**LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL** met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2018 in the Council Chambers

Council President Belcastro called the meeting to order and announced the meeting was being recorded.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Council President T. Belcastro; Councilors O. Awad, B. Frederick, J. Weatherby, J. McGurk, W. James and T. Michael

**ALSO PRESENT:** M. Turnbull, Esq., Goehring, Rutter and Boehm; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Inc.; Chief D. Raible, Leetsdale Police; Douglas Ford, Leetsdale Street Commissioner

Mr. Belcastro announced the following committees:

**Finance/Budget:** Mr. Belcastro, Chair

Members: Mr. Awad and Mr. Weatherby

**Public Safety – Police:** Mr. Awad, Chair

Members: Mr. Weatherby and Mr. Belcastro

**Public Safety – Fire:** Mr. James, Chair

Members: Mr. Weatherby and Mr. Belcastro

**Public Works:** Mr. Frederick, Chair

Members: Mr. McGurk and Mr. Belcastro

**Parks & Rec/Community:** Mr. McGurk, Chair

Members: Mr. Awad and Mr. Belcastro

**Pensions/Benefits:** Mr. Weatherby, Chair

Members: Mr. James and Mr. Belcastro

**Planning/Zoning & Ord:** Mr. Michael, Chair

Members: Mr. McGurk and Mr. Belcastro

**Personnel/Admin:** Mr. Belcastro, Chair

Members: Mr. Awad and Mr. McGurk

Mr. Belcastro thanked the audience for attending and introduced each Council Member.

**REPORTS RECEIVED –** no reports received

**AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

No one addressed council

**SOLICITOR** **Megan Turnbull, Esq.**

* Ms. Turnbull gave Council an update on the possible sale of the following parcels; 704-F-111 and 704-F-112 to Mr. & Mrs. Aughinbaugh. Mrs. Aughinbaugh discussed options for the purchased and it was agreed that the Borough would wait for a couple months before completing the transaction.
* Ms. Turnbull gave an update on the property donation located at 240 Beaver Street, Parcel 704-A-48 from Arthur Holman and it was agreed last month that the Borough would list this house located on the property as a possible 2018 demolition project
* Ms. Turnbull gave an update on the possible property donation at 704-A-9 and advised she has not received any return calls from the Attorney to accept the donation. She advised that she would reach out to the owner for a response and will have further information for James Wilczak, owner of 270 Beaver Street, who is interested in purchasing 704-A-9 from the Borough of Leetsdale once the donation is accepted.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Awad to adopt the Proclamation recognizing January 21-27, 2018 as Borough of Leetsdale School Choice Week, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

**MOTION BY** Mr. James to accept the Resolution to eliminate the $5 annual charge for the annual Business License paper fee, second by Mr. McGurk

MOTION CARRIES

**ENGINEER** \_\_\_\_ \_\_ **Dan Slagle, P.E.**

* Mr. Slagle thanked Council for reappointment
* Washington Street ADA Sidewalk PHI Project – The project started 12/11/2017 and with a time extension by QVCOG/ACDD until Spring 2018.
* Washington Street ADA Sidewalk PHII Project – This project will be done next construction season
* Monroe Way Reconstruction Project – This project will be done next construction season
* 2018 Paving Project – We request confirmation of the selected roads for paving in 2018. The Project should be advertised in February 2018 with a bid opening in March 2018.
* DCNR Boat Launch ramp Grant Application – We have designed the boat launch ramp project (50% DCNR Grant) which will be bid out once DCNR approves the Bidding Documents
* Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) – the next Annual Progress Report is due May 30, 2018
* Edgeworth Water Authority Waterline Replacement Project – The Water Authority is planning on replacing the waterline on Sycamore Spur and along Victory Terrace.
* Miscellaneous Borough Projects – We contacted Border Patrol and authorized the work along Beaver Street and no response to date.
* 2018 QVCOG/ACDD Grant Applications – Final Grant Applications were prepared/submitted on November 6, 2017
  + Washington Street Sidewalk Reconstruction Project Phase III
  + 2018 Housing Demolition Project (324 Beaver St)
  + Borough Building ADA Sidewalk/Ramp Project
  + Henle Park Playground Equipment Project

**MAYOR’S** **REPORT**  **Peter A. Poninsky**

* Mayor Poninsky advised that the Road Study is too expensive that is needed for Beaver Street and suggested that Council consider more signage along Beaver to warn truck drivers of the weight limit in the Borough
* Mayor Poninsky thanked all who donated to the Leetsdale Food Bank and advised that the food bank has distributed a little over 10,000 pounds of food.

**FINANCE/BUDGETS Thomas Belcastro, Chairperson**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to accept the MRM Proposal for Property & Liability in the amount of $49,046, second by Mr. James

MOTION CARRIES

**MOTION BY** Mr. Frederick to transfer $3,990.60 from the Road Reconstruction Fund to the General Fund to reimburse for Nichols & Slagle Engineer Invoice 135-18 for work completed for the 2018 Paving Project, second by Mr. James

MOTION CARRIES

**PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION Thomas Belcastro, Chairperson**

**MOTION BY** MR. Frederick to allow Jennifer Simek, Borough Secretary to attend the Municipal Secretaries Training on April 26, 2018 in Beaver Falls at a cost of $80, second by Mr. James

MOTION CARRIES

**BENEFITS & PENSIONS Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson**

* Nothing new to report this month

**PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE Osman Awad, Chairperson**

* Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department’s Monthly Report
  + The PD Vehicle sold for $900.00 and the transfer was completed
  + The new PD Vehicle will be delivered in February

**PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE Wesley James, Chairperson**

* Review the Fire Department’s Monthly Report

**STREET DEPARTMENT/BOROUGH PROPERTY Benjimen Frederick, Chairperson**

* Received letter from Waste Management advising the Municipal Recyclable Materials Purchase and Sale Agreement will terminate on April 14, 2018. Randy Moser will be in contact to discuss and renegotiate the contract terms.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY Joe McGurk, Chairperson**

* Nothing new to report

**PLANNING, ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & ORDINANCES Thomas Michael, Chairperson**

* No Monthly Code Enforcement Report by Jim Ivancik
* Review the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Joe Luff
* Mr. Ivancik will review the Fence Ordinance with Joe Luff for possible changes to make it more current

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Board Vacancies
  1. Civil Service Commission for a six year term
  2. Civil Service Commission until 2021
  3. Edgeworth Water Authority until 2018

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Estimates are needed for the proposed maintenance on the Michele Maruca Memorial Overpass

**CORRESPONDENCE**

* Statement of Financial Interests Forms are due to the Borough Office no later than May 1st

**MOTION BY** Mr. James to allow Mayor Poninsky and Mr. Frederick would like to attend the 2018 Newly Elected Municipal Officials Boot Camp, Cranberry Township on March 2 & 3, 2018. PSAB Members cost $135 each, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to allow Mayor Poninsky, Ms. Simek, Mr. Frederick, Mr. Awad and Mr. Michael to attend the ALOM Spring Conference, April 5-8, 2018 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Conference Costs; $395 (newly elected $275), Food/Lodging; $635 = $1030 ($910), second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to allow Mr. Belcastro, Mr. Frederick, Mr. Awad, Chief Raible, Ms. Simek, Mr. James, Mr. Michael, Mr. McGurk and D. Ford to attend the Allegheny County Boroughs Association

Annual Banquet on Saturday, February 3rd located in the Rivers Casino Ballroom from 5:30-9:00, tickets are $65.00 each, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIERS

**LIST OF BILLS**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Michael to accept the list of bills, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 7:48 PM, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,



**Jennifer Simek**

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer