

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

AUGUST 16, 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, Moyer, Walborn, Strause and Orr. Moquin was absent. Also present were Mayor Thomas Fronina, MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 31, 2023

GENERAL

CHECKING	275.50
MM	282,314.90
CD	32,804.96

WATER

CHECKING	346.02
MM	129,705.14
CD I	48,575.01
CD II	42,725.72

STATE

CHECKING	144.58
MM	52,917.73

CODE ENFORCEMENT	1,632.82
DISTRICT JUSTICE	2,078.89

SPECIAL FUNDS

Sesquicentennial Fund	14,168.03
Recreation-Rec Board	116,292.11
Payroll fund	894.79
Pension	337,030.89 (6/30/2023)

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

A motion was made by Maderia and seconded by Reimer to approve the July, 2023, minutes, all yes.

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

BILLS PAID

16-Aug-23

		STATE		
08/17/2023	1603	Met Ed	2000 · Accounts Payable	5,150.00
		WATER		5150.00
08/17/2023	4254	Comm. of FA	2000 · Accounts Payable	500.00
08/17/2023	4255	Commonwealth of Pe...	2000 · Accounts Payable	100.00
08/17/2023	4256	Diversified Tech Corp	2000 · Accounts Payable	545.62
08/17/2023	4257	Elite Opps	2000 · Accounts Payable	2,000.00
08/17/2023	4258	Exeter Supply Inc.]	2000 · Accounts Payable	29,842.26
08/17/2023	4259	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000 · Accounts Payable	239.80
08/17/2023	4260	MET-ED	2000 · Accounts Payable	3,020.00
08/17/2023	4261	Millers Lawnmower ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	720.08
08/17/2023	4262	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,078.00
08/17/2023	4263	Summit Valley Outd...	2000 · Accounts Payable	6,769.52
08/17/2023	4264	T.A.Duffey	2000 · Accounts Payable	1,460.00
		GENERAL		46673.28
08/16/2023	8488	Tompkins Financial	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	32,000.00
08/17/2023	8452	A-1 Traffic Control P...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,972.50
08/17/2023	8453	Berks Soil & Stone	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	56.00
08/17/2023	8454	Cougles Recycling Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,635.36
08/17/2023	8455	Frontier	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	400.00
08/17/2023	8456	Groff Tractor	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,060.10
08/17/2023	8457	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	749.50
08/17/2023	8458	Highmark Blue Shield	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	5,435.06
08/17/2023	8459	JDR Contracting, LLC	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	281.40
08/17/2023	8460	Kantners Tire Service	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	24.00
08/17/2023	8461	Knights Rental	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	216.70
08/17/2023	8462	Kris Wholaver	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	300.00
08/17/2023	8463	Kuzans Hardware	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	4,279.26
08/17/2023	8464	L/B Water Service Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	303.99
08/17/2023	8465	Lee Tree Care	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	7,260.00
08/17/2023	8466	Levan Machine Co.	200.20 · Accounts Pay... LE044	154.28
08/17/2023	8467	Lift Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	77.85
08/17/2023	8468	Longhorn Landscape	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	2,500.00
08/17/2023	8469	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,712.59
08/17/2023	8470	MET-ED	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	230.00
08/17/2023	8471	Miller's Lawnmower ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	30.00
08/17/2023	8472	New Enterprise Ston...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	423.49
08/17/2023	8473	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	38,685.02
08/17/2023	8474	Premier Fleet Servicee	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	7,345.00
08/17/2023	8475	Rhoads Energy	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,029.33
08/17/2023	8476	RTC	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	240.62
08/17/2023	8477	Sam's Club	200.20 · Accounts Pay... 771509022586...	76.82
08/17/2023	8478	SOS Copy Center	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	327.00
08/17/2023	8479	Southern States Bank...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	3,139.35
08/17/2023	8480	Spotts, Stevens and ...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	5,497.50
08/17/2023	8481	Storks Auto Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	7,400.00
08/17/2023	8482	Thren's Auto	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	533.49
08/17/2023	8483	Truck Components I...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	73.00
08/17/2023	8484	Twenty First Century	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	1,239.03
08/17/2023	8485	Twiford Electrical Se...	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	3,729.94
08/17/2023	8486	United Concordia Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	327.96
08/17/2023	8487	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20 · Accounts Pay...	16,864.00
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A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Madeira to approve the July financial report, all yes.

A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Reimer to approve the July 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**
- 8. a letter from Epting extending their project approval/rejection until September 20, 2023**
- 9. a letter from our pension actuary informing the borough that our MMO for 2024 is \$6092**

Guests

1. Elaine Strause reported that Community Days will be September 8 and 9.
2. the Lockhouse replaced the barrels of flowers through out town

Mayor – Mayor Fronina reported the following:

1. our stage is coming along great
2. we need to have the homes on Centre Avenue cleaned up
3. the Kleffel tournament is soon
4. the planters placed by the Lockhouse look nice
5. we have too much speeding throughout the borough..we need speed bumps

Committee Reports

Sewer- Monthly Report – Madeira reported the following:

- 1. our project work is under way and on schedule**
- 2. we do not have payment from Bern Twp as yet**
- 3. we met last evening**
- 4. we received our first payment of \$213,323**

Code Enforcement – Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we have an application for a fence on W. Wall Street, we will be issuing the permit shortly

Police- Chief Keiser reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. our NNO went very well, over 5000 folks attended....we had several fire companies, other police forces and 2 helicopters....boats from Blue March....lots of food....our administrative assistant, Alysia did a great job
3. we are still in the process of hiring, we have been having good interviews
4. we will have promotions in October
5. we recently stopped in to check on our new cars that are ordered, a black truck and a white explorer....we should have an October delivery

Fire Company – Ken Quell reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we are having our Christmas event with the Recreation Board this year

Recycling – Orr reported the following:

1. our totals are on file

Engineer- Jason Newhard reported the following:

- 1. Monthly Report**
- 2. Our 2023 road work will begin about the third week of September**
- 3. a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Walborn to award our LP Propane tank lease to Suburban Propane for Wells #4 and #5 for \$5000 and a maintenance plan for \$150 per tank per year and no minimum of propane gas purchase yearly, all voted for the motion. The other quote we had from Countyside Propane was for \$3468.26 and required a minimum of 1200 gallons propane purchased a year or \$390 maintenance per tank per year...they were asked to drop the requirement of purchasing 1200 gallons yearly and reduce the yearly maintenance fee of \$390 to \$150 per tank per year...they declined, so the lease was awarded to Suburban Propane.**
- 4. we will get a quote to put a rolled curb on the east side of Scott Drive and have the pitch changed by our road's contractor**

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

1. we are working on several items
2. we are preparing an SOP for our emergency radio
3. we will schedule a meeting with Ontelaunee regarding the Epting Development

Building and Properties – Moyer reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. our borough hall sidewalk has been repaired
3. we are having a problem with bees/wasps this summer

Memorials – Strause reported the following:

1. we have contacted Grant's Signs regarding some maintenance needed for our signs, they should be out shortly

Recreation - Moyer reported the following:

1. **Monthly Report**
2. **Our stage is almost complete**
3. **We have had our property line remarked at the 9 acres we received from the Greenways on Washington Street...our fence is on the property line..we have sent letters to the homeowners bordering our fence to clean their side up and remove items on the fence**
4. **We had a professional exterminator remove several bee/wasp hives this past month**
5. **We are preparing a list of projects for the future**
6. **We have made many improvements at the recreational areas this year**
7. **We have plans to have the playground bathrooms refinished**
8. **We might be seeking help from a professional group with plans for the Rec area**
9. **a motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Maderia to increase our tax millage by 1 mil to 6.72 mils for 2024 to be used for recreational purposes, all yes, except Orr voted no...motion carried 5-1**
- 10 **a thank you was given to Matt Walborn for all his help with our pool plumbing**

Water and Municipal Authority –Walborn reported the following:

1. **Monthly Report**
2. **Our totals are on file**
3. **Review of Well Head Protection Plan and Proposed Ordinance to make part of our Zoning Ordinance.... Coming shortly**
4. **Review of Intermunicipal Agreement with Bern and Ontelaunee..we will have soon**
5. **French drains will be dug at our Wells #3-4-5 as soon as our generators and LP tanks are placed before our chlorine analyzers and RAFA systems are installed**
6. **We are having fence and gate repairs done to the fence at well #4**
7. **We have received an extension from the Epting development for approval or rejection of their plan until September 20, 2023**
8. **we have awarded our lease of LP Propane tanks for wells #4 and 5 to Suburban Propane**
9. **Elite Water will get a quote for gas chlorine monitors at our wells shortly for us**

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. **Our line painting has been completed, some spots have been missed....we will have the company come back and finish them shortly**
2. **Our road work will begin shortly**
3. **We have been asked to consider deflecting the water flow from Scott Drive to a catch basin before it enters Spring Garden St to prevent the water entering the back yards on N. Centre Ave., our engineer is working on it**
4. **We are having 2 street lights repaired on Degler Avenue**

Unfinished Business

1. **We are waiting for the appraisal for the Emery property on Water St**

New Business

1. **A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Walborn to sign Resolution #259-2023, to allow our tax collector to accept credit card payments for real estate taxes, all yes.**
2. **WM has delivered our previously missed recycling to Cougles**
3. **Our MMO for our Pension plan is \$6092 for 2024**
4. **A motion was made by Madeira and seconded by Reimer to appoint Ronald Kohler to our Sewer Authority to fill Charles Berger's unfulfilled term to 2027..all yes.**
5. **A vacant lot at Main Street, near the railroad is going up for sheriff sale. A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Walborn to have our Solicitor attend the sale and bid on the property for the borough, all yes, except Reimer voted no, motion carried 5-1. An executive session was called at 7:09 P.M., to determine the bidding ceiling for our solicitor to bid, they returned at 7:13 P.M.**

EMC – Reimer reported the following:

1. our Declaration of Emergency report will be coming up shortly

A short report was given by our code enforcement officer, Brad Pflum regarding properties on Main Street. Some councilmen will meet with Brad to walk the area.

A motion was made by Moyer and seconded by Reimer to adjourn at 7:20 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Attested _____