

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Workshop Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 5, 2023 in Council Chambers.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President P. Lee; Councilors O. Awad, M. Carroll, W. James, M. Napolitano and J. Weatherby

EXCUSED: Councilor R. Nanni

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor S. Ford; Gavin A. Robb, Esq., Tucker Arensberg Attorneys

- A PUBLIC HEARING was held today prior to this meeting, at 6:30 P.M. for the possible transfer of a Liquor License to Leetsdale Borough

REPORTS RECEIVED

TAX COLLECTOR'S: December 2022

Mr. Weatherby requested a moment of silence for the Brackenridge Police Chief who lost his life in the Line of Duty

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Bill Jasper, 24 Winding Road, Provided Council with an update on the Quaker Valley School District plans for the new high school to be located in Leet Township and requested that council write a letter to the district requesting information on their budgets and project expenses.

James DeGori, 481 Washington Street, advised Council that he seen plans for the Pilsie Project and an additional roadway by Elite Motors onto Monroe Way

Suzie Kretzler, 11 Winding Road, advised that the pool is still leaking along Winding Road, the issue is currently being addressed by BIU.

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, concerned that ice is forming along Beaver Street from a spring in the hillside

SOLICITOR

G. Robb, Esq.

- Provide an update on the Pilsie Plan Building Agreement
- Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding of the wage and policy unit of the Leetsdale Police Department

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Review the Engineer's monthly report
- Motion to approval the final estimate for the Overpass Barrier Project
- Motion to advertise the 2023 Paving Project

MAYOR'S REPORT

Sandra J. Ford

- Mayor Ford will announce the Community Shoutouts and Recognitions next meeting
- On December 23, 2022 Mayor Ford opened the Leetsdale Community Room as a warming center for some of the residents along Washington Street who had no power. Mayor Ford suggested an emergency contact list since they were not able to contact all effected residents.

FINANCE/BUDGET/TAXES

Patricia Lee, Chairperson

- The following motions will be considered at the next meeting

- a. Motion to advertise the Strategy Meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM located in Council Chambers
- b. Motion to exonerate Thomas Belcastro from collecting 2022 Real Estate Taxes
- c. Motion to (reappoint Jennifer Simek or appoint Thomas Belcastro) as the Local Service Tax Collector for the 2023 collection year
- d. Motion to amend the amount transferred from \$54,469.04 to \$56,967.75 from the Liquid Fuels Account to reimburse the General Fund
- e. Motion to amend the amount transferred from \$1,255.00 to 1,270.00 from the General Fund to the Police Pension for the Income of the 2022 Accident Reports

ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION**Maria Napolitano, Chairperson**

- The Website is able to send text for events and emergencies but the residents have to register for the service.
- The TreeVitalize Grant is underway

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

- Chief Raible will review the Police Department's monthly report next meeting
- The Civil Service Commission will meet Monday, January 9, 2023 at 10:00 AM to update the Civil Service Rules and Regulations for Council's consideration.

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

- Mr. James will review the Fire Department's monthly report next meeting
- The Leedsdale Fire Department requested an email address from the borough for the fire departments use and all agreed that the department could utilize an address that is already paid for by the borough.

STREET DEPARTMENT/BOROUGH PROPERTY**Osman Awad, Chairperson**

- Mr. Awad suggested that council consider hiring a part-timer for the public works department and Ms. Lee suggested that Doug Ford, Street Commissioner attend the Strategy Meeting to discuss further.

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY**Beth Carroll, Chairperson**

- Two Parks & Rec Board resignations will be added to agenda next meeting.
- Ms. Carroll advised that the 4th of July Parade is still taking place

PLANNING/ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT**Maria Napolitano, Chairperson**

- Received the Building Inspection and Code Enforcement Monthly Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Vacancies on the Following:
 - a. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate with a term ending 2023
 - b. Vacancy Board Chairperson with a term ending 2024
- Mr. Robb provided additional information on the vacancy of the Vacancy Board Chairperson

CORRESPONDENCE

- Return your completed Ethics Form to Jennifer Simek by May 1, 2023
- Received the Quaker Valley Council of Governments 2022 Annual Report from Patrick Connors, Executive Director

LIST OF BILLS

- A motion will be considered next meeting to accept the January List of Bills

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Bill Jasper, 24 Winding Road, suggested that council reconsider sending a letter to the school district. Gavin Robb, Esq. advised that it would be appropriate of the borough to send a letter. Mr. Robb advised that any fees occurred by the borough would be reimbursed by the school district since it's their project and that the school would be responsible to have an escrow account upfront.

- Mr. Weatherby advised that there are many televisions located at the Borough Garage that need to be recycled and asked that Jennifer Simek, Borough Secretary contact BIU with a new complaint of a gray vehicle parked along Monroe Way that appears to be abandoned.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 8:03 PM, second by Mr. Awad
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek



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Borough Secretary/Treasurer