

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Workshop Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 2, 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 and R. Nanni

ABSENT: Councilors W. James and P. Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor S. Ford

REPORTS RECEIVED

TAX COLLECTOR'S: October

LIST OF BILLS

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEMS

Linda Vaccaro, property owner, questioned the budget cut for the food bank and the lack of funding for the parks program. It was confirmed that the borough received \$500.00 from Union Aid for free lunches on Fridays this past summer

SOLICITOR

D. Conlon, Esq.

- Monthly Update at the next meeting

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Review the Engineer's monthly report next meeting

MAYOR'S REPORT

Sandra J. Ford

- Community Shoutouts and Recognitions will be announced next meeting
- Hosting a Senior Christmas Party at the high rise on December 8, 2023 at 1:00pm
- Received a request for a memorial plaque for Joshua Hill to be placed in Henle Park, discussed not to exceed \$50.00, Ms. Napolitano advised that the approval of the expenditure is good practice.
- Provided a letter of intent to Hussey Copper

FINANCE/BUDGET/TAXES

Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson

- A Motion will be considered at the next meeting to switch the employee health insurance from United Health Care to Highmark starting January 1, 2024
- Council reviewed the DRAFT 2024 Budget and discussed some changes
- A Motion will be considered at the next meeting to adopt, post and advertise the 2024 Proposed Budget
- A Motion will be considered at the next meeting to advertise the 2024 Real Estate Tax Ordinance levying 8 mills for General Purpose and 1 mill for the Road Reconstruction & Infrastructure. Council discussed not increasing the taxes so then a resolution can be adopted instead of an ordinance.
- A Motion will be considered at the next meeting to transfer \$74,287.66 from the Road Reconstruction to the General Fund to reimburse for the Paving Project
- A Motion will be considered at the next meeting to transfer \$124.20 from the General Fund to the Road Reconstruction Fund for the October tax collected

ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION**Beth Carroll, Chairperson**

- The TreeVitalize applications are open for the Spring 2024 planting

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

- Chief Raible will review the Police Department's monthly report next meeting
- A Motion will be considered at the next meeting to adopt the Police Ordinance to provide traffic control for borough road construction

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

- Mr. James will review the Fire Department's monthly report next meeting

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

- Confirmed that a new dump truck will be budgeted for 2024

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

- The Rec Board hosted a Halloween Parade and afterwards a small gathering in the community room
- Mr. Awad discussed the lighting at the borough building needs fixed as there were no lights for the trick-or-treaters

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

- Received the Building Inspections and Code Enforcement Monthly Report
- Begin the process of creating a Code Enforcement Job Description
- The Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing will be on Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 PM
- A motion will be considered at the next meeting to approve a substitution 4' steel fence in lieu of the 4' split rail fence around the detention pond at 1201 Brickworks Drive
- A motion will be considered next meeting to send the following for review by the county and the solicitor and any other department that is required
 - a. the zoning ordinance amendment, creating a new zoning category, called Mixed Use Industrial.
 - b. A zoning map amendment, creating a new Mixed Use Industrial zone in the borough.
 - c. Review the zoning ordinance amendment, amending the permitted uses in the R-2 Residential district, increasing the variety of housing types allowed in the district, and detailing the process for zoning determinations.

NEW BUSINESS

- No Update at this time on the Washington Street Alternative Exit

OLD BUSINESS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Weatherby reviewed the Quaker Valley COG Monthly Report
- PSAB is offering Newly Elected Municipal Officials Boot Camp
- Mr. Awad was notified by a resident along Washington Street at the corner of Leet Street that every time it rains the water backs up in his basement. Henriette Kretzler, 343 Washington Street, stated that the property recently sold and this might have been an ongoing issue and that it might not have been disclosed at the time of sale, and that this is a sewer issue not a borough issue. Ms. Napolitano confirmed that this is a private issue.

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Henriette Kretzler, 343 Washington Street, mattress located along Monroe Way needs picked up, confirmed on private property and code enforcement would need to handle.

Suzie Kretzler-Falcon, 11 Winding Road, confirmed that the sewer repairs along Winding Road are still being looked into and the borough will need an estimate for the repairs. Ms. Falcon questioned how many times a council person can miss meetings without being excused and council confirmed they can't be removed with the courts being involved.

Audience and Council discussed the following items:

- Hiring office help and additional office hours
- New Building in Leetsdale Industrial and the ongoing issues that are being addressed
- Council Chambers sound system upgrade and video recording options for the meetings
- Confirmed cameras being installed in Henle Park
- Code Enforcement will address a mattress that was dropped off along Monroe Way

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 8:46 P.M., second by Mr. Awad
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek



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Borough Secretary/Treasurer