

**LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL** met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 1, 2022 in Council Chambers.

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Council Vice President M. Napolitano; Councilors O. Awad and J. Weatherby

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mayor S. Ford; M. Turnbull, Esq., Weiss Burkardt and Kramer LLC

**EXCUSED:** Council President P. Lee, Councilors B. Carroll, W. James and R. Nanni

### **REPORTS RECEIVED**

**MINUTES:** June Regular and July Workshop Sessions

(No meetings held for July Regular or August Workshop Sessions)

Ms. Napolitano announced that Council Chambers now has microphones now and looking forward to the upcoming Fall Activities

Councilor W. James arrived at 7:03 PM

### **AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

**Suzie Falcon, 11 Winding Road**, requested that the Borough Minutes be updated on the website. On Saturday vehicles were parked in Henle Park and suggested signs be put in place for no cars or bikes in the park.

**Bill Jasper, Winding Road**, confirmed that the borough owns a limited amount of parking next to the VFW Parking Lot

Mr. Awad added that Leetsdale Council should consider repairing/repaving the LVFW parking lot and then sign a 10-year lease to use it. It was confirmed that this was attempted in the past but an old council member wouldn't agree to paying the LVFW any money. Ms. Turnbull stated that a draft lease already exists.

**Linda Vaccaro, 108 Walnut Street, Sewickley**, owns rental property at 294 Beaver Street, the house for sale next door at 292 Beaver Street has a large bee hive on the corner and needs the code enforcement officer to address the issue. Mayor Ford stated that she would file the complaint with BIU. Also, questioned if an assistant is still being considered as budgeted, Ms. Napolitano stated that it could be reviewed again. Ms. Vaccaro was concerned that Deb Canney, 2 Oak Drive, was in the Henle Park Pavilion cleaning up after a weekend rental. Council suggested notifying the office or public works in the future.

### **SOLICITOR**

**M. Turnbull, Esq.**

- The Oil & Gas Ordinance Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022 during the Regular Session Meeting and a motion will be consideration for adoption of the Oil and Gas Ordinance amendment and SALDO Appendix A amendment
- A motion will be considered to adopt the fence ordinance amendment that include the following changes; set back minimum, type of fencing and permits required for all fences.
- Currently working on the Shade Tree Commission Ordinance to include amendments to update the current ordinance.
- Ms. Turnbull gave an update on the pending litigation in Allegheny County for the 2022 Common Level Ratio (CLR) in the case of Gioffre v. Fitzgerald, no. GD-21-7154, lowering the CLR from 81.1% to 63.53% to take effect immediately. An appeal may stay the implementation of this order,

WBK will advise if and when an appeal is filed, and what effect it will have on pending property assessment appeals.

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

- Mr. Slagle will review the Engineer's Monthly Report next meeting

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

- Mayor Ford thanked the Henle Park Program Volunteers for all their hard work this summer making the free lunch program a success
- A Labor Day Picnic will be held Monday, September 5th at Noon in Henle Park
- Mayor Ford will present a proclamation for the garden club to place a sign in the garden at Broad and Beaver Streets to dedicate the garden to Mary Kay Dschuhan
- Council discussed some parking solutions for Church Alley and will consider an ordinance for no boats or trailers to be parked on any borough roadway for more than 72 hours, except would be made for construction sites that require a trailer for hauling away

**FINANCE/BUDGET/TAXES****Patricia Lee, Chairperson**

- Received the QuickBooks Audited files on August 30, 2022. Once finalized a copy will be provided to Council.

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

- Code Enforcement and Building Inspection August Reports will be available next meeting
- A Zoning Hearing of Centerside Industrial LP will be heard on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:30 PM located in Council Chambers
- Dominic Napolitano, Planning Commission, provided an update for the Act 50/Small Cell Wireless Ordinance and a Fence Ordinance Amendment recommendation

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

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

The Following Motions will be considered at the next meeting:

- Motion to accept the 2023 – 2027 Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement. Ms. Napolitano confirmed the changes in the renewal contract.
- Motion to adopt the amended traffic ordinance to limit the Borough Parking Lots for rentals and Borough Business except for street sweeping and add Church Alley as a one-way street.
- Motion to adopt the updated Police Mutual Aid Agreement and Resolution

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

- Mr. James will review the monthly report next meeting once it's received. Received a grant from the Sewickley Valley Community Fund recently for new AEDs to replace the outdated units and also will allow the department to purchase EpiPens for the QRS.

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

- Council will consider a motion to accept the bid to remove five tree stumps in Henle Park in the amount of \$3,500.00

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

- Debra Canney, Parks & Rec Member, provided an update on the summer parks programs and gave information for the following fall activities
  - October 6, 7, 8 – Fall Festival from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM pumpkins, crafts, open concession stand for apple cider, hot dogs and snacks, hayrides with a truck and trailer

- October 22 – Mom & Dads Night Out in the Park with a band, will offer 50/50 with a cash prize, sell hot sausage sandwiches, soda and water, alcohol drinks would be sold from the VFW
- October 29 – Halloween in the Park. It was confirmed that trick-or-treat will be held on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM and it was discussed to move the 29<sup>th</sup> event to the 31<sup>st</sup> as hosted in the past with a bonfire.

**ORGANIZATION ADMINISTRATION****Maria Napolitano, Chairperson**

- Rob Cobourne, Borough Website and FaceBook Designer, provided an update on the new Borough website and discussed possible colors to be used and a discussed the Borough's current seal and matching the colors on the website.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- The General Election is November 8, 2022

**LIST OF BILLS**

- Council will consider a motion to accept the September List of Bills next meeting
- Barb Herman, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, discussed the committee taking over the duties for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and confirmed how the new committee needs to obtain all the current books, EIN and bi-laws from resigning members. It was confirmed by Ms. Turnbull that the committee handles everything on their own and all information is obtained by the committee not the borough.

**ADJOURNMENT****MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 8:58 PM, second by Mr. Awad**MOTION CARRIES**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Simek*Jennifer Simek  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer