

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Workshop Session at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 9, 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, L. Michael, J. Weatherby, J. McGurk and L. Jones

EXCUSED: Mayor P. Poninsky

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: April Workshop & MS4 Sessions

TREASURER'S REPORT: April

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Terry Smith, Municipal Advertising Consultants, presented how Municipal Advertising Consultants would produce the Borough Newsletters with advertising to cover the cost of designing and printing. The Borough would still pay the postage for the delivery.

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, inquired a start date for the Broad Street Paving Project that has not been determined yet. This will be discussed further with Dan Slagle, P.E. on Thursday.

Debbie Henle, 24 Riverview Drive, inquired if Riverview Drive or Oak Drive would be paved and Council discussed that this would take place next year, so this year the Public Works Department would patch the roadways. Discussed the overgrown property along Riverview Drive and how violators can be enforced to follow the ordinances.

Susie Falcone, 11 Winding Road, Requested an update on the drainage at the bottom of Winding Road on Beaver Street. Mr. McGurk stated that Dan Slagle, P.E. and Doug Ford, Street Commissioner would be handling the problem by placing a pipe under the street to drain into the nearby basin. Ms. Falcone advised council that the "wet lands" located in the Leetsdale Industrial Park have tires and old oil drums in them and that she was advised that Mr. Rosenberger is responsible for cleaning the garbage out of the areas.

Henriette Kretzler, 343 Washington Street, Advised Council that the smell from K & K Meats has returned and that the residents along Washington Street are not up keeping their lawns. Mr. James advised that the residents need to report the K & K Meats smell to the Allegheny County Health Department. Ms. Kretzler and council discussed the possible changes to the Flood Plain Ordinance.

Jon Kuzma, 112 Victory Lane, Introduced himself and announced he is running for re-election for the school board

Daniela Helkowski, 210 Pilgrim Drive, Quaker Heights, Introduced herself and announced that she is running for re-election for the school board

SOLICITOR

Megan Turnbull, Esq.

- The Ordinance regarding "Young Lungs at Play" will be advertised and adopted next month
- Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement Proposal update
- Update on Act 172 of 2016 – Tax Credits for Volunteer Firefighters
- Council discussed the sale of Borough Property along Ohio River Blvd and Rapp Street to the neighbor who is interested in the purchase. It was agreed that Ms. Turnbull will need to provide further information including cost to the resident that is interested for consideration.

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

- Review the Engineer's Monthly Report
- Mr. McGurk stated that there are two parties interested in providing bids for consideration to remove the Henle Park Gazebo.

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

- The Annual Cleanup Day was held on Saturday, April 22, 2017
- Mr. Belcastro expressed a need for a message board to be located at Henle Park to get information to the residents

FINANCE/BENEFITS**Wesley James, Chairperson**

- Mr. James discussed the possible changes to the Flood Plain Ordinance at the beginning of the meeting.
- Mr. Weatherby gave further information in regards to the QVCOG Shared Property Database Intern – Property Rating & GIS Program for consideration.

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

- PNC charged the Police Pension in the amount of \$867.63 for quarterly maintenance
- Automatic renewal notice from Intuit QuickBooks in the amount of \$3,250.00
- Council discussed the additional services being offered by the QVCOG; bookkeeping and/or technical assistance. Mr. James advised that he would discuss further with Susan Hockenberry.

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

- Mr. Weatherby will review the Police Department's and Fire Department's Monthly Reports on Thursday
- Mr. James announced that Mr. Weatherby was recognized on the Fire Department's Report, the Red Cross Response to the house fire along the Ohio River Blvd.

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

- Received the 2017-2018 Duquesne Light LED Pilot Program, there is a \$109.00 removal and recovery charge for each HPS street light fixture removed. Mr. McGurk suggested that Council approve the replacement of 25 lights.
- Council discussed the Bartlett Tree Service Agreement and will make a motion to accept the agreement on Thursday.
- Council discussed the removal of the tree stump in Henle Park and Mr. McGurk advised that the work would be completed by the Street Department.

PARKS & RECREATION**Lauren Jones, Chairperson**

- Ms. Jones advised that the Splash Pad will open on Thursday, June 8, 2017. The operating days will not change from last year; Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Noon until 6:00, weather permitting.
- Ms. Jones advised that the Borough will be purchasing new playground swings for Henle Park.
- Mr. McGurk advised that the recent concerns were addressed by the Street Department at Henle Park and a walk through will be completed to address any additional concerns. .

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
- Motion to purchase a gift card for the tree cutter who volunteered his time in Henle Park removing the large tree that had fallen during a recent storm.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion to accept the resolution to participate in the Allegheny County's CDBG 2018, 2019 and 2020 program years

OLD BUSINESS

- 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

- Received a letter from the DEP advising the Borough of the MS4 Permit requirements
- A Hard to Recycle Event will be held at the Quaker Valley High School on June 24, 2017 from 9 am until 1 pm, organized by the Quaker Valley Council of Governments. Flyers are available in the Borough Lobby with further information.
- The 4th 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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

