

**LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL** met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 13, 2017 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 M. Nobers, T. Belcastro, J. Weatherby, J. McGurk and L. Jones

**EXCUSED:** Councilor L. Michael and Chief D. Raible, Leetsdale Police Department

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor P. Poninsky, M. Turnbull, Esq., Goehring, Rutter and Boehm; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Inc., Douglas Ford, Street Commissioner

**REPORTS RECEIVED**

**MINUTES:** March Regular Session

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** March

**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to accept the March Regular Session Minutes and the March Treasurer's Report, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

**Susie Falcone, 11 Winding Road**, Thanked Council and Doug Ford, Street Commissioner for starting the work on the catch basin along Winding Road. Mr. Belcastro advised that he spoke with Shawn Scott, Edgeworth Water Authority and was given an update on the water project. He also spoke with John Yankello, Leetsdale Sewer Authority and they discussed the smell along Washington Street and advised that Mr. Ford will set a trap to try and capture what is causing the smell. The community was asked to contact the Allegheny County Health Department when the smell is present.

**Barbara Aughinbaugh, 50 Ohio River Blvd**, expressed interest in purchasing the parcels the borough owns along Ohio River Boulevard and Rapp Street. Ms. Turnbull provided the information needed for the sale of the properties and advised council would need to discuss further.

Ms. Aughinbaugh requested Public Works to street sweep the Boulevard. Mr. Ford advised that PennDOT provides such services.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Nobers to authorize the sale of Borough Property Parcels Block & Lot 704-F-112 and 704-F-111 to Mr. and Mrs. Aughinbaugh subject to the negotiations of the terms between the parties, second by Mr. Belcastro

**QUESTION ON THE MOTION BY** Mr. Belcastro, was fill placed on the property after the demolition was complete? Mr. Slagle advised that a load of dirt was put on the property.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to allow Mr. and Mrs. Aughinbaugh to enter the properties and take of the grass at their own risk and discretion, second by Mr. Nobers

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**SOLICITOR**

**Megan Turnbull, Esq.**

- The Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement Proposal is still being finalized.
- Ms. Turnbull discussed the adoption of Act 172 of 2016 – Tax Credits for Municipal Volunteers. This will be presented once the Act is reviewed by the Borough Association.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to adopt the purchase agreement between the Borough and the Quaker Valley School District to share the cost of a new high lift and the purchase of road salt, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**ENGINEER**

**Daniel B. Slagle, P.E.**

- **Centerside Development Site Plan (Building No. 803)** – We reviewed the revised drawings supplied by the Developer’s Engineer.
- **Centerside Development (NOV) Site Plan** – We reviewed the Developer’s request to release the Financial Security.
- **Centerside Development Site Plan (Building 180)** – We reviewed the Developer’s request to release the Financial Security.
- **Columbia/NiSource Gas Line Replacement** –The Bonds should not be released until the road is overlaid.
- **Edgeworth Water Authority Waterline Replacement Project** – We will meet with Shawn Scott next week to review the project.
- **Broad Street Paving Project** – The Contractor has agreed to hold his price until spring.
- **Washington Street ADA Sidewalk Project** – We contacted ACDD/QVCOG regarding bidding out this project.
- **Borough Building ADA Sidewalk Project** – We redesigned the sidewalk along the parking lot down the grass berm without obstructing the existing sidewalk.
- **Henle Park Gazebo Project** – The Borough received a grant (100%) in the amount of \$44,000. The Borough awarded the Gazebo project based on a 20’ diameter to Sports and Recreation in the amount of \$38,479. We will contact the contractor regarding lights for the new Gazebo. Lights will be included.
- **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)** – The next Annual Progress Report is due May 30, 2018.
- **Zoning Map Update** – We have prepared a draft Zoning Map, Road Map and Property Map for Borough’s review/comment/adoption. We need to verify the zoning along Monroe Way with Joe Luff.
- **2017 Paving Project** – Bids were opened on February 9, 2017. The Project was awarded to Youngblood Paving with a Based Bid cost of \$186,649.50 and an Alternative Bid cost of \$197,685.00 for Beaver Street/Beech Street/Davis Street/Valley Lane. We sent a map with suggested additional roads for the Borough/Contractors input. A Notice-To-Proceed was issued.
- **Borough Floodplain Ordinance** - We provided the suggested changes to the Borough’s Floodplain Ordinance based Centerside Development input. No further discussion.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

**Peter A. Poninsky**

- Mayor and Mrs. Poninsky attended the ALOM Spring Conference at Seven Springs
- The Annual Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 9:00 AM
- The Public Safety Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, the next meeting will be May 3, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- Received 750 lbs. of food and a generous monetary donation from the recent food drive held by Curves
- The Leetsdale Food Bank passed the recent inspection that was conducted by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- Municipal Advertising Consultants offered to print the Borough Newsletters for free by using business advertisements

**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to adopt the Resolution that recognizes Local Government Week April 10 – 14, 2017 and Local Government Day on April 12, 2017, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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**FINANCE/BENEFITS****Wesley James, Chairperson**

- Mr. Belcastro and Doug Ford attended the Official Announcement of the 2017 Banner Communities and received the Borough's award on Friday, March 31, 2017
- Received the dividend payout in the amount of \$21,369.04 from MRM Property & Liability Trust
- Received the Liquid Fuels payment in the amount of \$45,145.20 a direct deposit to the Liquid Fuels Account.
- A Hard to Recycle Event will be held at the Quaker Valley High School on June 24, 2017 from 9 am until 1 pm. Flyers are available in the Borough Lobby.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to adopt the Resolution establishing participation in the Quaker Valley Council of Government Recycling Committee, second by Mr. Belcastro  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to accept the 2016 Delinquent Real Estate Tax List and to exonerate Mr. Perciavalle, Tax Collector from further collection and to forward the 2016 Delinquent Real Estate Tax List to Jordan Tax Service, Inc., second by Mr. Belcastro  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS & PENSIONS****Mike Nobers, Chairperson**

- Meeting with John Hagen, PNC Bank for an annual pension review

**MOTION BY** Mr. Nobers accept the purchase of two copiers for the borough office and the police department in the amount of \$444.93 monthly for 63 months, second by Mr. Weatherby  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Nobers to adopt the Medical Section 125 Premium Only Plan specifications, second by Mr. Belcastro  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Newsletters were mailed on Friday, April 7, 2017
- Jennifer Simek attended the ALOM Spring Conference at Seven Springs
- Jennifer Simek will attend the Verizon Compliance Review on May 15, 2017 at 10:20 AM located at the Verizon Office, 5400 Campbell's Run Road

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

- Mr. Weatherby advised that he spoke with Tony Rosenberger and was informed that the tree cleanup will begin in the coming weeks. Mr. Rosenberger also requested that the residents of Washington Street form a committee to make a decision on what type of wall to be placed along Monroe Way.
- Mr. Weatherby reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report and the Fire Department's Monthly Report

**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to remove Sergeant Michael Slawianowski and Officer Terry Gensel from Probation Status and move them both to Full-Time Status, second by Mr. Belcastro  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Ernie Logan, Fire Chief is gathering tint quotes for Fire Department's windows to protect the gear and vehicles from any further sun damage

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

- A safety Inspection was conducted by Optimus Risk Services of the borough property and a report was received with recommendations
- The Quaker Valley Middle School would like to place a Little Free Library in Henle Park after the gazebo is replaced
- The Leaf Compost passed inspection on April 5, 2017

**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to hire Jordan Priddy as a part-timer to assist the Public Works Department at a rate of \$12.00 an hour to start Monday, April 17, 2017, second by Mr. Belcastro  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Mr. Poninsky advised that he is in the process of gathering bids for the removal/relocation of the existing Henle Park gazebo

**PARKS & RECREATION****Lauren Jones, Chairperson**

- The Easter Egg Hunt was held on Sunday, April 9, 2017, Ms. Jones Thanked all who participated and for the donations
- The Splash Pad will open after the end of the school year. The days and times will be announced next meeting

**PLANNING, ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & ORDINANCES****Tom Belcastro, Chairperson**

- Received the Monthly Code Enforcement Report by Jim Ivancik and the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Joe Luff
- A Zoning Hearing is being held on April 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for K&K Meats for a shed that was placed on the property without a permit.
- Mr. Belcastro advised that the Zoning Hearing Fee is \$400.00 and that the Borough spends about \$800.00 per hearing; advertising, solicitor, notifications and stenographer

**MOTION BY** Mr. Belcastro to change the Zoning Hearing Fee from \$400.00 to \$800.00 per hearing, second by Mr. Weatherby  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

- Mr. Belcastro advised that the Buncher Industrial Tenant list is not accurate. Mr. Poninsky stated he would get an updated list.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Belcastro to rent the Leetsdale VFW Parking Lot in the amount of \$5,000.00 for one year and Ms. Turnbull to prepare a lease agreement, second by Mr. Weatherby

**QUESTIONS ON THE MOTION BY**

- Council discussed the condition of the lot and other options that could be considered
- Ms. Turnbull advised that the Borough needs to get further information before the Borough can agree to rent the parking lot. She advised that the VFW should provide a written rental agreement offer to the Borough for consideration.

**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to table the motion to rent the VFW's parking lot for one year in the amount of \$5,000.00 until further information can be gathered, second by Ms. Jones  
**MOTION APPROVED BY** Mr. McGurk, Ms. Jones, Mr. Nobers and Mr. Weatherby  
**MOTION OPPOSED BY** Mr. Belcastro

**NEW BUSINESS**

- The Borough Office is closed Friday, April 14, 2017 in observance of Good Friday

- Need to confirm 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Contractors have their own insurance. Ms. Turnbull advised she would provide a Standard Service Agreement for all contractors to complete.

**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to adopt the Resolution opposing elimination of the Community Development Block Grant Program, second by Ms. Jones

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION BY** Ms. Jones to authorize Ms. Turnbull to prepare and advertise an ordinance for Young Lungs at Play for a Tabaco Free Zone, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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- Estimates are needed for the proposed maintenance on the Michele Maruca Memorial Overpass
- Following vacancies are remaining:
  - a) Recreation Board – 1 vacancy - Terms exp. 2020
  - b) Planning Commission – 1 vacancy – Term exp. 2023

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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- Meet the Candidates Night will be held Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM located in Council Chambers

**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to donate \$100.00 to the Sewickley's Relay for Life, second by Ms. Jones

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee will be holding a Bake Sale on Election Day at the Borough Building. Please contact Phyllis Belcastro 724-266-6493 to volunteer or bake for this fundraiser.
- Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between 7 AM and 8 PM
- Council discussed the Leet Street Bridge removal date still being unknown.

### **LIST OF BILLS**

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**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to accept the List of Bills, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOTION BY** Mr. McGurk to adjourn at 8:30 PM, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Simek*



Jennifer Simek  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer