

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 10, 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 R. Nanni, P. Lee and J. Weatherby

EXCUSED: Councilors W. James

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

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: July Regular and August Workshop Sessions

TREASURER'S: June

TAX COLLECTOR'S: July

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to approve the July Regular and August Workshop Minutes, second by Ms. Lee

Mr. Nanni, no

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to approve the June Treasurer's Report, second by Ms. Carroll

Mr. Awad, no

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to approve the July Tax Collector's Report, second by Ms. Lee

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Ms. Lee to approve the list of bills, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

Ms. Napolitano congratulated Mr. Awad for receiving a citation of recognition from Senator Robinson and thanked Connor Kelley, Borough Intern for all his hard work and dedication on the summer intern projects for the borough.

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS

Judy Gurgel, 158 Broad Street, expressed concern how long the workshop lasted

Caitlin Gresham, Leetsdale Parks & Recreation Board, announced the upcoming parks programs being hosted in Henle Park; Movie Night and End of Summer Luau

Craig Zahner, 158 Victory Lane, witnessed several vehicles that continue to drive the wrong way on Victory Lane and will discuss further during audience addressing council

SOLICITOR

G. Robb, Esq.

- Mr. Robb announced that council met in Executive Session to discuss a litigation issue prior to the meeting
- Still preparing the Police Ordinance to provide traffic control for road construction in the borough

- Title searches have been ordered for the proposed demolition property addresses

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

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's monthly report
- Council confirmed the 2023 Housing Demolition Project will be 189 & 300 Beaver Street once confirmed by the Borough's Building Inspector

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to authorize the engineer to prepare pre-applications for the QVCOG/ACDD Grant program for the following projects; 1. Washington Street Playground Equipment, 2. Henle Park Playground Equipment, 4. Henle Park Basketball Courts, 11. Housing Demolition Project and 15. Washington Street Realignment Project, second by Ms. Lee

MOTION CARRIES

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

- Mayor Ford read a letter to Council in regards to senior functions and Mayor's \$1,500.00 budget.

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to purchase food for a Senior Christmas Party not to exceed \$1,500.00, second by Mr. Awad

QUESTIONS ON THE MOTION

Council expressed their concerns with the amount being considered

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

MOTION DOES NOT CARRY

MOTION BY Ms. Carroll to purchase food for a Senior Christmas Party not to exceed \$300.00, second by Mr. Awad

QUESTIONS ON THE MOTION

Ms. Carroll suggested that if additional money is needed to request it when needed

Mayor Ford advised that the lunches are funded with her personal money as needed

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

MOTION CARRIES

- Mayor Ford will host a cleanup day on Saturday, September 9, 2023, with the use of the Public Works lawn tools. Flyers will be distributed to locate properties in need of help.
- Mayor Ford recognized Maria Napolitano, Council President, for all her hard work and effort she gives to all her projects and involvement in the community

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

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to transfer the July Road Tax Collected from the General Fund to the Road Reconstruction Fund in the amount of \$2,413.10, second by Ms. Lee

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to approve Osman Awad and Jennifer Simek attendance to the AC&WPATC Conference at a cost of \$785.00 for Mr. Awad's lodging and conference fee and \$1,114.35 for Ms. Simek's lodging, conference fee and meal plan, second by Ms. Lee

MOTION CARRIES

- Council discussed receiving the year-to-date budget monthly and will receive it monthly by email

ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION**Beth Carroll, Chairperson**

- Council is accepting Junior Council Program applications. Applicants must submit an essay expressing why they are interested in the position. No deadline set.
- A Fall/Winter Newsletter will be published, please submit your event info to the borough office
- Borough emergency contact information has been provided to Edgeworth Water Authority to help with the distribution of future water emergencies to the residents

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

- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's monthly report
- A Community forum for the Broad Street parking lines will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the community room
- Mr. Weatherby discussed the next steps in planning for the Washington Street Emergency Access and informed Council that written permission from the property owner's is needed.

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the handicap parking application for 85 Broad Street, second by Ms. Carroll

MOTION CARRIES

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

- Council reviewed the Fire Department's monthly report.

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

- Council discussed getting a quote to install security cameras in Henle Park for consideration next month

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

- Ms. Carroll will be ordering the new basketball poles and hoops to be installed at Henle Park
- The Parks and Rec Board is hosting Activities in Henle Park, movie night on August 11, 2023 and an End of Summer Luau on August 26, 2023

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

- Preparing a Code Enforcement fact sheet and proactive code enforcement
- Allegheny County is reviewing the Draft SALDO Ordinance
- Currently gathering information to update the Comprehensive Plan
- Connor Kelley, Borough Intern, gave a presentation on the Blight Project he has been preparing

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, advised that the neighbor next to Turner's throws birdseed out causing the birds to leave droppings on the black fence and causing a walking hazard down Spencer Street

James Degori, Washington Street, discussed concerns with the new building along Brickworks Road and the owner complying with the agreements.

Craig Zahner, 158 Victory Lane, concerned with wrong way drivers along Victory Lane. Chief Raible requested when this is witnessed to contact the police so it can be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 8:47 P.M., second by Mr. Awad
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek



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Borough Secretary/Treasurer