

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 14, 2021 in the Leetsdale Community Room due to COVID-19.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moment of silence in memory of Phil Perciavalle, Borough tax collector and John Cigan, Sr., past council member

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President W. James; Councilors B. Frederick, O. Awad, T. Belcastro, R. Nanni and J. Weatherby

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor P. Poninsky; M. Turnbull, Esq., Weiss Burkardt and Kramer LLC; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Sagle Engineering, Inc.

ATTENDED BY PHONE: Jennifer Simek, Borough Secretary

EXCUSED: Councilor T. Michael; Daniel Raible, Police Chief and Douglas Ford, Street Commissioner due to COVID restrictions on attendance

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: December Regular Session

(workshop session was not held due to the current pandemic)

TREASURER'S: November and December

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept the December Regular Session Minutes and the October Treasurer's Report, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the November and December Treasurer's Reports, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, attended by phone due to the pandemic, Ms. Felicion had no comments

SOLICITOR

M. Turnbull, Esq.

- Ms. Turnbull is currently in the process of having 30 Ohio River Blvd appraised and requested any additional properties that Council was interested in having appraised at this time. Council discussed the side property program and how it would work with other properties in the Borough.

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report
- Mr. Frederick presented an invoice for a resident's recent sewer issue located at 666 Beaver Street, Leetsdale, in the amount of \$2,055.00

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to refer the sewer invoice to the Borough Engineer for review prior to reimbursement in the amount of \$2,055.00 to the homeowner, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

MAYOR'S REPORT

Peter A. Poninsky

- Nothing new to report this month

FINANCE/BUDGET**Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to amend the Liquid Fuels transfer from \$31,156.91 to \$33,016.39, received the December public lighting bill after the last meeting, second by Mr. Nanni

MOTION CARRIES

ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS & PENSIONS**Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to amend the Police Reports deposit amount to the Police Pension from \$804.00 to \$849.00 received additional payments after the last meeting, Mr. Nanni

MOTION CARRIES

- Mr. Belcastro questioned the 2021 budgeted amount for Real Estate Collection being down \$37,000.00 from last year and if a new collector can be appointed prior to the end of the current term. Ms. Turnbull advised that she will have to research.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE**Thomas Michael, Chairperson**

- Council received the Police Department's Monthly Report by Chief Raible

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

- Council received the Fire Department's Monthly Report by Chief Logan

STREET DEPARTMENT/BOROUGH PROPERTY**Benjimen Frederick, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to purchase a new tractor for the Public Works Department not to exceed \$20,000.00 and to sale the old tractor on Municibid, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

- Council discussed and agreed that no changes would be made to the current Public Works Employee Agreement that was agreed on and voted on last month by Council.

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY**Osman Awad, Chairperson**

- The Sewickley Library would like to host a touchless story time in Henle Park, the details will be discussed in the coming weeks.

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to appoint Tom Eshenbaugh to the Leetsdale Recreation Board with a term ending December 31, 2026, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT**Roger Nanni, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to appoint Sandy Ford to the Zoning Hearing Board with a term ending December 31, 2024, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to appoint Dominic Napolitano the Planning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

- Received the Monthly Code Enforcement Report by Jason Sarver and No new Building Permits issued by BIU for the month of December

ORDINANCES & TAX COLLECTION**Thomas Belcastro, Chairperson**

- Nothing new to report this month
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NEW BUSINESS

- Both Recreation Board members with terms that ended on December 31, 2020 both decided not to renew their terms.
 - a. There are two vacancies on the Recreation Board with terms ending December 31, 2026

CORRESPONDENCE

- Allegheny League of Municipalities announced that the Spring Conference is being postpone until June 17 - 20, 2021
- Please complete the 2020 Ethic Form and return your completed form to the Borough Office by May 1, 2021

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the List of Bills, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to adjourn at 7:34 PM, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

