

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

January 15, 2025

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, Goetz, Walborn, Moyer and Mayor David J. Reimer, Sr. Moquin was absent. Also present were MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Administrative Assistant Marga H. Row, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

Moment of Silence
Pledge to the Flag

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 Fronina and seconded by Walborn to approve the December 2024, minutes, all yes.

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

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

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Madeira 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. minutes from the NBRP

Mayor - Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. Town Updates
2. our men did a great job along with the contractor with our recent water main break on Miriam Avenue
3. they also did a great job with the recent snow plowing
4. our bidding threshold increased for 2025

5. we will be looking into incorporating green lights on our trucks
6. our men filled in the unfinished edge on Butcher Alley, where we need to do more with storm water drainage construction, before we have Ronnie Folk return to finish the blacktop
7. We recently attended our library board meeting
8. we have again entered the PSAB literature contest with our newsletter, hopefully we will win this time
9. we have sent some information to the Berks Magazine for publishing about Leesport

Committee Reports

Sewer - Madeira reported the following:

1. all is running good at this time

Code Enforcement – Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we filed a complaint against a resident on Main Street

Police – Chief Keiser reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we will be purchasing 2 new cars this year
3. our guys are getting training on our new tasers
4. we have 14 men now plus our chief
5. we have one retiring this spring and will be hiring another to replace him
6. the Schuylkill Valley High School is discussing hiring an officer
7. we are planning a kid's day in May

Fire Company - Kenny Quell reported the following:

1. our monthly and yearly report is on file
2. we will purchase a mini pumper, we will get it in 2026
3. we will have a new rescue engine by September 2025
4. we are planning a celebration for our 125th anniversary
5. next year at Community Days, there will be a judging of trucks in the library stone lot

Engineer – Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We have no updates for the SV Water line grant
3. We are inquiring with the state regarding preemptive controls for our Fire and EMS for the traffic lights, we will be applying for a grant
4. We met recently with representatives from Frontier regarding the \$25,000 bond, they will be finished by April
5. We are discussing a plan of action for the Lockhouse's water issues and to meet with Eshelman Bus Company regarding relining Water Street

Recycling – Goetz reported the following

1. Monthly Report
2. We were awarded the recycling grant to start up our recycling yard... we will need to make a decision of whether to use the grant for a purchase of a backhoe or just the fence and the other items....a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Goetz to obtain some clarification regarding the uses of the backhoe, all yes

Building and Properties – Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We have contacted our cameras' and security system installation tech regarding some issues, we have not heard back from them
3. our guys are doing a great job
4. we will take the ball field concession stand, that was damaged, down next week after our electrician and plumber disconnect the utilities
5. we will get quotes to replace the concession stand and retaining wall....we will talk with the railroad first
6. we are also getting quotes to have a roof put on our new stage
7. we will have starting blocks that will need to be installed before summer at our pool

Memorials – Goetz reported the following:

1. all is going well

Recreation – Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We need to replace our concession stand at the ball field.... we have several options...
3. We are considering removing the two old pavilions and purchasing new equipment at the playground for this spring
4. we are getting quotes to put a roof on the new stage..
5. We are considering hiring a year round recreational manager..
6. our men will be doing some concrete work at the pool before the summer
7. we have starting blocks that will need to be installed before the summer at our pool

Water and Municipal Authority – Walborn reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We have not heard back from L/B Water or Hach regarding the return of the RAFA and CL17s....a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Fronina to have our solicitor write letters to the two companies
3. we recently met with MetEd and Twiford Electric regarding the pole at well #1 that needs replacing...we were told the pole inside our fence is ours and that MetEd's pole is on the other side of the road...our service wires need replacing and we need to have MetEd replace our pole also....a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Madeira to have the work completed and to have our solicitor complete the paperwork for the right of way for MetEd to be filed in the courthouse

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. we are planning to finish the storm sewer work on Shackamaxon St this spring

Unfinished Business

The following appointments were made for 2025:.....

- a. Solicitor – Hartman, Valeriano & etal....1. Fronina 2. Moyer, all yes
- b. Engineer – SSM 1.Fronina 2. Walborn , all yes
- c. Code Enforcement Officer – LTL 1. Fronina 2. Moyer, all yes
- d. Earned Income Tax-/BEIT/LST Bureau 1. Madeira 2. Moyer, all yes
- e. Del PC Tax Coll- Berkheimer.1.Moyer 2.Walborn, all yes
- f. Del Real Estate Tax Coll – Berks Co. 1.Madeira 2.Moyer, all yes
- g. VISTfc (Leesport) Bank- depositor 1. Moyer 2. Fronina, all yes
- h. Planning Comm – Ann Semmel 2029 1.Madeira 2. Moyer, all yes
- i. Recycling Board – Charles Moody 2028 1.Moyer 2 Madeira, all yes
- j. Recreation Board –Carl Moyer - 2030 1.Goetz 2.Walborn, all yes

New Business

1. There are new council wages for new incoming council persons, we already use those figures
2. We will be collecting donations for Red Creek Rescue Center in honor of Dawson Mohl
3. We confirmed the sample ballot for the county for the upcoming election

EMC – Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. all is good
2. we have lots of training sessions lined up for the new year

NBEMS – Moyer reported the following:

1. we will have monthly reports going forth regarding the EMS

Good and Welfare

1. Our mayor thanked everyone for all they do for the borough

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to adjourn at 8:03 P.M., all yes, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Attested_____

