

The Town of Laurel
Mayor and Council Meeting
March 15, 2010

A Mayor and Council meeting was held in the Mayor and Council Chambers of the Laurel Town Hall on Monday, March 15, 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following persons were in attendance: Mayor John Shwed, President of Council Terry Wright, Council Members Chris Calio, Robin Fisher, Don Phillips, and William Trujillo. Also in attendance were Director of Public Works Director Woody Vickers, Police Chief Jamie Wilson, Finance Manager Mary Introcaso, Alderman Paul H. Sheridan, and Recording Secretary Jamie Smith

It was noted Councilman Lee was absent.

A Special Event Request was presented from Mrs. Brenda Kelley of the Laurel High School. Mrs. Kelley requested permission to utilize Janosik Park on May 29, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. to hold the Prom Grand March. She has requested electric, trash cans and Front Street to be closed from Delaware Avenue to Willow Street. President of Council Wright inquired of Public Works Director Vickers how the parking worked out when the event was held last year. Public Works Director Vickers advised parking worked out well. He requested that Mrs. Kelley contact him prior to the event so they can review the layout. President of Council Wright made a motion to grant the request. Councilman Trujillo seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Lee absent.

The Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2010 were presented for review and adoption. Councilman Phillips advised on page two of the minutes, first paragraph, it states Councilman Lee was absent and it should state Councilman Phillips was absent. With there being no further questions or comments, Councilman Calio made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted change. Councilman Trujillo seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0, with Councilman Lee absent and Councilpersons Phillips and Wright abstaining as they were not present at the March 1, 2010 meeting.

The Department Head Reports for the month of February 2010 were presented for review and adoption. It was noted Director of Code Enforcement Frick was absent. Public Works Director Vickers advised during the month of February the town experienced two major winter storms and the costs to the town for the manpower, salt, sand, etc. will be sent to the Sussex County Emergency Operation Center so they can be included in a report and reimbursement request through FEMA. Councilwoman Fisher stated in looking at the river, the water levels seem very high. It was explained that is due to all the rain and snow that we have experienced. Police Chief Wilson advised in regards to his report, you will see that some of the radar arrests and hours are down and that is also due to the snow, if the roads are not clear, the do not run radar. Officer Simmons celebrated his 21st year with the department, Officer Glaeser celebrated his 1st year, Officer Coleman celebrated his 5th year with the department. The Department also received two grants for surveillance and DUI enforcement. Mayor Shwed complimented the Laurel Police Department for making the arrest of two out of three of the suspects that robbed

Shore Stop. Finance Manager Introcaso explained the Department Heads are attempting to keep their expenses down expenses as much as possible, however there is a deficit in the revenues. Sewage hauling and transfer taxes are at seventy percent. Alderman Sheridan advised Mayor and Council have January and February's reports for their review. With tickets being down, collection is also down. With there being no further matters to discuss, Councilman Calio made a motion to accept the reports as written. Councilman Trujillo seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Lee absent.

Mayor Shwed advised the United States Census will be mailed out between March 15th and March 17th. Mayor Shwed urged the citizens to please be sure to complete the census form and return it. Some of the town's funding is based on the census.

Mayor Shwed advised the Fourth of July is coming together; we have a few volunteers who have agreed to work on the vendor and entertainment committees. Mayor Shwed advised he will play the role as coach. He understands the ethical role that comes into play and he will not be requesting donations, Mr. John Theofiles will in charge of the fireworks and will be handling all donation requests for fireworks.

Councilwoman Fisher thanked Chief Wilson for allowing her to use the Police Department's powerpoint this past weekend.

President of Council Wright stated she is glad to be back and sorry she missed the last Council meeting, but she was helping her grandson as he received his heart transplant.

Councilman Phillips stated there are some situations with Mayor and Council members and Staff Members that are having health issues. He just wants them to know that Mayor and Council are thinking of them and appreciates the support they continue to give the town.

Councilman Calio made a motion to hold a closed session. Councilman Trujillo seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Lee absent.

Regular session recessed at 7:27 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 8:12

Councilman Trujillo made a motion to authorize Mayor Shwed to write a letter to CABA Associates declining their offer discussed in closed session. President of Council Wright seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Lee absent.

Councilwoman Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Trujillo seconded the motion. Vote was 6-0, with Councilman Lee absent.

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Regular session adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Mayor

President of Council

Recording Secretary