

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 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, O. Awad, T. Belcastro, J. Weatherby, T. Michael

EXCUSED: Councilor J. McGurk

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

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: January Regular Session

TREASURER'S: February

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the January Regular Session Minutes and the February Treasurers' Reports, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Barb Herman, Sewickley YMCA, requested three dates for the YMCA to use the Splash Pad this summer and also discussed the Summer Lunch Program that will be ran by Mr. Awad on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, this program is funded by the YMCA.

Tom James, 66 Broad Street, advised Council that he is working with the Mayor and Officer Dreyer to host some upcoming events at the Leetsdale VFW and they have been focused on Memorial Day.

Mr. James presented a reward to Marty Davis, Fire Chief, recognizing him as a Volunteer Fireman of Leetsdale from the VFW

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, requested that a letter be sent to the Quaker Valley School District requesting volunteers for the Borough's Annual Cleanup.

Barb Aughinbaugh, Ohio River Blvd, advised that two street lights were not working and council advised that the lights can be reported to the police department for further handling in the future.

Brandon Parnell, 403 Beaver Street, expressed concern with the neighbor's dogs jumping the owner's fence and requested that council consider changing the fence ordinance so the owner can make the fence higher along the front of the property. Council advised that the owner could apply for variance through the Zoning Hearing Board.

SOLICITOR**V. Kustra, Esq.**

- Mr. Kustra provided an update on the possible property transfer of 268 Beaver Street, a letter was sent to the interested purchaser and no response to date.

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

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report
- The DEP completed an MS4 Audit on Tuesday, March 5, 2019

MOTION BY Mr. Michael to advertise the 2019 Paving Project, second by Mr. Michael

MOTION CARRIES

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

- No March Public Safety Meeting
- The Borough's Annual Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019, we will meet at the Borough Office at 9:00 am for morning sweets and hot dogs and hamburgers will be served afterwards, please contact Mayor Poninsky to participate and provide your shirt sizes.

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept the rental contract with Mr. John to provide a Wheelchair Accessible Restroom at the Leetsdale Borough Boat Dock in the amount of \$207 monthly, to be delivered April 1 and picked up September 30, 2019, second by Mr. Michael

MOTION CARRIES

- Sign Innovation provided two quotes for an electronic sign to be placed at the Henle Park at the corner of Ferry Street and Beaver Street.

FINANCE/BUDGETS**Wesley James, Chairperson**

- The Liquid Fuels Tax was received on March 1, 2019 in the amount of \$48,256.25

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to transfer \$60,000.00 from the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund to reimburse the General Fund for the purchase of the 2019 Ford F-550 in the amount of \$74,718.00, second by Mr. Awad

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MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to transfer \$583.35 from the Office Capital Reserve Fund to reimburse the General Fund for the installation of the new phones in the Borough Office and Police Station, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

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

- The following NIMS Courses need to be completed by Council and submitted to the Borough Office if you haven't done so already. Mr. Weatherby advised that a class will be available instead of the online courses. Once he has more information he will pass along to council. Council discussed the Floodplain and the changes that took places in the past years.

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

- The Leetsdale Volunteer Fire Department is hosting their Annual Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent located at the Leetsdale VFW. Flyers are available in the Borough Office.
- Police Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept the resignation of Officer Massey, second by Mr. Belcastro

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- Fire Chief Davis reviewed the Fire Departments' Monthly Report
- Mr. Frederick attended the Hard to Recycle Traffic Discussion on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. The event will be held on June 29th located at the QVHS. Flyers are available in the Borough Office.

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

- Street Commissioner Ford gave a garbage truck update as the truck has been in the shop waiting on a part. The truck should be back on the road in the days.

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

- The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 2:00 PM in Henle Park

- The YMCA will have the Free Lunches in Henle Park again this summer
- The Sewickley YMCA will be using the splash pad several times this summer, dates will be provided to the Borough Office.

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

- Mr. Michael reviewed the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Brian Hill and the Monthly Code Enforcement Report by Jason Sarver.

MOTION BY Mr. Michael to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to allow 12 Main Street to consolidate two parcels, second by Belcastro
MOTION CARRIES

- The Planning Commission provided minutes from their meeting on February 26, 2019

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

- Mr. Belcastro provided an update for TurnKey Tax Collection; a company requested a refund for tax money paid in error and the yearly notices were mailed and the funds are due May 15, 2019

NEW BUSINESS

- Please have Borough Newsletter articles to the Borough Office in the coming days. If possible, the publish date will be April 1, 2019
- The Borough was recognized as a 2019 Banner Community. Mr. Weatherby attended the Luncheon on Friday, March 8, 2019.
- Board Vacancies
 - a. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate with a term ending 2021
 - b. One Recreation Board opening with a term ending 2020
 - a. Received an appointment request from Traci Price
 - b. Received an appointment request from Laura Mastrorocco

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to appoint Traci Price to the Recreation Board with a term ending 2020, second by Mr. Belcastro
MOTION CARRIES

- c. Shade Tree Commission with a term ending 2024
 - a. Received an appointment request from Wendy Shepard

MOTION BY Mr. Belcastro to appoint Wendy Shepard to the Shade Tree Commission with a term ending 2024, second by Mr. Michael
MOTION CARRIES

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.

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to approved the list of bills, second by Mr. Awad
Mr. Weatherby abstained from the motion as Mr. Weatherby received reimbursement
MOTION CARRIES

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to adjourn at 8:05 PM, second by Mr. Michael
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

