

**LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL** met in Workshop Session, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM 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 J. Weatherby L. Michael, J. McGurk and L. Jones

**EXCUSED:** Councilors T. Belcastro and M. Nobers; Mayor P. Poninsky

**REPORTS RECEIVED**

**MINUTES:** March Regular and April Workshop

**AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

***Mike Razanauskas with Comcast***, presented possible new phone options to council for consideration.

**SOLICITOR**

**Megan Ott, Esq.**

- Council is working on a Beekeeping Ordinance for consideration
- Update on the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement Proposal
- Ernie Logan, Leetsdale Fire Chief advised that he was at Building #180 today for a sprinkler inspection and advised that the building is complete.
- Council discussed the letter that was received offering the sale of property at 704-F-361 Beaver Street and decided since Council needs to make up guidelines for future donations and/or purchases that the Borough is not interested in the property at this time.

**ENGINEER**

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

- Review the Engineer's Monthly Report
- Mary Adkins, Assistant Secretary prepared and sent a letter to the Water Authority requesting Street Opening Permits for future work in the Borough
- The Gas Company has started the Broad Street Gas Project
- Mr. Weatherby and Ms. Jones met with Dan Slagle to discuss the Washington Street Paving Project. The project will begin at the Washington Street Park and go to the hump. Mr. Slagle indicated that the hump will be removed if the bridge is removed and the rest of Washington Street will be completed in 2017. Council discussed having the paving project re-bid to include the entire street for this year's paving project.
- Estimates are needed for the recommended repairs to the Overpass from the Bridge Inspection.
- The Emergency House Demolition Project at 45 First Street has not started.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Peter A. Poninsky**

- Leetsdale Cleanup Day was held on Saturday, April 23, 2016

**FINANCE/BENEFITS**

**Wesley James, Chairperson**

- Motion to accept the transfer that was made in the amount of \$4,000.00 to the Health Saving Account
- Council will request further information before considering the Bond refinance.

**ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS & PENSIONS**

**Mike Nobers, Chairperson**

- Received the quarterly reports from PNC Bank for the Non-Uniform and Uniform Pensions and they were distributed to all employees
- PNC charged the Police Pension in the amount of \$375.00 and the Non-Uniform Pension in the amount of \$875.00 for quarterly maintenance

- Motion to accept the proposed fee plan from PNC Bank for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.
- New chairs are being purchased for the Borough Office and the Police Chief in amount of \$1,627.50
- Received an automatic renewal notice from Intuit QuickBooks in the amount of \$1,799.00
- Council will motion to send Jennifer Simek to attend “Your Role as a Municipal Secretary/Administrator” being held May 25 & 26 located at the Doubletree, Monroeville at a cost of \$225

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

- Mr. Weatherby and Mayor Poninsky met with the Allegheny County Economic Development and discussed the Kohlmeyer/Henle Park Gazebos and a possible CTIF Grant to repave Monroe Way
- Received the Leetsdale Fire Department Firemen’s Relief Association Compliance Audit
- Review the Police Department’s and Fire Department’s Monthly Report
- Mr. Weatherby will make contact for more information to participate in the COSTARS Gas Program
- The Leetsdale Fire Department will be receiving a Federal Grant in the amount of \$66,880.00 to pay for the self-contained breathing apparatuses.

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

- Council discussed the proposal from Bartlett to trim a tree in Henle Park in the amount of \$720.00. The tree needs trimmed so Duquesne Light can install a new powerline to supply the required power for the upcoming carnival. Once the powerline is installed Duquesne Light will maintain the tree in the future.
- Letters were prepared and sent by Jennifer Simek, Borough Secretary to residents advising residents that the garbage route along School Alley, Short Alley and Church Alley will be moved to the front of the homes since there is a safety issues with the garbage truck entering the alleys.
- Received the 2016 Duquesne Light LED Cobrahead Street Lighting Conversion Pilot Program. There is a minimum of 10 contiguous lights at any location and there is a \$109.00 removal and recovery charge for each HPS street light fixture removed. Council discussed and since the Borough participated the last two years there are no remaining areas with continuous ten lights in a row.
- PennDOT is planning to sealcoat SR 4036 (Ambridge Ave/Big Sewickley Creek Road/ Cross St/ Main St) beginning in the period after May 5, 2016, signs will be posted in advance.
- Motion to accept the resignation of Randy Rall

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

- The new splash pad hours will be Thursday through Sunday from noon to six and the concession stand will be ran by volunteers on Saturdays only. The new hours will be advertised in the Harold and will be posted on the Borough website. Weather permitting the splash pad will open on Thursday, June 9, 2016.

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Contact Jeff Weatherby if interested in joining the Community Shelter Team with the American Red Cross.
- Council will review the possibility of a handicap ramp at rear of the Borough Building with D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Slagle Engineering, Inc. at the regular meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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- Council discussed obtaining estimates to have the repairs completed at the Fire Department and at the rear Borough steps
- Ms. Jones will work on the Jr Councilor Program for next year.
- Following vacancies are remaining:
  - a) Recreation Board – 3 vacancies - Terms exp. 2020
  - b) Planning Commission – 1 vacancy – Term exp. 2021

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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- Ohio River Trail is hosting its Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. located at the Robin Hill Park, Coraopolis
- Received notice of permit renewal of existing Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permits from Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc.
- Received notice that a permit application is being prepared for Aboveground Storage Tanks located at National Oilwell Varco (NOV)
- Received The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Edgeworth Consumer Confidence Report for report year 2015
- Received letter that PSAB has a proposed Constitution Amendment and it will be voted on at their June 8, 2016 meeting at the Hershey Conference
- The Prevention Network & CLASS Academy is hosting a Night at the Races and needs sponsorships in the amount of \$100 per horse; council discussed and will not be participating.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to adjourn, second by Ms. Michael  
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Simek*

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

