

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 11, 2020 in the Leetsdale Community Room due to COVID-19.

Council President Weatherby called the meeting to order and announced the meeting was being recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President J. Weatherby; Councilors B. Frederick, T. Michael, T. Belcastro, W. James and O. Awad

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor P. Poninsky; M. Turnbull, Esq., Weiss Burkardt and Kramer LLC; D. Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Sagle Engineering, Inc.; Daniel Raible, Police Chief; Douglas Ford, Street Commissioner

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: May Regular Sessions (No Workshop due to COVID-19)

TREASURER'S: April & May

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to adopt the May Regular Session, second by Mr. Michael
MOTION CARRIES

Mr. Nanni arrived to the meeting at 7:02 PM

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to adopt the April and May Treasurer's Reports, second by Mr. James
MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Barb Span, 190 Broad Street, expressed concern with attending the meeting in person tonight and upset with the past zoom meetings and was unable to attend.

Maria Napolitano, 15 Valley Lane, asked Council to reconsider opening the Henle Park Splash Pad and hosting summer activities

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, thanked Council for all their efforts during these trying times, acknowledged the dog waste stations have helped but someone continues to leave their dogs' waste on private property and advised Council that Farmer's Market Voucher's Application will be available online and will provide a copy of the application to the Borough Office once accessible.

Tim Hall, 200 Broad Street, asked that the Police Officers be more friendly during these times, Chief Raible addressed advising during the COVID-19 officers would wave but if not necessary personal contact would not be made. complained about several properties along Broad Street that need addressed due to a raised sidewalk.

Matt Carol, 194 Broad Street, requested that Council reconsider putting the boat dock in as he has a group that utilize the launch for his row club.

Megan Degori, 481 Washington Street, concerned with the standing water along Monroe Way from the recent new construction

Emily Cokrlc, 487 Washington Street, questioned the installation of a fence along Monroe Way to block the view of the new businesses

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, property owner at 483 Washington Street, concerned with the drainage along Monroe Way due to the recent construction

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Kay Dschuhan, 64 Beaver Street; Tom James, 66 Broad Street; James Degori, 481 Washington Street; Wendy Shepard, 26 Spencer Street

SOLICITOR**M. Turnbull, Esq.**

- Reviewed the Pilsie Property Proposal - The Planning Commission Reviewed and made a recommendation with the Borough Engineer's comments for Council's consideration.
- Announced that Council met on Thursday, May 28, 2020 for an Executive Session meeting located in the Borough Community Room to receive Legal Advice on ongoing litigation and an Employee Agreement Request
- The Federal Government has extended the submission of State and Federal Taxes until July 15, 2020

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

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Report
- 16 Beaver Street was removed from the 2020 House Demolition list as the owner will be repairing. Jason Server, Code Enforcement Officer will be contact the owner of 36 Ohio River Blvd, Leetsdale for a possible demo.
- Columbia Gas has recently had emergency digs along Beaver that need addressed

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to reject the Centerside Development Pilsie Site Plan that were reviewed by the Planning Commission, Centerside will need to submit new plans with fees waived and in doing so will start the process over, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept the bid with Green Acres as the low bidder with a bid to replace the guiderails with new guiderails in the amount of \$99,200.00, second by Mr. Nanni

MOTION CARRIES

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

- The Public Safety Meeting was held on May 27, 2020 and the following was discussed; have the tress in Henle Park inspected for any dead or hanging branches, address the trash along Davis Lane, Re-number the houses/businesses along Ohio River Blvd and Broad Street, Ernie Logan, Assistant Fire Chief will address the Boat Launch Parking Lot with the Leetsdale Industrial Park due to future emergency access, have the lines painted on the overpass and Brickworks.

MOTION BY Mr. Belcastro to not allow the Leetsdale Community Room be rented or used by others until after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted completely, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

- All 4th of July Celebration Activities and Fireworks have been cancelled due to the COVID-19

MOTION BY Mr. James to accept the resignation letters from Thomas Weaver and Kylee Cipolla, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

FINANCE/BUDGET**Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson**

- Nothing new to report this month

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

- Nothing new to report this month

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE**Thomas Michael, Chairperson**

- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's monthly report

- Mr. Slagle was given permission to obtain estimates to have a road study completed on Beaver Street so weight restriction can be placed on the roadway to keep large trucks off the roadway

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to give Chief Raible permission to advertise the old police car for sale, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE**Wesley James, Chairperson**

- Mr. James reviewed the Fire Departments Monthly calls

STREET DEPARTMENT/BOROUGH PROPERTY**Benjimen Frederick, Chairperson**

MOTION BY Mr. Belcastro to accept the bid with COSTARS to purchase a new Public Works Truck, second by Mr. James

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to hire a Part-time Public Works Employee to be paid \$16.00 an hour and not to work more than 32 hours a week, second by Mr. Nanni

MOTION CARRIES

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

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to keep The Henle Park Splash Pad and Shelter Rentals closed during the COVID-19, second by Mr. Belcastro

MOTION CARRIES

- Mr. Awad discussed the possible 100-year agreement the Borough has for the Boat Launch Parking Lot
- Mr. Awad requested additional information on additional grants that could be utilized to get the Boat Launch Repaired so the expense is not placed on the Borough.

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT**Roger Nanni, Chairperson**

- Review the monthly Building Inspection Report by Don Schrecengost and the monthly code enforcement report by Jason Sarver

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

- Nothing new to report this month

NEW BUSINESS

- Board Vacancy
 - a. Recreation Board with term ending December 31, 2020
 - b. Civil Service Commission Alternate with term ending December 31, 2026

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to appoint Mr. Nanni to the Civil Service Commission Alternate with term ending December 31, 2026, second by Mr. Awad

MOTION CARRIES

CORRESPONDENCE

- Nothing new this month

LIST OF BILLS

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept the List of Bills, second by Mr. Michael

MOTION CARRIES

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Nanni to adjourn at 8:40 PM, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

