

Laceyville Borough Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Held through Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President, Kristy Fassett

Council: Kristy Fassett, Tari Trowbridge, ShellyAnn Shotwell, Phillip Brewer, Jaime Lopez, Jeffrey Shotwell

Others: Lisa Mapes, Secretary/Treasurer; Jaye Butler, Water Operator

Public: Warren Howler, Rocket Courier; Ernie King, Wyoming County Commissioner

Visitors

Wyoming County Commissioner, Ernie King, explained that Wyoming County is applying for funding for broadband expansion through various providers in unserved and underserved areas of the county. The more communities that participate, the greater the chance of getting the funding from PA. There is no cost, commitment or liability, but the state requires that participants have a proclamation that they are participating. Ernie requested an agenda item for the February Laceyville Council meeting to pass resolution for Laceyville Borough to be a "Broadband Ready Community". Need to designate one person to be contact if questions come up regarding Broadband.

Secretary Minutes from December 3, 2024, Council Meeting, were reviewed and approved, 1st Tari Trowbridge, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell, with no changes recommended.

Treasurer's Report

1. Lisa provided a summary of all bank accounts through December 31, 2024.
2. Earned Income Tax – received \$18,000 more than what was budgeted in 2024. The budget amount was increased to \$29,000 on the 2025 approved budget.
3. Loan Payoff – Kristy Fassett presented idea of paying off the remaining balance of approximately \$7,439 on the paving loan, using funds from the gas lease account. Motion to pay off the Community Bank loan balance using gas lease funds, made by Phillip Brewer, 2nd by Jaime Lopez.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, made by Tari Trowbridge, 2nd by Phillip Brewer.

Water

Jaye Butler reported the following:

1. All samples from 2024 have been sent.
2. The master meter for the well house, circulation pump for reservoir, and dosing pump have all been purchased are in the Borough Office.
3. All parts for the valve repair work were purchased for use of ARPA funds.
4. The Borough is using more water than normal. Possibly people using more to keep pipes from freezing.
5. ARPA/COVID money- Lisa and Jaye confirmed that the funds will be absorbed with the quotes and invoices received to finish the reservoir project.

Streets

1. Reservoir Road- Received a quote of \$3,250 from DR Brown Hauling to work on the road to reservoir and take some of the bank out. This quote is included in the totals for the ARPA funds. This will be scheduled for completion in the Spring.
2. Trash cans- Phil has not received a response from Mike Dull about picking up the cans on Main St. The decision was made to contact Duane Shrimp about emptying the cans along Main Street into the dumpster at Borough Office lot, for \$50/month. The supplies, such as gloves & bags, can be charged to Laceyville Hardware account.

3. ShellyAnn requested Dave Brown take down the Christmas lights on Main Street at end of January.
4. Phil contacted Ashley McClain about fixing the bad outlet. ShellyAnn requested that the outlet be relocated to the box instead of up on the pole as it is now.
5. Jaime will lower the flag on Thursday, January 9, 2025 in recognition of former President, Jimmy Carter's funeral.
6. Phil will take care of taking down the Christmas tree.

Mayor's Report

Nothing to Report

Sewer Update

1. Jaye received notice from Sewer Authority, as of December 20, 2024, there are 40 people on the shut of list. On January 20, 2025, Laceyville Borough will receive a list of shut offs to review at the February meeting.

Parks

1. Kristy is still working on getting a price on the millings for the walking trail at Donovan Park.

Community Events

1. Christmas Event- Collected \$474 from vendors. There was a steady stream of people throughout the day. It was good to have the food provided by Catering the Wright Way.
2. Easter Egg Hunt- Scheduled for April 12 with rain date of April 19. Laceyville Borough will cook hamburgers & hot dogs.

Correspondence

1. Hallock & Shannon Audit Services Contract. This will be signed by Kristy and Lisa and returned.
2. Meshoppen Ambulance Contract. Kristy will contact Meshoppen Ambulance to attend a Council meeting for review and explanation of the services included in the \$4,000 contract.
3. Lisa has the Annual Ethics forms for all Council Members. These need to be completed and individually submitted to the Ethic Office, by mail or online.

New Business

1. Water Pipes- Jaye reported that the pipes in the Borough Office trailer froze and then broke.
2. Office Heat- Jeff reported that the furnace in the Borough Office is not working. Waiting for pricing to repair the current unit. DNC Fuel is working to see what parts they can get within 6-8 weeks. In the meantime, consider a couple electric baseboard heaters or use heat sticks.

Old Business

Motion to Adjourn at 8:03pm was made by Jaime Lopez, 2nd by Phillip Brewer.

Next meeting, Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at the Borough office, 342 Church Street Laceyville, PA 18623.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Lisa Mapes