

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 10, 2019 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 O. Awad, B. Frederick, T. Belcastro, J. Weatherby, J. McGurk, T. Michael

ALSO PRESENT: M. Turnbull, Esq., Weiss Burkardt and Kramer LLC; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Sagle Engineering, Inc.; Douglas Ford, Street Commissioner

REPORTS RECEIVED

TAX COLLECTOR'S: December

MINUTES: December Workshop and Regular Sessions

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the December Workshop and Regular Session Minutes and the December Tax Collector's Report, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Bob Kusnirak, 179 Broad Street, addressed the following with Council; questioned the amount that the Borough will be responsible to pay for the boat launch, questioned the need for the launch, spoke about non-residents using the launch, Mr. Kusnirak suggested that Council cut the 2 mills instead of repairing the boat launch, and it was suggested that council invite the Beaver County Times to the monthly meetings.

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, discussed the 2 mills and a possible date that the mills would be discontinued. Council advised that the 2 mills will now cover the Borough's infrastructure including the Borough's owned sewer pipes and this additional mill is voted on yearly.

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, discussed the importance of the boat launch being repaired for river safety.

SOLICITOR

Megan Turnbull, Esq.

- Ms. Turnbull reviewed the revised Bid Limits that Increased for 2019
- Ms. Turnbull provided a written response to Crown Castle in regards to a cell towers being placed in the Borough.

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to approve the roads for bid that were prepared by Mr. Doug Ford for the 2019 Paving Project, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Weatherby to advertise the 2019 Paving Project for bids to be received, second by Mr. Michael

MOTION CARRIES

- A motion was made by Mr. Awad to proceed with the grant application for the Beaver Street Hillside Drainage Project at an estimated cost of \$155,000, second by Mr. Belcastro. Mr. Slagle advised Council that this motion would not take place at this time since the applications have already been

accepted for the year, that council will need to consider this project in the summer for the 2020 application year. Council discussed the easements, local share amount and if Leet would be considered for a Joint Grant for this project.

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

- Public Safety Meeting was held this evening and the following was discussed; emergency exit bridge in Ambridge, including the Emergency Contact List in the next newsletter, discussed purchasing additional televisions for the Borough's conference room, installing additional phone lines and dry erase boards for the Borough Office Conference Room to be used as a Emergency Management Center, and installing flashing signs at the high school to be used during busing hours
- Provided a list of Emergency Phone Numbers and Websites to be published in the next newsletter

FINANCE/BUDGETS**Wesley James, Chairperson**

- Nothing new this month

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

- Mr. Weatherby provided an update on the Quaker Valley Council of Governments and advised that there was no raise in the COG Yearly Budget

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE & FIRE**Benjimen Frederick, Chairperson**

- Mr. Frederick reviewed the Police Departments Monthly Report
- Marty Davis, LVFD Chief reviewed the Fire Department's Monthly Reports

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

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to accept the estimate to have the Washington Street Steps repaired in the amount of \$1,875.00 to include material break down, second by Mr. Awad

Mr. Frederick abstained from the vote as estimate was provided by a family member

MOTION CARRIES

- Avelli completed the work at the Borough Building and along Washington Street
- One of the posts was damaged at the Washington Street steps by a large truck. Council discussed solutions and thought Avelli might be able to replace the bollards with larger ones or Doug Ford could place barriers at the location to make it safer.
- The installation of the new phones is scheduled for next Monday.
- Mr. Ford stated that the speed bump installation along Mohawk Way will be in place once the weather is nicer since the plow trucks can't plow over the hump

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

- Nothing new to report this month

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

- Mr. Michael reviewed the Monthly Code Enforcement Report by Jim Ivancik and the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Brian Hill

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

- Mr. Belcastro provided an update on the Business Privilege Tax Collections by TurnKey Taxes
- Mr. Belcastro reviewed the Rental Unit Operating License fees:
Initial operating license fees: Single Family \$50; Two Family \$75; Multifamily three to ten \$100; Multifamily over ten \$125 plus \$10 per unit; rooming houses, dormitories and hotels \$125 plus \$10 per unit. Thereafter, the subsequent fee for annual license for each unit will be assessed at \$50 per unit. Council discussed the fees and the possibility of changing them and decided that the fees would be discussed closer to renewal time.

- Council discussed the High-rise and charging the rental fees and decided that BIU will need to send a letter and schedule inspections.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board Vacancies
 - a. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate with a term ending 2021
 - b. Recreation Board with a term ending 2020
 - c. Shade Tree Commission with a term ending 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

- Allegheny County Boroughs Association is hosting its Annual Banquet on February 2, 2019 at 5:30 PM located at the Rivers Casino

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the List of Bills, second by Mr. Awad
MOTION CARRIES

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to adjourn at 8:15 PM, second by Mr. Michael
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

