

Laceyville Borough Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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, Tari Trowbridge, ShellyAnn Shotwell, Phillip Brewer, Jaime Lopez, Jeffrey Shotwell

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

Public: Warren Howler- Rocket Courier; Joseph Peters, Wyoming Co. District Attorney; Courtney Salsman- Community Bank

Narcan Presentation. Wyoming County District Attorney (D.A.), Joseph Peters, discussed the increase of fentanyl overdoses. The use of Narcan cannot hurt someone, and it can save a life. Anyone who administers the Narcan is covered under the Good Samaritan Law. D.A. Peters presented Laceyville Borough with Narcan samples to be distributed.

Community Bank – CD Options. Courtney Salsman, from Community Bank, presented the options available for the CD that will expire October 11, 2024. The following rates and terms are available: 6 months at 4%; 9 months at 4%; 12 months at 3.77%. Motion to renew the CD with Community Bank for 9 months at rate of 4%, made by Jaime Lopez, 2nd by Phillip Brewer.

Wyoming County Healthcare Center. Courtney Salsman, spoke about the medical facility now located at the old Tyler Memorial building. This facility is looking to have a paramedic on duty. Billy Ruark is asking for 5% of Impact Fees every year from each municipality, to assist with the maintenance of having the emergency services available. Motion for Laceyville Borough to donate 5% of Impact Fees each year toward emergency services at Wyoming Healthcare Center, made by Tari Trowbridge, 2nd by Phillip Brewer.

Secretary Minutes from the September 3, 2024, Council Meeting, were reviewed and approved, 1st Jaime Lopez, 2nd by Phillip Brewer, with no changes recommended.

Treasurer's Report

1. Lisa reviewed the Summary of Account balances as of September 30, 2024.
2. Total remaining on the Paving Loan = \$25,886.86.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, made by Tari Trowbridge, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell

Community Events

1. Witch's Tea Event. Saturday, October 19, 2024 1-4pm. Shelly reported that the event will be catered.
2. Community Halloween Event. October 26, 2024 3-8pm. Businesses have been notified about the street closing at 3:00pm. Phil and Jaime will assist with getting cars parked for Trunk or Treat. There will be games, prizes and DJ services provided 3-6:00pm, then trick or treating within the Borough will be 6-8:00pm.

Water

Motion to approve estimate of \$2,500 by Brown Hill Tree Co, to remove trees at reservoir, made by Phillip Brewer, 2nd by Jaime Lopez.

1. Jaye will need to flush hydrants and lines and would like to use Robo-Call to notify residents.
2. If put more flushing hydrants in, then can improve the water at the dead ends. Jaye will order three (3) flushing hydrants.
3. Jaye will order the meters and filters that were previously approved.
4. Jaye reported that the meter for the upper well needs replaced, and he will order this.
5. The Service Line Survey is due by October 16, 2024. Kristy will assist Jaye with getting this submitted.

6. Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 11-12:30pm, PA One Call is providing an event about the bridge project on West Main Street.
7. Jaye has not heard back from Milnes about the reservoir work. Kristy will contact them for a status.

Streets

1. Received estimate of \$2,500 from Brown Hill Tree Co to do some work on the pear trees in town. Work would involve removing the tree and the stump in front of Eva's and trimming the other trees. The estimate seems high, so Kristy will call and discuss.
2. Courtney Salsman will contact Chief of Goodwill Fire Co about finishing the process of blowing out the water lines by Laceyville Lumber Company.
3. Phil will start dismantling the trash cans along Main Street. There is a request to keep the trash bin by the Funeral Home/Daycare.
4. The stop sign by the corner of Bee Street and Main Street has been replaced.

Mayor's Report

1. Jeff will look at the speed sign, as it isn't working.

Sewer Update

Nothing to report

Parks

1. The Robbie Wiles monument has been placed and flowers planted.
2. Waiting for some extra millings for the trail at Donovan Park.

Correspondence

1. Received from PennDOT the 2025 Liquid Fuels estimate = \$12,639.65.
2. Received the 2024 Commonwealth state aid allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association = \$1,765.07. This check was issued to Goodwill Fire Company and given to Courtney Salsman.
3. Lisa shared information from Wyoming County Recycling Center about a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event.
4. Kristy is still working on paperwork for the permit to keep the Laceyville Borough sign along Route 6.

Old Business

1. Phil reported that the estimate that Laceyville Library had been given for plumbing replacement was \$1,400, and he contacted Ashley McClain for second opinion. Phil feels that the plumbing is adequate and does not need to be replaced at this time.
2. Phil talked to Tina Pickett about the option for a study of the congested area near Bluhm's.
3. Force N Technologies will bill the anti-virus services annually. The Cloud Backup Environment cannot be established until the internet speed at Borough office is increased.
4. Kristy is working with BlueRidge to get internet improved and router replaced.
5. Kristy and Lisa will prepare the 2025 Budget for review at the November Meeting.

New Business

1. Motion to put snow bids in the paper for advertisement, made by Phillip Brewer, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell. Ads should run 2 Thursdays in the Rocket Courier.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:29pm was made by Phillip Brewer, 2nd by ShellyAnn Shotwell.

Next meeting, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at the Borough office, 342 Church Street Laceyville, PA 18623.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, Lisa Mapes