

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

May 15, 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, Moyer, Strause, Goetz and Walborn. Moquin was absent. Also present were Mayor David J. Reimer, Sr., MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 30, 2024

GENERAL

CHECKING	2,125.68
MM	352,322.54
CD	33,962.35

WATER

CHECKING	977.44
MM	108,641.98
CD I	50,143.58
CD II	44,219.77

STATE

CHECKING	232.57
MM	55,667.68

CODE ENFORCEMENT DISTRICT JUSTICE

1,159.00
1,041.26

SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	14,708.05
Recreation-Rec Board	104,288.23
Payroll fund	894.67
Pension	371,874.65 (3/31/2024)

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

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

BILLS PAID

15-May-24

STATE

05/17/2024	1624	Frontier	2000	Accounts Payable	50.00
05/17/2024	1625	Met Ed	2000	Accounts Payable	4,200.00
05/17/2024	1626	Telco Inc.	2000	Accounts Payable	200.00
					4450.00

WATER

05/17/2024	4384	Elite Opps	2000	Accounts Payable	2,000.00
05/17/2024	4385	Fisher Rental	2000	Accounts Payable	2,996.40
05/17/2024	4386	L/B Water	2000	Accounts Payable	13,864.79
05/17/2024	4387	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000	Accounts Payable	1,904.85
05/17/2024	4388	MET-ED	2000	Accounts Payable	6,500.00
05/17/2024	4389	Millers Lawnmower ...	2000	Accounts Payable	93.92
05/17/2024	4390	Office Basics Inc.	2000	Accounts Payable	1,106.98
05/17/2024	4391	Summit Valley Outd...	2000	Accounts Payable	15,404.84
05/17/2024	4392	Truckco	2000	Accounts Payable	67.00

43938.78.

GENERAL

05/16/2024	202	Southern States Bank...	409	BLDG AND PR...	1,359.67
05/16/2024	203	Tompkins Financial	409	BLDG AND PR...	1,259.02
05/17/2024	8697	Stewart Abstract	200.20	Accounts Pay...	12,684.93
05/17/2024	8698	All Temp	200.20	Accounts Pay...	162.00
05/17/2024	8699	Berks County Conser...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	800.00
05/17/2024	8700	Berks Soil & Stone	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,670.00
05/17/2024	8701	Comcast	200.20	Accounts Pay...	274.83
05/17/2024	8702	Cougles Recycling Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	446.02
05/17/2024	8703	Frontier	200.20	Accounts Pay...	450.00
05/17/2024	8704	Full Landscaping	200.20	Accounts Pay...	4,500.00
05/17/2024	8705	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	2,736.00
05/17/2024	8706	Highmark Blue Shield	200.20	Accounts Pay...	5,436.46
05/17/2024	8707	Industrial Grounds M...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	4,300.00
05/17/2024	8708	Kantners Tire Service	200.20	Accounts Pay...	536.00
05/17/2024	8709	Kuzans Hardware	200.20	Accounts Pay...	4,002.47
05/17/2024	8710	Longhorn Landscape	200.20	Accounts Pay...	2,500.00
05/17/2024	8711	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	3,614.51
05/17/2024	8712	MET-ED	200.20	Accounts Pay...	475.00
05/17/2024	8713	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	38,655.74
05/17/2024	8714	RTC	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,803.45
05/17/2024	8715	Seal Master/Allentown	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,628.00
05/17/2024	8716	Summit Valley Outd...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	6,760.51
05/17/2024	8717	Threns	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,055.78
05/17/2024	8718	United Concordia Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	327.96
05/17/2024	8719	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	17,256.00
05/17/2024	8720	Wex - Sunoco Fleet ...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,051.78
05/17/2024	8721	White & Sons	200.20	Accounts Pay...	8,000.00
					123746.13

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

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to approve the April 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. copy of our application for our generators' grant**
- 6. our chlorine totals for the month**
- 7. our water report**
- 8. minutes from the NBRP**
- 9. copy of our grant application for the generators at wells and borough hall**
- 10. copy of our grant application for our yard waste recycling site**

Guests

1. Elaine Strause of the Leesport Lockhouse/Historical Society reported the tea event they held recently was successful and that they are preparing for the big event next year of a bi-centennial celebration of the Schuylkill Navigation Co
 - a. the drainage problem at the Lockhouse was discussed, the issue will soon be addressed
2. a resident of Main Street questioned residents having chickens, they were told it is currently being discussed

Mayor – Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Town Updates
3. we had a busy month
4. we recently attended a PSAB road conference
5. our street sweeping went very well
6. we have comments that our newsletter should receive a communication's award
7. we have been helping with CLEG initiatives
8. On April 18, we attended a cleanup, it worked very well
9. we attended an EMS Crisis event, it was very informative, they will meet again
10. our Memorial Day event will be held on May 27
11. our next newsletter is at the printer

Committee Reports

Sewer - Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. our plant is no longer in overload
3. Epting is working on their sewer module, we have no capacity of transmission

Code Enforcement – Brad Pflum attended our AdHoc meeting this month and his report is on file

Police- Strause reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we have reports of speeding on Spring Garden St, we will be installing our electronic speed detector
3. our NNO will be held August 6 at the Berks County Fairgrounds

Fire Company - Kenny Quell reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we will be celebrating our 125th year anniversary in 2025
3. we received a \$15,200 grant for water rescue equipment
4. this is the third year of our federal grant
5. bingo is almost over
6. there will be a First Responders' Festival on May 19, from 11am until 2pm at Bern Church
7. there will be 14 to 15 fire companies attending the NNO event
8. July 27, will be our Corn Hole Event and Raffle

Engineer – Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Updates for SV Water line grant
3. Letter sent to SV School to contribute to cost of water line
4. We have submitted the grant application for reimbursement for our generators
5. We are contacting the state regarding the rain water on Main Street
6. We have applied for a permit from DEP to operate our new chlorine reading system
7. We have met with our employees regarding the drainage from Canal Street to the Lockhouse and Laundromat
8. We are inquiring with the state regarding preemptive controls for our Fire and EMS for the traffic lights on #61
9. We will be contacting the state regarding our water valves being resurfaced over on #61
10. We are preparing the permits for the Fiber Optic project by Frontier throughout the borough

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

1. Monthly Report
2. with regards to our Well Head Protection Ordinance, Bern Township seems to be ok with it, Ontelaunee Township is concerned. A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Moyer to change the wording to a provisional use to be presented to council for their approval and not make it a part of our zoning ordinance and to send to the Berks County Planning Commission again for their suggestions, all yes
3. we have submitted our application for our Recycling Yard grant and have changed some of the wording in our ordinances suggested by DEP to comply with their suggestions to be eligible for a grant
4. with regards to our parking ordinance, we are still working on the details and researching our 1995 records for information regarding our current ordinance

Recycling – Goetz reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. we have submitted our application for a grant to start up our yard waste recycling site
3. we have contacted Cougles and they have approved our continuing our contract with them for 2 more years and asked that we have our engineer send them the necessary paperwork

Building and Properties – Moyer reported the following:

1. We have not heard from the Emery family regarding the Deed of Dedication.
2. We have a quote from Berks Fire and Water to remove our damaged first floor ceiling for \$13,298.62...we have called two other companies, one will stop in shortly, the other has not called back...a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to award the job not to exceed \$13,298.62 to the lowest company, all yes.
3. We have contacted the manager for real estate with Frontier Communications inquiring if they are willing to sell the whole lot to the borough on Leesport Avenue west of the railroad
4. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to purchase a zero turn mower from Reading Kubota on Costars to replace our older model that has become inoperable for \$15,267.89, all yes.

Memorials – Goetz reported the following:

1. Monthly report
2. Our Memorial Day Celebration will be held at the stage this year, we will have all the flags there

Recreation –Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Discuss our playground cameras
3. We are looking into replacing some of the smaller ride equipment at our older playground
4. Our Community Days will be September 6 and 7
5. We have approved several items to purchase this season
6. We have a large shed ordered to be placed at the back of the pool at the fence
7. We have a quote to paint the stage and bathrooms for \$4800..a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to have them painted for \$4800, all yes
8. Our men will be installing gates at the soccer field entrance and our ballfield entrance
9. We had new roofs put on our pavilion and concession stand
10. We have 2 quotes for paving our 2 basketball courts... a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to have our courts paved by Folk, the lowest bidder, for \$13,310, all yes... and a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to purchase the material from NESL under the CoStars contract for \$18,800, all yes
11. We will install vents in the stage rooms now and possibly fans later
12. On August 2, we will have movies in the park and a moon light swim
13. not included on our meeting agenda, was the need for an upgrade to our pool lights.... considering it is a clear and present danger to the safety of the operation of our pool, a

motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Walborn to have Twiford Electric upgrade our lights and install new poles where necessary not to exceed \$11,000, all yes.

14. we had the pool house's water heater replaced today
15. the YMCA is ready for our summer playground program to begin June 17 to August 9 from 9am to 1pm Monday through Friday..(not to be held on July 4th)
16. we have all our summer personnel hired and recently met with them

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 will be using our cell phones for our water system monitoring after the installation of our RAFA system is complete
9. We have a quote to have our Well #4 fence replaced by Pro Max, a Co Stars vendor, we called 2 other vendors that said the job was too big for them to call Pro Max...a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Madeira to have a black fence installed by Pro Max for \$40,677, under the CoStars contract, all yes...a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Moyer to have ProMax adjust their quotation to reflect the materials and installation separately to comply with the under the \$25,000 bid ceiling and the CoStars cost of the materials reflect the difference.. all yes
10. Our well #4 has been taken off line because of a break in the transmission line...we had Kohl Bros here to pull the head and found it to be secure...we have arranged to have the trees trimmed at the well to allow the excavation of the transmission line by a contractor and repaired.... a motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Moyer to have well #4 repaired and the brush and trees removed and cleared for the repair, all yes.

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following;

1. Monthly Report
2. We are working on our five year road plan
3. We will begin our patching shortly
4. Our engineer is looking into pre-emptive controls for the fire and EMS to control the traffic lights
5. Our library is having an issue with over parking during sports events
6. We will begin cleaning up large trees along N. Canal St shortly
7. Our old zero turn mower is no longer operational, we have purchased a new one

Unfinished Business

1. we are working on our draft parking ordinance

New Business

1. We will be participating in the Police National Night Out, held on August 6, again this year
2. We are considering adding a chicken section to our Zoning Ordinance... .. after some discussion, .a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Fronina to send our draft zoning amendment ordinance to both our Leesport Planning Commission and the Berks County Planning Commission, all yes

EMC – Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. we have DES training next week
2. we are updating our business information

Good and Welfare

1. our pool is opening Memorial Day Weekend
2. Saturday, June 1 and June 8 our Lockhouse will be open

A motion was made by Fronina and seconded by Walborn to adjourn at 7:41 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Attested _____