

Laceyville Borough Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
342 Church St Laceyville, PA 18623

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

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

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

Public: Warren Howler- Rocket Courier, Dawn Lupher, Kim Krise

Secretary Minutes from April 1, 2025, Council Meeting, were reviewed and approved, 1st Jaime Lopez, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell, with no changes recommended.

Treasurer's Report

1. Lisa provided a summary of all bank accounts through April 30, 2025.
2. Discussed uncashed checks payable to Tyler Kuhn. Shelly will contact Tyler and ask about these.
3. Lisa pointed out that Water Company receivables are over \$6,000, and she will work on getting past due letters sent out with the next water invoices.
4. Gas Royalty Income was \$16,000 in April and year to date total of \$32,000.

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

Motion to transfer from Gas Royalty account to Water Company account to cover general operating expenses, made by Philip Brewer, 2nd by Jaime Lopez.

Laceyville Summer Block Party

Kim Krise and Dawn Lupher presented, on behalf of Laceyville Giving Back, their idea for a block party to be held on Main Street July 19, 2025, 4-9:00pm. The event will be free of charge and include vendors, a DJ, games, Community Bank will have turtle races, and alcohol provided by Goodwill Fire Company. The request was made for the road to be shut down 3-9:00pm and will ask to Fire Company to do this. No parking signs will need to be distributed to Borough residents.

Motion to allow Laceyville Giving Back (Dawn Lupher and Kim Krise) to proceed with planning the event to be held on Main Street July 19, 2025, contingent that all insurance obligations are met, made by Jaime Lopez, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell.

Water

Jaye Butler, Water Operator, reported the following:

1. Water samples are coming back good.
2. In the process of reading meters right now and getting some high meter readings.
3. Put flush hydrants in at Lacey Street and Reservoir Road.
4. Met with Joshua King, from JHA Company, and was given recommendation that Laceyville Borough contact the sanitarian about the lower well project.
5. Will be charging the water customer at 239 Church Street (Old Bait Shop) for the repairs that were required on February 15, 2025. The charges will include an emergency fee for Jaye & Dave Brown and cost for the part to repair. The amount of water used is unknown.

-Water pump is running intermittently because it is running low on water and barely keeping the Borough going with the level. Jaye spoke with Creswell about dropping the well and pump further down into the ground to see if this will help. The problem with the pump occurred after the large number of leaks during the cold weather. Reservoir level is down, and Jaye stated it is not keeping up with the amount of water that is

going out. The State was in a drought watch and hopefully some rain will fill up the water table. Laceyville Borough is doing everything possible and hope that rainwater can replenish the water levels.

-Kristy reminded that Council needs to set up workshops to discuss the water projects that require attention.

Streets

1. Lights & Light box on pole - Phil reported that Ashley McClain has not started the outlet repair or fixed the lights.
2. Phil planted some flowers at the Memorial
3. Community Bank has the flags to hang out
4. Discussed Duane Shrimp planting some flowers in the pots along Main Street. Will put on the June agenda to determine an amount for Duane to spend on flowers.
5. Phil reported that the trash cans on Main Street are still being used for personal garbage. Kristy will contact landlords again to address this with their tenants.
6. Phil shared that the Library deed states that the driveway is private and not shared. Signs have been put up to stop parking on the sidewalk.

Mayor's Report

1. Jeff will help Jaye put in new poles and reset wires.
2. Jeff will get roof on the pump building this month.

Parks

1. Kristy is getting price on mulch
2. Need to put up a new basketball net
3. Kristy will research options for new swings
4. Kristy hoping that Bishops can stop with a load of millings while they are coming through the area.
5. Request from Tommy Milliron, on behalf of Braintrim Baptist Church Softball League. They would like to have practices and games at Donovan Park. The league has their own insurance.

Motion to allow Braintrim Baptist Church Softball League to use Donovan Park for practices and games, made by ShellyAnn Shotwell, 2nd by Phillip Brewer.

6. RTL Coach has requested to make some changes to the Donovan Park field. Wants to strip grass from the infield and level and smooth it out. Council decided if this is done, it should be after Church softball league is over.

Sewer Update

-Received 12 names for shut off notices. These will be put on the doors May 12 with a due date of May 22.

-Lisa will contact Laurie Sands, Sewer Authority President, to setup a meeting for discussion of Sewer Authority/Water Company items.

Community Events

1. Recap of Easter Event – ShellyAnn reported that there was \$700 raised; \$100 from food and \$600 from baskets. It was a successful event with good feedback. Special thanks to Marty's Market that gave a good rate on hamburgers and hotdogs for the event.

Correspondence

1. Received the agreement from Goodwill Fire Company to service the Laceyville Borough area. This was signed by Council and Lisa will return it in the mail.

New Business

1. Office Hours – No Office Hours week of June 2 to June 6

Old Business

1. Lawn Mowing bids – Received 3 bids for mowing of properties, which were opened and reviewed during the meeting. Mowing services will include the following Borough properties: Wiles Park, Waterworks Park, Donovan Park, East entrance to Borough, and Welcome sign. Bids received from Nwallawns, Laceyville Lawn Care, and Major Mowing. Motion to select lowest bid, by Laceyville Lawn Care, of \$215/mow for the 2025 mowing season, made by Jaime Lopez, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell. Lisa will contact Nwallawns and ask if they will continue to mow the area by the water shed.
2. Community Clean Up/Junk Day – June 6 3:30-6:00pm and June 7 9:00am-12pm. Goodwill Fire Company has requested not to hold the event in their area again this year, because of the parking for their volunteers in the event of a call. E&M Waste will provide services in the Laceyville Borough lot. Due to space constraints people using a trailer will be turned away.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:50pm was made by ShellyAnn Shotwell, 2nd by Phillip Brewer
Next meeting, Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the Borough office, 342 Church Street Laceyville, PA 18623.
Minutes recorded by Secretary, Lisa Mapes