

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Workshop Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 5, 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 P. Lee arrived at 7:04 P.M.

ATTENDED BY PHONE: Mayor S. Ford

EXCUSED: Councilors W. James, R. Nanni, B. Carroll and J. Weatherby

Swearing-in of the Junior Council Members at the Regular Session Meeting

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: September Regular Session

TREASURER'S: August

TAX COLLECTOR'S: September

LIST OF BILLS

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS

No Audience Addressing Council

SOLICITOR

G. Robb, Esq.

- Council will consider a motion to advertise the Police Ordinance to provide traffic control for borough road construction at the regular session meeting
- A Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM for the following; 2023 Housing Demolitions located at 175 Beaver Street and 300 Beaver Street and the SALDO being considered for adopt

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle will review the Engineer's monthly report at the Regular Session Meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT

Sandra J. Ford

- Consider purchasing 58 - \$20.00 gift cards for the current food bank recipients, total amount \$1,160.00 for distribution in December. Mayor Ford confirmed that she applied for the turkey fund so if granted the residents will receive those vouchers in November.

FINANCE/BUDGET/TAXES

Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson

- The draft 2024 Budget is being prepared
- Council discussed establishing a Non-residential Income Tax and will do additional research for more information and if any other municipalities are collecting this tax
- Consider a Motion to reappoint Jennifer Simek to collect the 2024 Local Service Tax. Council discussed that the appointment is necessary now for letters to be sent before the new year
- Consider a Motion to ratify the payment to the Leedsdale Fire Association the Foreign Fire Insurance Allocation in the amount of \$10,178.44

ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION

Beth Carroll, Chairperson

- Newsletter will be delivered next week
- TreeVitalize applications are open for the Spring 2024 planting

- Received the 2023 State Aid of \$87,418.32 for the pension funds
- A motion will be considered to pay the 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligations and the Borough's Contribution to the Pension Plans as follows; Police Pension \$58,278.88 State Aid and \$41,303.12 for the Borough Contribution and Non-Uniform Pension \$29,139.44 State Aid and \$3,220.56 Borough Contribution

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

- Chief Raible will review the Police Department's monthly report at the regular session meeting

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

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

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

- Mr. Awad provided an update on installing security cameras in Henle Park and will have a cost for Council's consideration and the Public Works Department will install the cameras.

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

- The Rec Board is hosting a Halloween Parade on October 31st at 5:30 PM to begin at the community room and end in Henle Park. Council will confirm if a bonfire is being held again this year during trick or treat.

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

- Council will consider a Motion to adopt the SALDO Ordinance at the regular session meeting
- Ms. Napolitano will provide a Comprehensive Plan update
- A Gift Card drawing was done as a thank you and survey participant B69 won

NEW BUSINESS

- Council discussed the Washington Street alternative exit and will form a committee to help move this project along, monthly updates will be provided
- Ms. Napolitano will create the initial draft of the intent letter for Hussey Copper to access their property for emergency use

OLD BUSINESS

- One vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board, Alternate, term ending 2023
- Two vacancies on the Parks & Rec Board, terms ending 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

- Nothing new received

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, inquired if the water is discounted for the splash pad, council will research more and may consider other ways of soliciting donations to help cover the cost

James Degori, 481 Washington Street, inquired on the timeline of when the Pilsie Project will comply with the complaints of the new building, Council reassured Mr. Degori that Council and the Borough Professionals are aware and are all working together to the new building corrected as noted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to adjourn at 8:21 P.M.

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek



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Borough Secretary/Treasurer