

# BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

**MARCH 20, 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 Maderia, Moyer, Strause, Goetz, Moquin and Walborn. Fornina was absent. Also present were Mayor David J. Reimer, Sr., MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Administrative Assistant Marga Row, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

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

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT FEBRUARY 29, 2024

### GENERAL

CHECKING	356.72
MM	32,368.33
CD	33,701.78

### WATER

CHECKING	1,340.96
MM	44,613.66
CD I	49,723.36
CD II	43,881.11

### STATE

CHECKING	221.13
MM	6,755.91

CODE ENFORCEMENT	2,879.50
DISTRICT JUSTICE	-

### SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	14,588.19
Recreation-Rec Board	96,288.20
Payroll fund	879.43
Pension	358,767.91 (1/31/2024)

## BILLS PAID

20-Mar-24

STATE				
03/21/2024	1619	Frontier	2000 · Accounts Payable	38.66
03/21/2024	1620	Met Ed	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,000.00
03/21/2024	1621	Telco Inc.	2000 · Accounts Payable	149.95
				<b>5188.61</b>
WATER				
03/21/2024	4354	American Continent ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,773.23
03/21/2024	4355	Delaware River Basi...	2000 · Accounts Payable	553.00
03/21/2024	4356	Elite Opps	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,100.00
03/21/2024	4357	Exeter Supply Inc.l	2000 · Accounts Payable	12,147.67
03/21/2024	4358	Fisher Rental	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,992.80
03/21/2024	4359	Highmark Blue Shiel...	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,436.46
03/21/2024	4360	Kantners Tire Servic...	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,264.00
03/21/2024	4361	L/B Water	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,532.11
03/21/2024	4362	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 · Accounts Payable	3,374.75
03/21/2024	4363	MET-ED	2000 · Accounts Payable	4,110.00
03/21/2024	4364	New Enterprise Ston...	2000 · Accounts Payable	824.55
03/21/2024	4365	Poster Compliance	2000 · Accounts Payable	74.15
03/21/2024	4366	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	6,181.26
03/21/2024	4367	Storks	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,060.00
03/21/2024	4368	Threns	2000 · Accounts Payable	507.33
03/21/2024	4369	Twiford Electrical Se...	2000 · Accounts Payable	480.00
03/21/2024	4370	United Concordia-De...	2000 · Accounts Payable	327.96
03/21/2024	4371	USAbLe Life Ins.	2000 · Accounts Payable	117.00
03/21/2024	4372	Well Care	2000 · Accounts Payable	473.40
				<b>53329.67</b>
GENERAL				
03/21/2024	8648	Albright College/CE...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	500.00
03/21/2024	8649	Armour Insulation	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	13,290.00
03/21/2024	8650	Berks Soil & Stone	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	835.00
03/21/2024	8651	Comcast	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	274.83
03/21/2024	8652	Cougles Recycling Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,948.80
03/21/2024	8653	Frontier	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	435.20
03/21/2024	8654	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,021.50
03/21/2024	8655	Holiday Outdoor Dec...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,548.65
03/21/2024	8656	Kuzans Hardware	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,779.13
03/21/2024	8657	Lift Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,018.77
03/21/2024	8658	Longhorn Landscape	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,500.00
03/21/2024	8659	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,176.64
03/21/2024	8660	MET-ED	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	820.00
03/21/2024	8661	NNN Reading	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	40.00
03/21/2024	8662	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	38,655.74
03/21/2024	8663	Onsolve LLC	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,025.45
03/21/2024	8664	RTC	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,560.00
03/21/2024	8665	Seal Master/Allentown	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,518.96
03/21/2024	8666	Spotts, Stevens and ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	490.50
03/21/2024	8667	Tompkins Financial	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	31,047.00
03/21/2024	8668	Twenty First Century	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	84.56
03/21/2024	8669	UGI Utilities, Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	3,010.00
03/21/2024	8670	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	17,256.00
03/21/2024	8671	Wex - Sunoco Fleet ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,276.98
				<b>132113.71</b>

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

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

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira 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 chlorine totals for the month**
- 6. our water report**
- 7. minutes from the NBRP**

### **Guests**

1. Heather Hanna, candidate for State House of Rep for District #5, introduced herself to council
2. Elaine Strause, representing the Leesport Lockhouse, asked council to endorse the purchase of State Historic Markers for Leesport for our numerous means of transportation, ie., canal, railroad and the #61 turnpike. There is no cost for the markers, they are provided by the William Pomeroy Foundation. A motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Moyer to endorse the Lockhouse Foundation acquiring three markers for our sites, all yes.
3. Elaine Strause also delivered a message for another resident, Marlis Dietrich, that the raising of the taxes is a financial burden for some residents.

Mayor – Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Town Updates
3. We will be celebrating "Keep America Beautiful" the end of this month
4. We recently had some under bridge graffiti, the state removed it
5. We will be adding some security to our office shortly
6. UGI will be repairing all the areas they dug up this spring

### **Committee Reports**

Sewer - Madeira reported the following:

1. We met last evening
2. The plant upgrades are almost completed
3. Bern Twp has not contributed to the cost of the upgrade, our solicitor is in touch with their solicitor

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 met recently
3. we are looking for a new venue for our NNO event
4. we will be voting on selling a used police car to Maidencreek Twp for \$1

Fire Company - Kenny Quell reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file

Recycling – Goetz reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We have paid Berks Soil & Stone for January and February and March
3. The county helped us find a yard waste recycler that reports to DEP
4. We have filed our county recycling report and will meet with the county and state regarding our #902 recycling grant for a backhoe and fence at the Agricultural Center on April 1, 2024
5. Our trash/recycling contract with Advanced Disposal, later purchased by Waste Management, was originally voted on at the time of the bid award acceptance to include 2 extra extended years for a 3.12% yearly increase

Engineer – Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. we are preparing the specs for the SV Water line grant
3. Letter sent to SV School to contribute to cost of water line
4. We are preparing the grant application for reimbursement for our generators
5. Americold called to inform us they will be paying for their additional EDUs in March
6. We are contacting the state regarding the rain water on Main Street
7. We have applied for a permit from DEP to operate our new chlorine reading system
8. We will meet with our employees regarding the drainage from Canal Street to the Lockhouse and Laundromat
9. We are inquiring with the state regarding preemptive controls for our Fire and EMS for the traffic lights on #61, we might be eligible for a grant ..a motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Walborn to have our engineer check with ARLE regarding a grant, all yes.
10. We will be contacting the state regarding our water valves being resurfaced over on #61
11. a motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Moyer to have our engineer apply for a low interest loan for the borough to do our roads in the amount of \$1,000,000, all yes.
12. we have prepared a list of items to discuss with the Epting folks during our meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening at Ontelaunee Township

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

1. We will be discussing the amendment to our parking ordinance at next month's meeting
2. some of the street signs listed in our current ordinance were discussed

Buildings and Properties – Moyer reported the following:

1. We are inquiring about purchasing the 2 lots on Main St and the Emery property at the intersection of Water and Shackamaxon Sts.
2. Our solicitor has prepared a Deed of Dedication for the Emery property and it has been sent to the Emerys for review
3. Our solicitor is doing research for the lot on Main Street east of the railroad .
4. We will be adding some security measures at our office
5. We have heard from the manager of the Frontier property on Main St west of the railroad. They have had the lot appraised at \$25,000..it is one deed with the fenced in area for their poles and it may need land development and subdivision
6. We will need to renew our contract with Longhorn Landscaping for this year for the same cost of \$2500 monthly..a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to renew our contract with Longhorn Landscaping for one year, all yes

Memorials – Goetz reported the following:

1. Monthly report
2. Our Memorial Day Celebration will be held at the stage this year
3. We are planning to utilize rope given to us by a deceased councilman at our memorial park for enhancement

Recreation - Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. we have begun interviewing candidates for our summer recreational program
3. Our Community Days will be September 6 and 7
4. We will have our list of projects for 2024 shortly
5. We are installing our cameras this week
6. Bob Wood has offered to be our temporary pesticide licensed operator until our employee acquires his license
7. We have inquired about a grant for recreation planning
8. We are getting quotes for repairs to our pavilion roof
9. We are pricing sheds at the Amish Market Place
10. We are getting pricing from Kay Pools to install a pump and a second sand filter
11. We are looking into replacing some of the smaller ride equipment at our older playground
12. we have three(3) quotes for a roof replacement at our pavilion aside of the library

Water and Municipal Authority – Walborn reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Well Head Protection Ordinance discussion
3. We are moving along with our LP tanks, generators, French drains, chlorine analyzers, alarm system and RAFA system
4. We have contacted L/B Water to schedule our RAFA system install
5. Our engineer is preparing specs for the SV water line
6. We are applying for a permit from DEP to operate our new chlorine reading system
7. We have received an extension letter from the Epting Project until June 19, 2024
8. We have set a meeting with the Epting folks and others involved for Thursday, March 21, at Ontelaunee Twp building at 4 P.M., we will be asking for periodic testing of our water for arsenic contamination
9. We will be using our cell phones for our water system monitoring after the installation of our RAFA system is complete

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. We are working on our five year road plan
3. We will have our street sweeping done April 25 and 26 by Industrial Grounds Maintenance.....a motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Moquin to do the street sweeping, the cost not to exceed \$4500, all yes .... after our street sweeping, we will be doing patching
4. We have a draft ordinance for discussion of amending our Ordinance #365, dealing with parking and signage to discuss next month
5. We recently installed a guard rail at the end of Main St at the river , our guys did a great job.

EMC – Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. we attended a good training recently

Good and Welfare – Walborn reported the following:

1. we attended a CELG meeting recently regarding the problems facing the EMS providers having financial difficulties

A motion was made by Goetz and seconded by Moyer to adjourn at 7:46 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Attested \_\_\_\_\_