

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Workshop Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 7, 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 and J. Weatherby

EXCUSED: Councilors B. Carroll, P. Lee and R. Nanni

ABSENT: Councilor W. James

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor S. Ford

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: July Regular and August Workshop Sessions

LIST OF BILLS

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS

Dominic Napolitano, Planning Commission, provided an update on the Comprehensive Plan

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, suggested a new resident packet be available to new residents

Suzie Kretzler-Falcon, 11 Winding Road, discussed the Comprehensive Plan and the Winding Road sewer needing repaired

Reagan Fowler, applied for the Jr. Council position and introduced himself to Council

Jeremy Bruce, 269 Beaver Street, was unable to attend the forum for the parking issues along Broad Street and asked Council to consider a similar solution for Beaver Street

Martha, Victory Lane, concerned a resident is harassing other neighbors and confirmed that direction arrows will be painted on Victory Lane to help with wrong way drivers

SOLICITOR

G. Robb, Esq.

- Preparing the Police Ordinance to provide traffic control for road construction in the borough
- The title searches have been completed for the purposed housing demolitions of 189 and 300 Beaver Street. Council discussed not holding Public Hearings as this is not a requirement.

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- The Engineer's monthly report will be reviewed next meeting
- Council discussed moving the location of the ADA parking pad to Ferry Street
- Council discussed a motion to be considered at the next meeting to authorize pre-applications for the GEDTF Grants for the Washington Street hump removal project and replacing the boat launch

MAYOR'S REPORT

Sandra J. Ford

- Mayor Ford and Council will be hosting a community cleanup day this Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in the community room

FINANCE/BUDGET/TAXES

Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson

- Council discussed the request from the Leetsdale Garden Club to purchase additional holiday flags and will consider a motion for approval at the next meeting

ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION

Beth Carroll, Chairperson

- Local Government Academy internship has ended and the closeout documents have been submitted for reimbursement.

- A Fall/Winter Newsletter will be printed, submit articles to the Borough Office in the next week

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

- Chief Raible will review the Police Department's monthly report next meeting
- Council discussed the Community forum for the Broad Street parking lines and decided that a trail run with taped parking spaces will be placed in a section of Broad Street across from the rear parking lot of the community room.

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 will get a quote for security cameras to be installed at the Henle Park Concession Stand
- Council discussed selling or trading in the 2007 F550 dump truck that would be replaced by the purchase of a new dump truck through a Costar dealer
- Council discussed hiring a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to do property maintenance and keep the current company, BIU for rental and resale inspections as well as the building inspector who completes the zoning applications.

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

- An update on the planned activities in Henle Park will be provided at the next meeting

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

- Received the Code Enforcement and Building Inspection Monthly Report
- A motion will be considered at the Regular Meeting to advertise the SALDO Ordinance for adoption
- A motion will be considered at the Regular Meeting to advertise the Comprehensive Plan hearings for the Planning Commission and Council in accordance with the ACED review timeline
- Council discussed the tenant receiving a notification of the property code violation and agreed to move forward with the owner only receiving the violation since the owner is the tax payer

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
- Mayor Ford suggested that the public works department cut and maintain abandoned properties in the borough and lien the properties

CORRESPONDENCE

- QVCOG Executive Director's Monthly Report

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Barb Herman, 28 Victory Lane, inquired if a permit is needed for a 12-foot skeleton since being told the five-foot skeleton in the rear yard is offensive to others. Council advised that this would need to be verified through the borough office.

Suzie Kretzler-Falcon, 11 Winding Road, advised that the Broad Street parking lines will eliminate parking spaces since there are measurement requirements for intersections, driveways and fire hydrants

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, concerned with moving the ADA Parking Pad to Ferry Street since the sidewalks need replaced for safety reasons

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 8:37 P.M.
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek



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Borough Secretary/Treasurer