

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 11, 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. McGurk, J. Weatherby, T. Michael

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; D. Raible, Chief of Police

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: February and March Workshop Sessions and February Regular Session

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to approve the February and March Workshop Sessions and February Regular Session Minutes, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Henrietta Kretzler, Washington Street, expressed concern with the Washington Street sidewalks being replaced. Mr. Slagle gave details of the grant project and Ms. Kretzler agreed to replacement.

SOLICITOR

M. Turnbull, Esq.

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to advertise the public hearing that is scheduled for the Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal to be held Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 6:45 PM, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

- Received two small tower applications and they have been referred to the Planning Commission for further review
- Received a property tax exemption request from Hill City Holdings, 126 Broad Street
- The Donated Property located at 124 Beaver Street will be tax exempt for the Borough until the property is transferred to the buyer, who made an initial payment.

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk accept the low bidder for the 2018 Housing Demolition, 324 Beaver Street, A.W. McNabb with a bid of \$22,000.00 with a \$2,000.00 local share, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Belcastro accept the low bidder for the Borough's ADA Sidewalk/Ramp Project Satira Construction with a bid of \$97,900.00 with a local share of \$18,900.00, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to advertise the modified design for the DCNR Boat Launch Ramp Project, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the 2019 Paving Project alternate bid with Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$277,450 and base bid 2 of \$11,750.00, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

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

- No Public Safety Meeting held this month
- The Borough's Annual Cleanup Day is cancelled due to scheduling conflicts

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept the bid with Sign Innovations for the Digital Sign to be placed at the corner of Ferry and Broad Streets in the amount of \$20,183.26, second by Mr. Belcastro
MOTION CARRIES

- Mr. Poninsky attended the ALOM Spring Conference at Seven Springs and received the MRM Dividend check in the amount of \$21,213.39
- Mr. Poninsky advised Council that this will be the last year DQ Light will offer the LED Replacement Program
- Building plans were packaged and shipped for digital scanning
- Mr. Poninsky preformed two weddings this month
- The Leetsdale Food Bank has an inspection Monday
- Curves of Leetsdale donated to the Leetsdale Food Bank
- Rev. Melvin Jackson, Leetsdale Baptist Church, requested a Proclamation for the April 28, 2019

FINANCE/BUDGETS**Wesley James, Chairperson**

- Nothing new to report this month

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

- Nothing new to report this month

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

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

- Tudi Mechanical completed maintenance and located a defective crankcase heater on the outside unit. Replacement cost is \$292.00

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 Sewickley Library would like to host "Free Books" in Henle Park; Wednesday, June 26, rain date Thursday, June 27 and Wednesday, July 31, rain date Thursday, August 1

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to accept the resignation letter from Judy Fulton from the Recreation Board with a remaining term of December 31, 2022, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to accept the appointment request from Laura Mastrococco to the Recreation Board with a term ending December 31, 2022, second by Mr. Belcastro
MOTION CARRIES

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

ORDINANCES & TAX COLLECTION

Thomas Belcastro, Chairperson

MOTION BY Mr. Belcastro to approve the Business Privilege Tax refund to Industrial Welding in the amount of \$5,355.42 for overpayment, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

NEW BUSINESS

- The Allegheny Land Trust is in need of one Council Member that is able to attend meetings for the Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Plan, no one was able to commit at this time due to conflicts in their schedules.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board Vacancies
 - a. Zoning Hearing Alternate with a term ending 2021

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.
- Mr. Weatherby will email the training information for those in need of their NIMS Courses.

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to approved the list of bills, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

Mr. Frederick and Mr. Awad abstain from the vote as both received reimbursement

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to adjourn at 8:15 PM, second by Mr. Michael

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

