

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Workshop Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 3, 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, B. Carroll and J. Weatherby

EXCUSED: Councilors W. James and P. Lee

ABSENT: R. Nanni

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor S. Ford

REPORTS RECEIVED

TREASURER'S: June

MINUTES: July Regular Sessions

TAX COLLECTOR'S: July

LIST OF BILLS

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Suzie Falcon, 11 Winding Road, requested a copy of the list of bills

Henretta Kretzler, 343 Washington Street, expressed concern with Council considering painting parking lines along Broad Street and taking the curb appeal away

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, discussed Broad Street parking issues and added that painting parking lines will not be the solution

Deb Canney, 2 Oak Drive, mentioned if parking lines are painted that it might give additional parking to each household and suggested something temporary to determine if it will work or not. It was confirmed that the only existing parking lines in the borough are for handicap parking.

SOLICITOR

D. Conlon, Esq.

- The solicitor is preparing the Police Ordinance to provide traffic control for road construction in the borough for possible advertisement next meeting
- Council will need an update on the title searches for the demolition grant and confirm the addresses that are being considered
- Council discussed the tri-plex located at 473, 477 and 479 Washington Street, the units are uninhabitable. Council agreed that the Allegheny County Health Department needs to get involved.

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle will review the Engineer's monthly report next Thursday
- A motion will be considered at the Regular Session Meeting to authorize the engineer to prepare pre-applications for the QVCOG/ACDD Grant program. Council will discuss with Mr. Slagle which grants should be pursued.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Sandra J. Ford

- Community Shoutouts and Recognitions will be announced next week
- Mayor Ford is hosting a senior picnic at the high rise on August 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM, open to all Leetsdale seniors. This is being funded by sponsors as well as an upcoming senior dinner.
- Council will consider a motion to purchase food for a Senior Christmas Party
- Council confirmed that the Edgeworth Water Authority would be contacted and advised that better communication in the future for such events like the boil water advisory is needed.

- Council and Mayor Ford discussed reserving the PGH Mobile Toolbox and hosting a community cleanup day on Friday, September 29, 2023, if enough volunteers register to help. Council will need to get permission to cleanup possibly two properties.

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

- A motion to transfer the July Road Tax Collected from the General Fund to the Road Reconstruction Fund in the amount of \$2,413.10 will be considered next meeting.
- Mr. Weatherby advised that the budget will be presented in October
- Mr. Awad confirmed that Council votes when money is transferred from one borough bank account to another. Mr. Weatherby advised that the treasurer's report is in the meeting packet for Council to review.

ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION**Beth Carroll, Chairperson**

- A Fall Newsletter will be published, please submit your event info to the borough office
- Council is accepting Junior Council Program applications; the applicants must submit an essay to council expressing why they are interested in the position.
- Council discussed hiring a part-time clerk for the Borough Office and will discuss further before presenting to everyone once additional information is gathered.

Linda Vaccaro, Leetsdale Property Owner, read a letter that she recently submitted to Council in regards to the hiring a borough office assistant and additional office hours.

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

- Chief Raible will review the Police Department's monthly report next week
- Council discussed painting parking lines along Broad Street and decided a focus group would discuss further before a decision is made
- Mr. Weatherby suggested getting written permission from Ambridge property owner for the planning of the Washington Street Emergency Access

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

- Mr. James will review the Fire Department's monthly report at the next meeting.

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

- Council discussed installing security camera in Henle Park to help identify those responsible for vandalism in the park pavilion and restrooms. This will be an action item next meeting.

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

- Connor Kelley, Borough Intern, provide an update on the Henle Park Basketball Courts and having both installed within the approved budget
- August Activities in Henle Park; Movie in the Park on Friday, August 11th and the End of Summer Luau on Saturday, August 26th, flyers are available in the borough lobby.
- Council discussed the lack of volunteers has limited the activities in the park and confirmed that past council has paid park workers

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

- Council will review the monthly Building Inspection and Code Enforcement Report next meeting
- Code Enforcement fact sheet and proactive code enforcement is currently being worked on
- Connor Kelley, Borough Intern will provide an update on the Blight Project he is working on next meeting
- Ms. Napolitano provided an update on the Draft SALDO Ordinance and the Borough's Comprehensive Plan

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

- Received the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Executive Director's Monthly Report

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, concerned with the new website not being user friendly and information not current and needs updated still

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