

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 13, 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 J. Weatherby, B. Frederick, O. Awad, J. and McGurk, J.

EXCUSED: Councilors T. Michael and T. Belcastro

ALSO PRESENT: 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

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to hire Part-time Officer Kylee Cipolla, second by Mr. Weatherby
MOTION CARRIES

Mayor Poninsky swore in Part-time Officer Kylee Cipolla

REPORTS RECEIVED

TAX COLLECTOR'S: May

MINUTES: May Workshop and Regular Sessions

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to approve the May Workshop and Regular Session Minutes and the May Tax Collector's Report, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, discussed the Broad Street Sidewalks and advised that there are loose dogs in the borough.

Bob Kusnirak, 179 Broad Street, request an update on the rental inspection fee schedule and council advised that they plan on reviewing the ordinance in the fall. Mr. Kusnirak discussed the installation of the Handicap Ramp that is planned for the rear of the Borough Office and discussed the awarded grant funds that have been successfully obtained by Mr. Slagle. Additional items discussed; Quaker Heights water runoff, how the Borough Meeting Minutes should be presented by the Borough Secretary and Ms. Turnbull provided a brief description of what the official meeting minutes need to contain and it was requested that Council consider using microphones during their meetings to help those in the audience hear their discussions better.

Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street, advised Council that there is a backed up storm drain near his house causing water to flood the sidewalk. Requested that the bollards be replaced at the Washington Street Steps and address the signage in the borough for trucks. Chief Raible advised that a new sign was placed at Pillar Pipe to help the truck traffic.

Henriette Kretzler, Washington Street, also expressed concern with the Washington Street Steps not being repair to date. Council advised once bollards are replaced with larger ones that the steps would be repaired at that time. Ms. Kretzler expressed concern with the signage in the Borough for trucks.

SOLICITOR

M. Turnbull, Esq.

- Ms. Turnbull provided an update on the two small tower applications received from Crown Castle and will attend the Planning Commission Meeting this month to provide guidance to the members. With the changes recently made to the laws enforcing the small cell towers, Ms. Turnbull will be

reviewing the Ordinance to make sure the Borough has everything that needs to be stated in the ordinance.

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to advertise The Small Cell Towers Application Condition of Use Approval for Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:45 PM, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

- The Borough has received full payment from Mr. Wilczak for the property transfer at 268 Beaver Street, Lot and Block 704-A-9. Ms. Turnbull will process the signed documents with Allegheny County.
- The Leetsdale Planning Commission is proposing an Ordinance for Council's consideration, The Planning and Zoning for Unconventional Shale Gas Extraction Operations and Related Industrial Land Uses

MOTION BY Mr. Awad to allow Ms. Turnbull to review the proposed Oil and Gas Ordinance with the Planning Commission at the commission's June meeting for Council's consideration in the future, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report
- Mr. Slagle provided an update for the 2018 and the 2019 Paving Projects
- Mr. Slagle is working with NiSource to get the Broad Street sidewalks replaced since the concrete used is no good.
- Council advised Mr. Slagle that several risers are needed in the Borough to bring the manholes even with the roadway along; Beaver and Broad Street
- Mr. Slagle advised that he has been working with Mayor Poninsky to get some ideas together for a possible walking trail through Henle Park. Several members of the audience spoke out stating that the park was too small for trails and other suggested large drawings that can be presented to Council for consideration.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Peter A. Poninsky

- Mr. Poninsky advised the Public Safety Committee met Tuesday, July 11, 2019 and that Hussey granted Leetsdale Borough access to the bridge for bridge study. Permission is still needed for the Ambridge side.

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to allow the Public Safety Committee and Amos Cameron, Leetsdale EMS Coordinator to assign new house numbers along Broad St, Ohio River Blvd and Leetsdale Industrial Park to comply with the Emergency Responders, second by Mr. Weatherby

Question on the motion by Mr. James requesting whether or not the process would be in sections or done at the same time and it was advised that it would be done by Street.

MOTION CARRIES

- Mr. Poninsky advised Council that the digital sign installation is being delayed until after 4th of July Celebration due to the park being used for the carnival.

FINANCE/BUDGETS

Wesley James, Chairperson

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to release escrow payment to Boyer & Pentek Inc and David Brooks in the amount of \$12,912.33, a final inspection of the property was completed by Brian Hill, BIU, second by Mr. McGurk

Question on the motion by Mr. Awad, what is an escrow, and Council advised that the money was withheld due to a fire and the once the property is repaired that the money is released to the owner and contractor.

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to agree to a 10 foot setback/right of way along Monroe Way if the Leetsdale Industrial Park is still willing to donate the property to the borough for the residents to utilize, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to allow council to host a roundtable with Leetsdale Industrial to discuss the Leet Street Extension, second by Mr. Frederick

MOTION CARRIES

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

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to accept the electric fan quote for the fans to be installed in the Borough Office and the Police Department attics to be no more than \$2,800.00, second by Mr. Frederick

Question on the motion by Mr. Frederick advising there are no eave vents and these will needed to be installed prior to the fans for venation. Mr. Weatherby advised that he would discuss with Charm prior to signing the contract.

MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE & FIRE**Benjimen Frederick, Chairperson**

- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Departments Monthly Report
- Chief Raible thanked Mr. Frederick for donating his time to the Police Department to build shelves in the evidence room to keep things more organized.

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to allow the Borough Employees to switch from their current 457B plan with MetLife to ICMA Retirement Corporation, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept Officer Alex Korkus' resignation letter dated June 5, 2019, second by Mr. Weatherby

MOTION CARRIES

- Chief Davis reviewed the Fire Departments Monthly Report

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

- Mr. McGurk provided an update on the Henle Park band stand that is being repaired to be used during the 4th of July Celebration by the Public Works Department
- Mr. McGurk advised that emergency work was completed on the drain along Route 65 was needed to unclogged it and Camp Meeting Excavating completed the job
- The handrail along Village Drive is being replaced this Friday, June 14, 2019 due to a break and wear over the years

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

- Mr. Awad provided an update on The Free Summer Lunches will be held in Henle Park that started Wednesday, June 12, 2019. It is being funded by the Sewickley YMCA and Union Aid.
- The Recreation Board started their Summertime Fun Classes today. The class schedule is available on the Borough Website.
- Mr. Awad confirmed that the grants to update the playground equipment was denied by the county

PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Thomas Michael, Chairperson

- Mr. James reviewed the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Brian Hill
- Mr. James advised that No Code Enforcement Report was received by Jason Sarver this month

ORDINANCES & TAX COLLECTION

Thomas Belcastro, Chairperson

- Mr. Belcastro provided an update on the Turnkey Taxes Collections and advised that Council will be receiving a request from a local business requesting a refund as payment was made in error.
- Mr. Belcastro expressed concern with the no parking along one side of Broad Street during the 4th of July parade. Mr. McGurk explained the committees concerns with public safety and will take Mr. Belcastro’s concerns in consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board Vacancies
 - a. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate with a term ending 2021
 - b. Recreation Board with term ending 2019

CORRESPONDENCE

- The Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Community Meeting has been rescheduled for June 19, 2019 6:30 – 8:00 located at the Marshall Township Municipal Building
- A Hard to Recycle Collection being held at the QVHS on June 29, 2019, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Chief Raible advised that he is meeting with the sponsors of the event to make sure there is plan of action for excessive traffic.

LIST OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 8:30 PM

The Motion was interrupted by Mr. Kusnirak, 179 Broad Street, requesting information on how to remove groundhogs from his property. Council discussed briefly, stating that it is the resident’s responsibility as the Borough does not have a contract with any type of animal control company, while the audience and members of Council exited Council’s Chambers.

Adjournment was by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

