Laceyville Borough Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

342 Church St Laceyville, PA 18623

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Kristy Fassett.

Present: Kristy Fassett, Tari Trowbridge, Jeff Shotwell, Phillip Brewer, Lisa Mapes, Jaye Butler, and Warren Howler. Attendance by Zoom: Jaime Lopez & ShellyAnn Shotwell.

**Secretary Minutes** from the September 5, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved, 1st Jaime Lopez, 2nd Phillip Brewer, with no changes recommended.

**Treasurer’s Report**

1. Review of the September 2023 Treasurer’s Report Summary. Lisa has reformatted the summary and added the new money market accounts.
2. Lisa presented the CD information that was provided by Community Bank. Discussed looking into other financial institutions for higher CD rates. Decided to keep business with Community Bank.

Motion by Tari Trowbridge to transfer $100,000 from Gas Lease Money Market Account into a 6-month CD with Community Bank at rate of 4.25%. 2nd by Phillip Brewer.

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

**Community Events**

1. Halloween Event. October 28, 2023, Main Street and Firehall. ShellyAnn is putting flyers out for Trunk or Treat and the other events. The flyers will be put out around Laceyville and put on Laceyville Community Events Facebook page. Light wands, trophies and medals will be ordered for the event. Trick or Treating 6:00-7:00pm and Phillip Brewer will monitor Lacey Street area.
2. Witches Tea Event. October 22, 2023, at Firehall. Palm Reader, Tarot Reader, Folk Lore about Halloween. Charge $15/person with 30-person limit. Invitation must be presented at the door. If tickets are left will sell for $20 at the door. The cost of the event will be about $150. Motin by Tari Trowbridge to provide ShellyAnn $150 for the event. 2nd by Phillip Brewer.
3. Christmas Event. December 2, 2023, Firehall. There is a private event scheduled to use the facility the same day. Will need to use the bays in the Firehall, use the space available in the Ebs Market building, and possibly a tent on the street. Will need to get portable toilets.

**Mayor’s Report**

1. Jeff reported that the pavilion roof project is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023.
2. Jeff had someone look at the Laceyville signs. The wooden “Welcome to Laceyville” sign will be repaired. The “Laceyville Business” sign on the pole coming into town will be replaced.
3. Jaye reminded that there are benches and tables from Uline in the storage container. Can these be used for the park?

**Water**

1. Jaye reported that the water samples that were requested by DEP came back good with no issues.
2. The hydrant on Franklin Street is working well. Jaye tests the water before and after flushing.

**Streets**

1. Estimates from David Brown (DR Brown’s Hauling):

-Fix Parking Lot behind firehall $1,200. Motion by Phillip Brewer to fix parking for $1,200. 2nd by Jaime Lopez.

-Clean Main Street and clean storm drains: $1,200 for sides on streets; $1,200 for drains. Motion by Tari Trowbridge to accept the cost of $1,200 each to clean streets and drains. Wait until the leaves come down to clean drains. 2nd by Jaime Lopez.

1. Snow bids need to be put in the paper (Rocket Courier). Bids should be returned by November 6, 2023.

**Sewer**

1. Resignation submitted by Worthie Kiefer effective, December 31, 2023.
2. Request for Jeanne DeRemer to fill this vacancy effective first meeting in January 2024.
3. Effective first meeting of the new year, Sewer Authority will move meetings to 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning with meeting on January 9, 2024.

-Motion by ShellyAnn Shotwell to accept the resignation of Worthie Kiefer, the appointment of Jeanne DeRemer, and the change in meeting dates to 2nd Tuesday of each month. 2nd by Jaime Lopez.

**Parks**

1. Jeff will contact Wyalusing High School shop class and see if they can make some picnic tables.
2. Kristy is waiting on the order of stainless-steel net.

**Correspondence**

Nothing to Report

**New Business**

1. 2024 Budget. Lisa will email the Actual 2023 YTD vs the 2023 Budget to Council for review. Changes can be made at the November 2023 meeting and then approved at the December 2023 meeting.
2. Garbage Disposal Company Options. Discussed the in-town trash options. Limited to one company that would do in-town trash cans with a compactor truck. Other companies utilize trash cans with bags. Will these companies provide cans for in town?

**Old Business**

1. Wiles Memorial Options. Jaime reported that benches run between $200-$500. Discussed other options and the idea that maybe the community and/or local businesses would be interested in assisting with the cost. Jaime will continue to research options.
2. Kristy and Lisa continue to work on getting the phones converted from Verizon to Blue Ridge. And also upgrading internet with Blue Ridge at same time.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:28pm made by ShellyAnn Shotwell 2nd by Jaime Lopez.

Next meeting Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at the Borough office, 342 Church Street Laceyville, PA 18623

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Lisa Mapes