

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 14, 2019 in the Council Chambers.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President W. James; Councilors B. Frederick, T. Belcastro, J. McGurk, J. Weatherby, T. Michael

EXCUSED: Councilor O. Awad

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor P. Poninsky; M. Turnbull, Esq., Weiss Burkardt and Kramer LLC; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Sagle Engineering, Inc.; Douglas Ford, Street Commissioner; M. Davis, Leetsdale Fire Department Chief

Mr. James apologized to Council for leaving the meeting early on Tuesday.

REPORTS RECEIVED

TAX COLLECTOR'S: January

MINUTES: December Regular and January Workshop Sessions

TREASURER'S: December and January

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept the December Regular Session and January Workshop Session Minutes, January Tax Collector's Report and the December and January Treasurers' Reports, second by Mr. Michael

MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Henriette Kretzler, 434 Washington Street, advised that Brickworks is muddy from the construction vehicles. Chief Raible advised that he is working with the contractors to have the roadway clean off more often.

Bob Kusnirak, 179 Broad Street, questioned the rental fees being changed and not being on the agenda for review this month. Mr. Belcastro advised that Council will review again before January 2020.

Mary Kay Dschuhan, Beaver Street, questioned the ownership of the boat launch property, Mr. James advised that the Borough owns the roadway to enter the launch area, the property to the right is Hussey Copper and the Leetsdale Industrial owns the other side. Ms. Dschuhan discussed taxes being collected and questioned the additional 2 mills for the Road Fund Tax.

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, confirmed the cleanup and suggested that the Mayor contact the high school for additional volunteers.

SOLICITOR

Megan Turnbull, Esq.

MOTION BY Mr. Belcastro to Authorize Ms. Turnbull to negotiate the sale of the property at 268 Beaver Street for a fair market value plus costs, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the Washington Street ADA Sidewalk PH3 Project in the amount of \$941.50, second by Mr. Michael

MOTION CARRIES

- Council discussed the possibility of purchasing a Digital Sign to be placed at the corner of Ferry Street and Broad Street. Mr. Slagle confirmed that there are no grants available for such a project. Council agreed to get bids for consideration and to review the Sign Ordinances.

MAYOR'S REPORT**Peter A. Poninsky**

- A Public Safety Meeting was held Tuesday, February 12, 2019 and discussed the following; NIMS Courses, Quaker Valley High School tour,
- Reminder that Council needs to complete the following NIMS Courses; IS100.b, IS-200.b and IS700.a need to be completed

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adopt the Resolution for implementing the National Incident Management System, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to readopt the Emergency Operations Plan, Public Edition, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

- The Quaker Valley COG will be hosting a Hard to Recycle Event on June 29, 2019, 9:00 – 1:00 located at the QVHS
- Attended the Casino Dinner Saturday, February 2, 2019
- The Leetsdale VFW hosted a service to Honor the Four Chaplains on Monday, February 4, 2019

MOTION BY Mr. Michael to adopt the Local Government Recognition Resolution declaring April 8 -12, 2019 as Local Government Week and April 10, 2019 as Local Government Day, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Belcastro to raise the Henle Park Shelter and the Community Room Rental Fees for Non-Residents as follows: Henle Park Shelter to \$250.00 and the Community Room to \$175.00

MOTION CARRIES

- Mr. Poninsky suggested that Council review the two comprehensive plans for the Boat Launch and Henle Park so it can be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

FINANCE/BUDGETS**Wesley James, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to accept the estimate from General Code to codify Ordinances 663 – 671 to cost between \$3,125 and \$3,995, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

- Mr. James gave an update on the Roundtable that was held on January 31, 2019 with Tony Rosenberger and the Industrial Park Engineer, Dan Slagle, Ben Frederick, Megan Turnbull, Wesley James. Mr. Rosenberger questioned the cost of the Storm Water Ordinance Fee and asked if Council would consider reviewing the amount it will cost the Industrial Park.

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

- Payments made from each of the Pensions for Actuarial fees in the amount of \$1,550.00

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE & FIRE**Benjimen Frederick, Chairperson**

- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report
- Chief Davis reviewed the Fire Department's Monthly Report

- Mr. Belcastro suggested that Council consider a \$3,000 yearly donation to the Fire Department. Mr. James advised that the Fire Department already receives a quarterly donation from the Borough.

STREET DEPARTMENT/BOROUGH PROPERTY**Joseph McGurk, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to accept the Bartlett Tree Service proposals for the Borough Building, Henle Park and Kohlmeyer Park, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

- Some of the bollards were damaged at the Washington Street steps
- The new phones were installed in the Borough Office and the Police Department today
- Mr. McGurk advised that a Speed Bump would be purchased and installed along Mohawk Way once the snow was done since the Public Works Department is unable to use the plow over the bumps.

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

- Nothing new to report this month

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT**Thomas Michael, Chairperson**

- Mr. Michael reviewed the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Brian Hill
- No Monthly report for the Code Enforcement as no action has taken place

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

- Nothing new to report this month

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to pay the invoice for the tree removal along Washington Street on private property in the amount of \$1,600.00, second by Mr. Frederick

Roll Call:

No - B. Frederick, T. Belcastro, J. McGurk, J. Weatherby, T. Michael, W. James

MOTION DOES NOT CARRY 0 – 6

OLD BUSINESS

- Board Vacancies
 - a. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate with a term ending 2021
 - b. Recreation Board with a term ending 2020
 - c. Shade Tree Commission with a term ending 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

- The 2018 Ethic Forms need to be completed and received by the Borough Office no later than May 1, 2019. Forms are available in the Borough Office.
- Fern Hollow Nature Center and the QVCOG are hosting a Rain Water Capture and Harvesting Event on March 2, 2019 at 10:00, there is a \$10.00 fee
- PSAB 108th Annual Conference & Exhibition is being held June 9-12 at the Hershey Lodge

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Michael to approve the List of Bills, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to adjourn to Executive Session regarding Litigation at 8:35 PM, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

