

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, July 13, 2023 in Council Chambers.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President M. Napolitano; Councilors A. Awad, R. Nanni and J. Weatherby

EXCUSED: Councilors B. Carroll, P. Lee and W. James

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor S. Ford; D. Conlon, Esq., Tucker Arensberg Attorneys; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Sagle Engineering, Inc.; Chief D. Raible

REPORTS RECEIVED

TREASURER'S: June

MINUTES: June Workshop and Regular Sessions and July Workshop Session

TAX COLLECTOR'S: June

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the June Workshop and Regular Sessions and July Workshop Session, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the May Treasurer's Report, June Tax Collector's Report and the List of Bills, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

Mayor Ford thanked the 4th of July Committee and all those involved to make the celebration a success.

Scott Zahner, 4th of July Committee, also thanked everyone and provided an update for next year's celebration.

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Suzanne Filiaggi, Allegheny County Council, District 2, provided a legislative update

PRESENTATION BY

CONOR KELLEY, BOROUGH INTERN, gave a presentation of the most recent data collected for the Leedsdale Borough Shade Tree Commission and the information will benefit the borough in the future

SOLICITOR

D. Conlon, Esq.

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adopt the resolution 7-2023-1 for the Washington Street alternate exit project at the next meeting, second by Mr. Awad

Question on the motion by Mr. Nanny, verified the location of the bridge being considered.

MOTION CARRIES

- Preparing the Police Ordinance to provide traffic control for road construction in the borough
- Announced that prior to this meeting Council met in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a litigation matter

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's monthly report
- Reviewed the plans for the Citizens Bank ATM relocation project in the Quaker Village Shopping Center parking lot
- Mr. Slagle addressed the following concerns:
 - a. Removing the Washington Street hump due to safety concerns
 - b. Explained what makes a sidewalk project an ADA project
 - c. Discussed MS4 and the discharge locations in the borough
 - d. Confirmed that Columbia Gas will pay for their street openings to be replaced in full, this is not a shared cost with the borough

MAYOR'S REPORT**Sandra J. Ford**

- Mayor Ford read a letter received from Melissa, manager of the Leetsdale Manor Hi-Rise
- Farmer's Market Vouchers will be distributed on August 1, 2023 from noon until 2:00 pm located at the Leetsdale Manor

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

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adopt the advertised Ordinance 685 to increase the annual compensation of the mayor, effective upon the mayor's next term, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to transfer \$1,820.36 from the General Fund to the Road Reconstruction Fund for the June Road Tax Collected, second by Mr. James

MOTION CARRIES

ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION**Beth Carroll, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Ms. Napolitano to adopt the PSAB Resolution 7-2023-2 to create a Junior Council Program, second by Mr. Nanni

Question on the motion by Ms. Napolitano, to extend the age to include sophomores and not all of council agreed

MOTION CARRIES

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

- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's monthly report

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to install a handicap parking space for 198 Broad Street to be located along Spencer Street, second by Mr. James

MOTION CARRIES

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

- Mr. James reviewed the Fire Department's monthly report

MOTION BY Mr. James to adopt The Fire Department Ordinance 686, second by Mr. Weatherby

Question on the motion by Mr. Nanni expressed concern with the age of the Junior Fireman

Roll Call: Mr. Awad, yes; Ms. Carroll, yes; Mr. James, yes; Ms. Lee, yes; Mr. Nanni, no; Mr. Weatherby, yes; Ms. Napolitano, yes

MOTION CARRIES

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

- Mr. Awad thanked the Public Works Department for their overtime on July 4th for the celebration

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

- Requested a quote from Brian Brown to remove the old Henle Park basketball court equipment and install the new post, backboards and hoops
- The Parks & Rec Board members will be meeting to plan an End of Summer Luau and discuss some activities in the park for the month of August. The board is still in need of two more members.

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

- Council received the monthly Building Inspection and Code Enforcement Report
- The Draft SALDO Ordinance is being reviewed by the Borough Solicitor's Office at this time
- Tri-COG Land Bank gave a presentation at the workshop
- Council discussed the houses on the 2023 Demolition Grant List; 175, 189 and 300 Beaver Street are all possible addresses, 175 and 300 Beaver Street are both already condemned.

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to authorize the Borough Solicitor to conduct a title search on both addresses being considered for the 2023 Demolition Grant, second by Mr. Weatherby
MOTION CARRIES

OLD BUSINESS

- One vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board, Alternate, with a term ending 2023
- Two vacancies on the Parks & Rec Board, both terms end 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Received the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Executive Director's Monthly Report
2. Open Mic being hosted by Rep Gaydos, flyers are available in the lobby

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

James Gilbert, 3 Main Street, concerned with the hillside drainage along Beaver Street

Linda Vaccaro, property owner, concerned that the high-rise dinners may not continue

Lisa Seymour, 26 Victory Lane, suggested an island be installed at the top of Victory Lane to stop the wrong way drivers

Kelly Lovato, 453 Washington Street, discussed a possible parking issue when the new facility opens on Brickworks at the Pilsie Site

Suzie Falcon, 11 Winding Road, suggested that the number of parking spaces be confirmed

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 9:03 P.M., second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek



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Borough Secretary/Treasurer