

**LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL** met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 9, 2020 in the Council Chambers.

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Weatherby acknowledged that today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mayor P. Poninsky; M. Turnbull, Esq., Weiss Burkardt and Kramer LLC; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Sagle Engineering, Inc.; Chief D. Raible, Leetsdale Police Department; Douglas Ford, Leetsdale Street Commissioner

### **NO REPORTS RECEIVED**

### **AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

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**Roger Nanni, 347 Beaver Street**, Mr. Nanni began by stating he thought there was the possibility of the lack of transparency or openness with council and he was interrupted by Ms. Turnbull and recommended that council adjourn to executive session to receive legal advice

**MOTION BY** Mr. Michael to adjourn to executive session at 7:04 PM to receive legal advice in regards to a personnel matter, second by Mr. James

MOTION CARRIES

Council reconvened at 7:27 PM from executive session for a personnel matter to regular session

**Roger Nanni, 347 Beaver Street**, Mr. Nanni tried speaking on a personnel matter and was interrupted by Ms. Turnbull and was advised that he was counseled and could not make any further statements without legal woes.

**Henriette Kretzler, 343 Washington Street**, advised that the Leetsdale Garden Club interest in holiday flags be hung on the telephone poles. Council requested that additional information be provided for consideration.

**Jim Gilbert, Main Street**, suggested the possibility of a Borough Spring Clean Up. Mr. Poninsky thanked Mr. Gilbert and his wife for their daily efforts of cleaning up the trash in the borough.

**Barb Span, Broad Street**, questioned the possible adoption of the audience addressing council resolution as a way of censoring the audiences' questions to council.

### **SOLICITOR**

**M. Turnbull, Esq.**

- Ms. Turnbull reviewed the resolution for a new policy for audience addressing council. Council will review for consideration next month.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Belcastro to table the adoption of the Resolution for a new policy for audience addressing council, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

- Ms. Turnbull distributed the Borough Code of Conduct to council for their review

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

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report

**MOTION BY** Mr. Belcastro to adopt the Resolution for the Sewickley Borough ACT 537 Official Sewage Plan Update, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

**MOTION BY** Mr. Frederick to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Buncher Building 26 Site Plan conditioned on the Engineer's letter dated November 22, 2019, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

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

- A Public Safety Meeting was held this evening and the following was discussed; PennDOT being contacted in regards to possibly installing turning lanes along Route 65, addressing the parking issue along Washington Street and the parking issue along Davis Road, address the school unloading zone, setting up a Camp Meeting Drainage meeting and guardrails being replaced along Washington Street and Beaver Street.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Frederick to increase the Full-time Police Officer's cell phone reimbursement from \$30.00 a month to \$65.00 a month, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

**FINANCE/BUDGET****Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson**

- Nothing new to report

**ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS & PENSIONS****Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson**

- The Non-Uniform and Uniform Pension Audits are underway

**MOTION BY** Mr. Frederick to appoint Jeffery Weatherby, Council President as the Chief Administrator Officer of the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and the Uniform Pension Plan, second by Mr. Belcastro

Mr. Nanni – No

MOTION CARRIES

**PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE****Thomas Michael, Chairperson**

- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report

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

- Mr. James reviewed the Fire Department's Monthly Report

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

- The vactor truck is schedule to cleanout sewers in the Borough Friday, January 10, 2020
- Mr. Frederick congratulated Douglas Ford on his reappointment as Street Commissioner.

**PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY****Osman Awad, Chairperson**

- Mr. Awad discussed purchasing new park equipment and will gather more information to be presented

**PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT****Roger Nanni, Chairperson**

- Mr. Nanni stated that council received the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Brian Hill and the Monthly Code Enforcement Report by Jason Sarver

**ORDINANCES & TAX COLLECTION****Thomas Belcastro, Chairperson**

- Mr. Belcastro will be reviewing the 2018 Delinquent Tax List with Megan Turnbull to eliminate the properties that are not collectable

**NEW BUSINESS**

## Council Committees

Finance/Budget	Weatherby/ Fredrick/ James
Admin/Pensions & Benefits	Weatherby/ Fredrick/ James
Public Safety - Police	Michael/ Frederick/ Weatherby
Public Safety - Fire	James/ Nanni/ Weatherby
Public Works	Frederick/ James/ Weatherby
Planning & Zoning	Nanni/ Michael/ Weatherby
Ordinance & Tax Collection	Belcastro/ Awad/ Weatherby
Parks & Rec/Community	Awad/ Belcastro/ Weatherby

- Board Vacancy
  - a. Recreation Board with term ending December 31, 2020
  - b. Civil Service Commission with term ending December 31, 2026
  - c. Civil Service Commission Alternate with term ending December 31, 2026
- Council discussed the Henle Park Splash Pad hours for the upcoming season and adding additional days. This will be discussed in the near future. Mr. Awad suggested that a new donation box be located in Henle Park that is easier to be identified.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Council discussed the Henle Park digital sign and agreed that no fee schedule would be needed as the sign will be for Borough use only
- Council agreed to update the digital sign to include volunteers needed for the LVFD

**MOTION BY** Mr. Nanni to open the 2020 budget, Mr. Weatherby called for a second on the motion. No one second the motion and the motion dies.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

ACBA Annual Rivers Casino Banquet is being held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 5:30 PM

**LIST OF BILLS**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Frederick to accept the List of Bills, second by Mr. Michael  
MOTION CARRIES

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Frederick to adjourn at 8:25 PM, second by Mr. Michael  
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Simek*

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

