/20/2023	8277	United Concordia Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	327.96
01/20/2023	8278	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	16,864.00
				78621.45

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

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

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Walborn to approve the December 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. a copy of a letter to Ontelaunee Twp from the Epting Developers informing them that they have submitted a Remedial Investigation/Risk Assessment/Cleanup Plan to the DEP**
- 8. copies of letters sent to Dollar General, Peachtree (funeral home), Growmark, and the Brickel Properties (Schoolside Plaza) regarding their meters not recording properly and to have the meters changed**
- 9. minutes from the NBRP**
- 10. a thank you letter from the NBEMS thanking the borough for the donation**

Mayor – Mayor Berger reported the following:

1. all looks good in our town

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. we have fined a resident on Degler Avenue
4. we have notified a resident on Elm St to remove their boat from the street
5. we have notified a resident on Grant Ave to remove their boat from the street
6. two cars on Main Street are not inspected and they have been notified
7. we cited a landlord on N. Centre Avenue
8. we still have two cars in the triangle that are out of inspection...the police are working on it
9. a waiver of land development has been denied for the property at 133 N. Centre Avenue (old bank building)

Personnel – Reimer reported the following:

1. we are looking into enhancing our utility billing program
2. we have an employee that will be retiring the end of March

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 had 7,646 calls in 2022
4. we added the body cameras
5. we have a \$6,270 grant for the cameras
6. we now have a computerized evidence control
7. we will have 2 new officers in 2023 and 2 corporals
8. we have ordered new guns that should be here shortly
9. we will be getting training shortly for the Stinger Spike system

Fire Company – Ethan Moquin reported the following:

1. our monthly and yearly reports are on file
2. we have applied for \$900,000 in grants along with several other fire companies
3. our bingo program is doing very well
4. our barbeque orders are coming in along with online orders...we also take credit cards now
5. we will be having a gun raffle

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 have submitted our application for the grant for the SV School District water line and have written to the school to ask their help with the matching monies the borough will owe
3. we have an estimated figure of \$3M to overlay all our roads and will consider loaning the funds
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 and Perry Townships...Ontelaunee will be rezoning 500 acres from residential to agricultural for land preservation...we will be amending our Joint Comprehensive Plan

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. our new banners we received are up, they were installed for us by a local business, they are too loose, they need more straps

Water & Municipal Authority- Walborn 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
5. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Moquin to increase our purchase of meters from 122 to 254 meters that are not reading, all yes.
6. we have not heard back from St Luke's regarding their water allocation
7. we are still dealing with Americold regarding their additional EDUs
8. we will be meeting with the Epting Developers shortly regarding their land development plans

Roads and Lights-Madeira reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. our engineer will visit a site on Canal St for a drainage issue and to review the storm sewer condition on W. Shackamaxon St
3. we have contacted a company for curb and line painting throughout the borough
4. we will approach the owner of the corner of Water Street and Shackamaxon Street to purchase the land....
5. our engineer is checking into a low interest loan for resurfacing our roads
6. our men will be gathering all the replacement signs to take to the scrap yard
7. we will be asking the state to recover the yellow line they eliminated on Main Street that has again reappeared due to the failing black paint
8. we will also be asking the state to put a broken yellow line at the sharp corner of W. Wall St and Railroad Avenue at the dance studio

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 will be paying one half of the SVUB's recent bill to replace and rewire the electric and outlets at the baseball concession stand

Unfinished Business –

1. Epting Project.... our PC gave them preliminary approval of the retention pond with conditions being met of SSM letter and the outcome of Ontelaunee's PC meeting, they will be attending our February
2. 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...
3. Well Head Protection Ordinance ..
4. Trucks' brakes' noise ordinance....
5. Intermunicipal Agreement with Ontelaunee and Bern Twps. for our Well Head Protection Ordinance....
6. Real Estate Reinspection Ordinance

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. all is working well

Good and Welfare - none

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Walborn to adjourn at 7:58 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Attested _____