

The Town of Laurel  
Mayor and Council Meeting  
October 1, 2018

A Mayor and Council Meeting was held in the Mayor and Council Chambers of the Laurel Town Hall Monday, October 1, 2018 beginning at 7:04 p.m. The following persons were in attendance: Mayor John Shwed, President of Council Chris Calio, Council Members Randy Lee, Cheryl Martin, and Jonathan Kellam. Also, in attendance were Chief Dan Wright, Recording Secretary Alexis Oliphant, and Town Manager Jamie Smith. It was noted that Councilman Jeff Hill and Councilwoman Robin Fisher-Cornish were absent.

Mr. Kent Everline resident of Washington Street advised the traffic regarding Delaware Avenue is getting a little better due to running radar. Mr. Everline stated he fear traffic will continue to get worse due to Poplar Street Bridge closing on Monday, October 8, 2018. Mr. Everline inquired if more police patrol will be around the area. Chief Wright advised we have 2 officers per shift and officers are trying to get to those areas, but they are also handling several other complaints. Mr. Everline questioned if the town could install temporary speed bumps to slow the traffic down. Chief Wright advised the town would need to install warning signs and the town would be liable for vehicular damage, therefore he does not recommend them. Mayor Shwed advised Town Manager Smith and Chief Wright to contact Del-Dot about the Dart bus traveling through Laurel. Mayor Shwed suggested paying overtime to officers to patrol traffic while Poplar Bridge is closed.

Mr. Elbert Collins resident of Washington Street shares the same concerns as Mr. Everline with the heavy traffic through Delaware Avenue. Mr. Collins advised the intersection between Delaware Avenue and Brooklyn can be difficult if drivers are unfamiliar with the traffic pattern. Mr. Collins advised with Poplar Bridge closing he is concerned with traffic accidents occurring and inquired about a solution regarding the intersection. Town Manager Smith advised those are Del-Dot streets and Del-Dot will be holding a meeting on October 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. regarding Poplar Bridge. Mr. Collins advised he appreciates what Chief Wright has done so far.

Councilman Lee made a motion to hold a closed session to discuss contractual matters. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilman Hill and Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

Regular Session Recessed at 7:20 p.m.

Regular Session Reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Mr. Tony Langley a resident of Oak Lane Drive advised he received a \$185.00 bill from the town for mowing his property. Mr. Langley informed he maintains and mows the grass at his property and the rain had just caught up on him. Mr. Langley advised the price is a little steep and asking for a reprieve. Mayor Shwed stated Director of Code Enforcement West is not in attendance tonight and Director of Code Enforcement West can investigate this. Town Manager Smith advised the flat rate for once acre or less is \$185.00. Town Manager Smith advised the town issued the rate because we maintain and mow town parks and complete work orders. Town

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Manager Smith advised Mr. Langley could go through the appeal process and bring to Mayor and Council.

President of Council Calio made a motion to join the recommended Opioid Epidemic action based on the final review of the town's attorney discussed in closed session. Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilman Hill and Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

With there being no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Martin Made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Lee seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0, with Councilman Hill absent and Councilwoman Fisher-Cornish absent.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Mayor

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President of Council

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Town Manager

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Recording Secretary