

BOROUGH OF LEESPORT

September 18, 2024

The meeting of the Council of the Borough of Leesport was called to order by President Pro Tem Cody Madeira 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 (on zoom), Moquin, Goetz, Walborn and Mayor David J. Reimer, Sr. Moyer was absent. Also present were MST Sandra L. Pascavage, Engineer Jason Newhard, Code Enforcement Officer Brad Pflum and Solicitor Chris Hartman, Esq.

Moment of Silence
Pledge to the Flags

FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 31, 2024

GENERAL	
CHECKING	632.27
MM	181,184.94
CD	34,498.38
WATER	
CHECKING	843.91
MM	27,071.90
CD I	51,002.95
CD II	44,916.45
STATE	
CHECKING	63.43
MM	47,361.39
CODE ENFORCEMENT	454.50
DISTRICT JUSTICE	793.68
SPECIAL FUNDS	
Sesquicentennial Fund	14,952.80
Recreation-Rec Board	113,150.04
Payroll fund	874.19
Pension	378,761.28 (7/31/2024)

A motion was made by Walborn and seconded by Goetz 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 August 2024, minutes, all yes.

STATE

09/18/2024	1636	Frontier	2000	Accounts Payable	35.72
09/18/2024	1637	Met Ed	2000	Accounts Payable	7,321.09
09/18/2024	1638	Telco Inc.	2000	Accounts Payable	617.66

7974.47

WATER

09/18/2024	4436	christopher C. Hemmig	2000	Accounts Payable	18,588.63
09/18/2024	4437	Elite Opps	2000	Accounts Payable	2,000.00
09/18/2024	4438	Exeter Supply Inc.l	2000	Accounts Payable	1,263.62
09/18/2024	4439	Fisher Rental	2000	Accounts Payable	2,996.40
09/18/2024	4440	Francis Werley	2000	Accounts Payable	866.75
09/18/2024	4441	Longhorn Landscaping	2000	Accounts Payable	2,500.00
09/18/2024	4442	M.J. Reider Associat...	2000	Accounts Payable	2,204.80
09/18/2024	4443	MET-ED	2000	Accounts Payable	1,487.46
09/18/2024	4444	Office Basics Inc.	2000	Accounts Payable	52.70
09/18/2024	4445	Sensaphone	2000	Accounts Payable	131.40
09/18/2024	4446	Spotts, Stevens and ...	2000	Accounts Payable	4,287.50
09/18/2024	4447	Suburban Propane	2000	Accounts Payable	328.10
09/18/2024	4448	Summit Valley Outd...	2000	Accounts Payable	13,475.82

50183.18

GENERAL

09/18/2024	215	Southern States Bank...	408	PROFESSION...	332.65
09/18/2024	8818	Aetna Coventry	200.20	Accounts Pay...	3,030.01
09/18/2024	8819	Cougles Recycling Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,276.00
09/18/2024	8820	Frontier	200.20	Accounts Pay...	434.86
09/18/2024	8821	Full Landscaping	200.20	Accounts Pay...	4,850.00
09/18/2024	8822	Hartman, Valeriano, ...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,605.44
09/18/2024	8823	Highmark Blue Shield	200.20	Accounts Pay...	5,436.46
09/18/2024	8824	Kantners Tire Service	200.20	Accounts Pay...	415.00
09/18/2024	8825	Kris Wholaver	200.20	Accounts Pay...	180.00
09/18/2024	8826	Kuzans Hardware	200.20	Accounts Pay...	4,917.07
09/18/2024	8827	LTL Consultants, LT...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	2,490.05
09/18/2024	8828	Manderbach Ford Inc	200.20	Accounts Pay...	400.73
09/18/2024	8829	MET-ED	200.20	Accounts Pay...	669.63
09/18/2024	8830	Micro Air Computers...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	160.00
09/18/2024	8831	New Enterprise Ston...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	106.66
09/18/2024	8832	Northern Berks Regi...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	38,655.74
09/18/2024	8833	Reading Eagle	200.20	Accounts Pay...	629.00
09/18/2024	8834	Rodney Beard	200.20	Accounts Pay...	235.00
09/18/2024	8835	Ronnie Folk	200.20	Accounts Pay...	9,060.00
09/18/2024	8836	RTC	200.20	Accounts Pay...	1,560.00
09/18/2024	8837	T Mobile	200.20	Accounts Pay...	180.00
09/18/2024	8838	Truckco Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	180.00
09/18/2024	8839	Twenty First Century	200.20	Accounts Pay...	495.63
09/18/2024	8840	UGI Utilities, Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	20.00
09/18/2024	8841	United Concordia Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	327.96
09/18/2024	8842	Waste Industries Inc.	200.20	Accounts Pay...	17,256.00
09/18/2024	8843	Well Care	200.20	Accounts Pay...	473.40
09/18/2024	8844	Wex - Sunoco Fleet ...	200.20	Accounts Pay...	923.70

96300.99

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

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

A motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Walborn to approve the August 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 our fire company regarding their purchasing Air Packs**
9. **a request from our fire company to host a car washing event to benefit a local youth that is ill**

Guests –

1. Heather Hanna – a district 5-0 candidate running for election this fall..she will be hosting a Meet and Greet on October 1, 3 pm to 6pm in Centerport.
2. Representatives from the SV Library with updates of their yearly accomplishments and thanking council for their support
3. Elaine Strause of the Lockhouse/Historical Society, reporting of upcoming events and the success of Community Days
4. a resident of N. Centre Avenue complaining to council regarding a letter he received from our code enforcement officer regarding grass/weeds growing in his sidewalk

Mayor - Mayor Reimer reported the following:

1. Town Updates
2. Tompkins Bank will be celebrating their 115th anniversary
3. We will be attending a DCNR workshop
4. Our Community Days event was very successful
5. We are working with several appraisers regarding land acquisitions
6. We will be reading to children at the library on Friday, September 27

Committee Reports

Sewer - Madeira reported the following:

1. all is running good at this time
2. we have televised the line on N. Canal Street, there is an area where the line has an irregularity, we will have a plan of action in the future
3. we met last evening
4. our bill server has enlisted a new credit card company and the fees are changing to a charge of 3% per bill payment

Code Enforcement – Brad Pflum reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we have recently sent letters to residents regarding their grass/weeds
3. we have filed another citation against a resident for a reoccurring issue
4. we have a problem with a resident on Main Street whose home has a pending foreclosure

Police – Strause reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. our NNO will be held September 24, from 6 to 8 P.M. with fire works at the Berks County Fair Grounds in Bern Township
3. we are working on a new contract at the present time
4. we will be listing some cars on Municibid soon

Fire Company - Kenny Quell reported the following:

1. our monthly report is on file
2. we have begun the preparations for our 125th Anniversary
3. our banquet will be held October 4

Engineer – Jason Newhard reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. we will email SV school regarding the grant for the water line installation to possibly bid next year
3. We received our generator grant
4. We are contacting the state regarding the rain water on Main Street
5. We have applied for a permit from DEP to operate our new chlorine reading system
6. We are inquiring with the state regarding preemptive controls for our Fire and EMS for the traffic lights
7. We will be contacting the state regarding our water valves being resurfaced over on #61
8. We are having a continual problem with Frontier's residential disturbances...we have been in touch with several Frontier contacts

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

1. We are working on our Well Head Protection Draft Ordinance
2. A draft ordinance amendment to our zoning ordinance has been distributed to council for review regarding poultry inclusion....the ordinance will also include a registration and making aware of good education information available for the keeping of poultry, the ordinance has been advertised and will be passed in October
3. We will be preparing an agreement/policy for our fire company and our recreation board concerning the use of their 1 mil recreation/fire taxes

Recycling – Goetz reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. our engineer is preparing an addendum for the contract continuance for our recycling with Cougles

Building and Properties

1. Our security system will be completed shortly
2. we are working with TMobile with regards to hot spots

Memorials – Goetz reported the following:

1. all is going well

Recreation

1. Monthly Report
2. The storm damage to the ball field concession stand was not covered by our insurance or the SV League's insurance because of its condition, we had planned to have the roof replaced, but will hold off and perhaps consider a new shed instead
3. Our pool has closed for the season
4. Our solicitor is preparing a policy to be used by our Recreation Board for the requesting and use of the 1 mil recreation tax

Water and Municipal Authority – Walborn reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Our engineer has prepared specs for the SV water line
3. we are having some issues with the operation of the new RAFA system, we have been working with the folks from RAFA, our engineer and our men and our water licensed operator, and it was suggested we should have the new system up and operating by next AdHoc meeting or some decisions need to be made going forth
4. we have called Kohl Bros to well #5 site for a pump failure, we suspect an electrical issue

Roads and Lights – Madeira reported the following:

1. Monthly Report
2. Folk will begin Butcher Alley and N. Canal Street October 2 and 3
3. we will install a stop sign at well #4 street intersection of Degler Avenue and Leesport Avenue

New Business

1. Our fire Co has given council a letter asking for \$16,500 of the fire tax monies for their share of the cost of Air Packs after the grant awarded to several fire companies
2. Our NNO was cancelled due to weather and has been rescheduled for September 24, 5:30 to 8 P.M.
3. Our fire company has notified the county that they will again host the election event this fall
4. Our solicitor is preparing agreements with the fire company and recreation board regarding the use of our 1 mil fire/recreation taxes

EMC

1. we had recent training and all our plans and items are in the cloud
2. we can track a crisis on line and eliminate a trail of paper work

Good and Welfare

1. Our fire company has asked to use water for a car wash to benefit a local youth who is ill ..a motion was made to allow the fire company to use the water at no charge by Fronina and seconded by Moquin, all yes
2. Our MMO for 2025 will be \$10,567
3. We will be preparing the 2025 proposed budget for the October meeting, we have received notification of several of our suppliers of their rising costs and having to increase their costs to us
4. our old zero turn mower was sold on Muncibid for \$900
5. A motion was made by Strause and seconded by Moquin to advertise Halloween on October 31, 6 pm to 9 pm and our Halloween curfew, all yes
6. A special thank you to Cody Madeira our President Pro Tem for running the meeting

A motion was made by Moquin and seconded by Walborn to adjourn at 7:10 P.M., all yes, meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Attested _____