

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

Present: Kristy Fassett, Tari Trowbridge, Jeffrey Shotwell, ShellyAnn Shotwell, Phillip Brewer, Jaime Lopez, Lisa Mapes, Jaye Butler & Warren Howler

Visitors: Rick Sherman & Cindy Adams

Secretary Minutes from the June 4, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved, 1st Phillip Brewer, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell, with no changes recommended.

Mayor's Report

1. Encampment within Borough. Visitors Rick Sherman and Cindy Adams presented the following questions to the Borough Council regarding the encampment:

1. Did the Borough encourage & support the recreational area along the river?

Borough Response- *Borough does support the recreational area along the river.*

2. Did the Borough facilitate the erection of signs allowing camping in that area and requiring a permit for overnight camping?

Borough Response - *signs were put up 3 years ago*

3. Have the individuals that have the encampment under the bridge acquired a permit?

Borough Response – *Borough has not been contacted by the individuals to obtain a permit.*

4. Does the Borough pay the cost to maintain the recreational area with tax revenue?

Borough Response - *Borough pays for the maintenance of the recreational area.*

-Rick Sherman commends anyone that has offered assistance to the individuals within the encampment; however the area has become a liability. State Police were contacted about the encampment. Rick offered to help with the clean-up costs when the individuals are moved out.

-Kristy responded that Supreme Court ruled on this particular situation and the individuals have rights and can't just be moved out. Laceyville Borough is working on an ordinance to give more guidance and better clarity for the Borough and its rights to move the individuals out. Laceyville Borough wants to take care of the situation properly and prevent it from happening again.

-Jaime Lopez recommends that citizens reach out to County Officials about the matter.

-Jeff Shotwell is working on the litter concern and any fines that can be assessed.

-Jeff Shotwell and Jaime Lopez will continue to pursue the situation and take care of it properly. Kristy Fassett will continue working with Solicitor on the ordinance.

2. Jeff will replace the battery in the speed sign.

Treasurer's Report

1. Lisa reviewed the Summary of Accounts balances as of June 30, 2024.

2. Lisa will continue to transfer from the Gas Lease MM funds any amount over \$50,000, to the Paving Loan at the end of each month.

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

Community Events

1. Community Yard Sale Day. Shelly posted on Laceyville Community Events page and asked people to put their addresses if having a sale.

2. Summer Vendor Event. Shelly shared this event was not well attended. Next year she may not hold the event or handle it differently.

3. ShellyAnn reported that there will not be an event in August.

4. Christmas Event. Date will be December 14, 2024.

Water

1. Jaye is reading meters for billing.
2. The 2023 Consumer Confidence Reports were mailed 6/24/2024. Jaye received one phone call to explain the report.
3. Jaye reported that water samplings were done and look good.
4. Jaye is working on the service line survey
5. Jaye is considering the installation of 3 flushing hydrant, which cost about \$250 each.
6. Jaye can get in-line water filters for \$20 each \$8 for a filter. Jaye can offer to provide the filters to customers.

Motion to give Jaye approval to purchase filters and provide to customers as needed, made by Tari Trowbridge, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell.

7. Dave Brown is going to do work at the Reservoir.
8. Jaye reported that tank inspections and cleanings with robot need to be done.

Streets

1. Canal Street and Alleyway. Kristy reported that the work has been completed by Dave Brown.
2. Dave Brown will trim along Main Street within next 2 weeks

Parks

1. Walking Trail. Dave Brown will have time in August to get trail completed.
2. Dave Brown to provide estimate on clearing out area along river for kayaks, etc.

Correspondence

1. Laceyville Borough Council is invited to attend a tour of the renovated Tyler Memorial Hospital building, now the Wyoming County Healthcare Center. Date of the event is July 11, 2024 at 6:00pm. Lisa will forward the email invite to all Council Members for their review.

New Business

1. Laceyville Borough/Laceyville Water Company Office will be closed July 8-12. Lisa will post this notice on the office door.

Old Business

1. Monument. Jaime will find out when monument will be available. The existing monument will need to be moved before placing the new monument.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:23pm was made by Phillip Brewer, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell.

Next meeting, Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at the Borough office, 342 Church Street Laceyville, PA 18623.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Lisa Mapes