

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session, May 12, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President W. James; Councilors T. Belcastro, J. Weatherby, L. Michael, J. McGurk and L. Jones

EXCUSED: Councilor M. Nobers

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor P. Poninsky; M. Ott, Esq., Goehring, Rutter and Boehm; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Inc.; Daniel Raible, Police Chief

REPORTS RECEIVED

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: April

MINUTES: March Regular and April Workshop Sessions

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to accept the Tax Collector's Report for April, second by Mr. Weatherby
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to accept the March Regular and April Workshop Sessions Minutes, second by Ms. Jones

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Carol Weatherby, 425 Washington Street, made council aware of the Home Fire Campaign with the American Red Cross. This Campaign provides up to three free fire alarms to each resident that would be interested in receiving.

Jim Gilbert, Washington Street, discussed different options for the paving project along Washington Street.

SOLICITOR

Megan Ott, Esq.

- Council is working on a Beekeeping Ordinance for consideration.
- Ms. Ott's office is working to finalize the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement.
- The Developer's Agreement has been signed and the escrow check was received for Building #180. Mr. Slagle advised that the Environmental Agreement is still needed.

ENGINEER

Daniel B. Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report
- The next MS4 Annual Report is due May 30, 2016. The Borough conducted an MS4 Public Meeting on April 14, 2016.
- The DCNR Boat Launch Ramp Grant is being designed utilizing 50% of the DCNR
- Mr. Slagle will be meeting on Monday with the contractor to discuss the final restoration. Close-Out Documents and Utility certifications must be completed.
- Council agreed that Mr. Slagle will extend the Washington Street Paving project to include the entire street.
- The QVCOG will be reallocating the funding for the gazebo to Henle Park. Council discussed the desired gazebo size and options.
- Council discussed the Washington Street Projects and will wait to award a bid until the entire street is included.

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the lowest bidder, Youngblood Paving for the Broad Street Paving Project in the amount of \$83,991.90 with the condition that Columbia Gas and the Edgeworth Water Authority pay for the project, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- Mr. Slagle's office reviewed the Act 14 notification to construct six, 21,000 gallon chemical above ground tanks. The concern is that all the tanks are located in the 100 year flood plain as set forth in our letter dated March 2, 2015.
- Estimates are needed for the recommended repairs to the Overpass from the Bridge Inspection.
- The Emergency House Demolition Project at 45 First Street has not started. The contractor needs a Demolition Permit before the work can begin.

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

- Leetsdale Cleanup Day was held on Saturday, April 23, 2016
- Mayor Poninsky submitted a report that indicated that he performed two marriages in the month of April

FINANCE/BENEFITS**Wesley James, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the transfer that was made in the amount of \$4,000.00 to the Health Saving Account, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- Council will revisit the Bond Referencing options if needed

ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS & PENSIONS**Mike Nobers, Chairperson**

- Received the quarterly reports from PNC Bank for the Non-Uniform and Uniform Pensions and they were distributed to all employees
- PNC charged the Police Pension in the amount of \$375.00 and the Non-Uniform Pension in the amount of \$875.00 for quarterly maintenance

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the proposed fee plan from PNC Bank for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- New chairs are being purchased for the Borough Office and the Police Chief in amount of \$1,627.50
- Received an automatic renewal notice from Intuit QuickBooks in the amount of \$1,799.00

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk for Jennifer Simek, Borough Secretary to attend "Your Role as a Municipal Secretary/Administrator" being held May 25 & 26 located at the Doubletree, Monroeville at a cost of \$225, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE & FIRE**Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson**

- Mr. Weatherby reviewed the Police Department's and the Fire Department's Monthly Reports

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to advertise the police vehicle for sale, second by Ms. Jones

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- Mr. Weatherby and Mayor Poninsky met with the Allegheny County Economic Development and discussed the Kohlmeyer/Henle Park Gazebos and a possible CTIF Grant to repave Monroe Way
- Received the Leetsdale Fire Department Firemen's Relief Association Compliance Audit

- Council agreed to participate in the COSTARS Gas Program. The required documents will be submitted by the Borough Office.

STREET DEPARTMENT/BOROUGH PROPERTY**Joseph McGurk, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to accept the proposal from Bartlett to trim a tree in Henle Park in the amount of \$720.00, second by Ms. Michael.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- Letters were prepared and sent by Jennifer Simek, Borough Secretary to residents advising residents that the garbage route along School Alley, Short Alley and Church Alley will be moved to the front of the homes since there is a safety issues with the garbage truck entering the alleys.
- Received the 2016 Duquesne Light LED Cobrahead Street Lighting Conversion Pilot Program. There is a minimum of 10 contiguous lights at any location and there is a \$109.00 removal and recovery charge for each HPS street light fixture removed. Council discussed and since the Borough participated the last two years there are no remaining areas with continuous ten lights in a row.
- PennDOT is planning to sealcoat SR 4036 (Ambridge Ave/Big Sewickley Creek Road/ Cross St/ Main St) beginning in the period after May 5, 2016, signs will be posted in advance.

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to accept the resignation of Randy Rall from the Public Works Department, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to sign the agreement granting the Right-of-Ways to Duquesne Light, second by Ms. Michael

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PARKS & RECREATION**Lauren Jones, Chairperson**

- The new splash pad hours will be Thursday through Sunday from noon to six and the concession stand will be ran by volunteers on Saturdays only. The new hours will be advertised in the Harold and will be posted on the Borough website. Weather permitting the splash pad will open on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

PLANNING, ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & ORDINANCES**Tom Belcastro, Chairperson**

- Received the monthly code enforcement report by Jim Ivancik and the monthly building inspection report by Joe Luff.

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MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY Mr. Belcastro to appoint Wendy Shepard to Planning Commission with the term to expire 2021, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

- Council reviewed the quote from Comcast for new phones and agreed to not accept the terms
- Contact Mr. Weatherby if interested in joining the American Red Cross Community Shelter Team.
- The Handicap Ramp at rear of the Borough Building will be submitted for a 2017 grant.

OLD BUSINESS

- Estimates needed for the repairs needed at the Fire Department and Rear Steps
- Vacancy remaining:
 - a) Recreation Board – 3 vacancies - Terms exp. 2020

CORRESPONDENCE

- Ohio River Trail is hosting its Annual Membership Meeting on May 16th at 6:00 p.m. located at the Robin Hill Park, Coraopolis.
- Received The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Edgeworth Consumer Confidence Report for report year 2015
- Received letter that PSAB has a proposed Constitution Amendment and it will be voted on at their June 8, 2016 meeting at the Hershey Conference

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the list of bills, second by Mr. McGurk
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adjourn, second by Ms. Jones
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

