

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 14, 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, W. James, R. Nanni and J. Weatherby

ATTENDED BY PHONE: Councilors B. Carroll and Mayor S. Ford

EXCUSED: Councilor P. Lee

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

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to appoint Reagan Fowler as a Jr. Council person, second by Mr. Weatherby
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to appoint Ryan James as a Jr. Council person, second by Mr. Awad
MOTION CARRIES

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: August Regular and September Workshop Sessions

TREASURER'S: July

TAX COLLECTOR'S: August

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to accept the August Regular Session Minutes, second by Mr. James
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the September Workshop Minutes, second by Mr. Awad
Mr. Nanni Abstained
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. James to accept the July Treasurer's Report and the August Tax Collector's Report, second by Mr. Weatherby
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to pay the List of Bills, second by Mr. James
Ms. Napolitano abstained
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to amend the agenda to add a motion to accept the Henle Park ADA Parking Project bid from Swede Construction in the amount of \$37,400.00, second by Mr. James
MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Jasper, 24 Winding Road, was asked to speak at the end of the meeting during audience addressing council

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, discussed the purchase of a new F600 for the Public Works Department and it waiting until next year to be budgeted

Jo Ann Plese, 457 Washington Street, thanked all for cleaning up the brush along Washington Street

SOLICITOR**G. Robb, Esq.**

- Mr. Conlon announced that Council met in Executive Session prior to meeting to discuss the Jr. Council people
- The Police Ordinance to provide traffic control for road construction in the borough has been prepared, council will consider advertising the ordinance next month for adoption in November
- The title searches have been completed for the purposed housing demolitions of 189 and 300 Beaver Street. Council discussed holding Public Hearings for these projects.

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to amend the agenda to motion the advertisement of the Public Hearings for the housing demolitions, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. James to advertise the Public Hearings for the demolitions of 189 and 300 Beaver Street, Leetsdale, PA 15056 at 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 12, 2023, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

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

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's monthly report

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to award the Henle Park ADA Parking/Sidewalk Project bid from Swede Construction in the amount of \$37,400.00, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

- Council discussed moving the ADA Parking Pad that was located near VFW parking lot to Ferry Street near the intersection of Broad Street and installing flashing lights on the stop signs to get drivers attention at the intersection.

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to relocate the ADA parking pad to Ferry Street near the Broad Street intersection, second by Mr. James

Ms. Carroll opposed

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adopt the Resolution for the GEDTF Grant for the removal of the Washington Street Hump Project, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to adopt the Resolution for the GEDTF Grant for the Henle Park playground equipment/basketball court, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. James to adopt the Resolution for the GEDTF Grant for the boat launch/restroom project, second by Mr. Awad

Mr. Weatherby is opposed

MOTION CARRIES

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

- Mayor Ford thanked all the volunteers and Council that were able to help with the community cleanup day that was held on Saturday, September 9, 2023

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

- The Leedsdale Garden Club will purchase the additional holiday flags

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to transfer \$1,093.96 from the General Fund to the Road Reconstruction fund for the August Road Tax collected, second by Mr. Nanni
MOTION CARRIES

- The 2024 Budget process will begin in October

ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION**Beth Carroll, Chairperson**

- The 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**

- The Quaker Valley Council of Governments will be hosting their Annual Dinner on October 5, 2023 at the Edgeworth Club at a cost of \$75.00
- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's monthly report
- Council confirmed that temporary parking lines will be placed along Broad Street

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

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

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

- Council received a quote to install four security cameras and alarms on the three doors at the Henle Park concession stand and restrooms in the amount of \$2,895.00 and \$659.00 with an annual charge for the cellular monitoring fee \$464.00. Council will consider purchasing cameras from a retailer and having them installed by the public works department for under \$1,000.00
- Council will not make a motion to purchase a new truck for public works since this will be considered with the 2024 budget
- Council will prepare a job description for the hiring of a part-time Code Enforcement Officer for property maintenance in the borough

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

- The Recreation Board will be hosting a Halloween Parade on October 31, 2023 meet at 5:30 PM in the community room and conclude in Henle Park

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

- Council reviewed the Code Enforcement and Building Inspection Monthly Reports for July and August

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to advertise the SALDO Ordinance Public Hearing to be held on October 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM, second by Mr. Awad
MOTION CARRIES

- Ms. Napolitano provided a Comprehensive Plan Update

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to advertise the Comprehensive Plan hearings for the Planning Commission and Council in accordance with the ACED review timeline, second by Mr. James
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

- Representative Valerie Gaydos is hosting a Town Hall Meeting to discuss landslide Insurance and Assistance Program in PA, September 20th from 6-8 pm at the Sewickley YMCA

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Bill Jasper, 24 Winding Road, spoke in regards to the QVSD building a new high school in Leet Township and advised the current teacher's contract is expired.

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, confirmed that the Henle Park sidewalks are being replaced

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, requested that council consider the Washington Street tri-plex for a future demolition project

James Degori, 481 Washington Street, expressed several concerns with the new building along Brickworks Drive, Leetsdale Industrial; noise, landscaping, Monrow Way street lights, gutters and headlights shining into residents in the evening

Tim Budacki, 10 Sycamore Spur, suggested that the occupancy permit not be issued to the new building along Brickworks until all conditions are met

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 8:57 P.M., second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek



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Borough Secretary/Treasurer