

**LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL** met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, August 8, 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 B. Frederick, O. Awad, T. Belcastro, J. Weatherby and T. Michael

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

**EXCUSED:** Councilor J. McGurk

### **REPORTS RECEIVED**

**TAX COLLECTOR'S:** April

**MOTION BY** Mr. Belcastro to approve the April Tax Collector's Report, second by Mr. Weatherby  
**MOTION CARRIES**

### **AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

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**Judy, 158 Broad Street**, discussed the feline issue along Rapp Street with Chief Raible. Chief advised that an outside company was involved.

**Bill and Penny Jasper, Winding Road**, Mr. Jasper questioned Mr. Slagle in regards to the water and sewage for the proposed high school to be located along Camp Meeting Road. Mr. Slagle advised that the school's engineer will submit a plan for the Borough's consideration and reassured that the project is on his radar. Council advised that the Borough does not have any information in regards to the school's plan to control stormwater and suggested that Mr. Jasper attend the Quaker Valley School Board Meeting for further information on the project.

**Tom James, 66 Broad Street**, suggested that Council consider doing the Military Banner Program in the Borough. He advised that he was in contact with John Dunn, Sewickley Borough Councilor, and he was able to provide the following; Duquesne Light will allow the banners on their utility poles, it would cost \$100.00 per banner, cost of hardware would be separate and anyone could hang the banners.

**Jim Gilbert, 3 Main Street**, concerned with random yard signs in his yard, council advised that no permit is needed to advertise, but the property owner is allowed to remove the signs.

**Jim Wilczak, 270 Beaver Street**, the following was discussed; the vision for Washington Street and the Industrial Park along Monroe Way, the Borough's Comprehensive Plan and the Borough's Zoning Ordinances/Map, advised that where the gas lines are in the street there is a crack in the roadway, requested an updated on the Broad Street Sidewalk Replacement Project, advised his front porch at 270 Beaver Street is not secure and will be fixing it, and questioned the deed for the purchase of the lot at 268 Beaver Street

**Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street**, advised that the new LED Street Lights along Ferry Street are bright! Also, advised that the morning Post Gazette newspaper delivery is running the stop signs along Broad Street at 5:30 A.M. Ms. Felicion requested that the manholes be lifted in the borough by the paving company before winter.

**Barb Herman, 28 Victory Lane**, Stated to Dan Slagle, Borough Engineer, "good job"

Mr. James thanked the audience for their patience this evening since he was unable to follow the five-minute maximum for questions and comments.

**SOLICITOR****M. Turnbull, Esq.**

- Ms. Turnbull received the following property donation letters for Oak Drive, Parcel Number 704-M-19 and 244 Beaver Street, Parcel Numbers 704-A-44 & 704-A-36 for Council's consideration.
- Council discussed acquiring 88 Ohio River Blvd as the owner is not maintaining the property.

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

- Mr. Slagle reviewed the Engineer's Report

**MOTION BY** Mr. Belcastro approved the Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$47,009.00 payable to Satira Construction for the Borough Building ADA Sidewalk/Ramp Project, second by Mr. Frederick

**MOTION CARRIES**

**MOTION BY** Mr. Belcastro to *not* accept the lowest bid from Marion Hill Associates in the amount of \$119,180.00 for a 30 feet long ramp, second by Mr. Awad

**MOTION CARRIES**

- Council discussed options to pursue for the drainage issues along Route 65. Mr. Slagle will gather some additional information for Council's consideration. It was also, discussed doing a clean out every five years and the option of installing two 45 degree angles to handle the debris.
- Mr. Slagle advised that the pre-applications for the QVCOG/ACDD Grant are due before the next meeting and asked Council for suggestions. Mr. Awad advised that the play equipment located at Henle Park needs replace for safety reasons.

**Jim Wilczak, 270 Beaver Street**, interrupted the meeting to request \$45.00 for the lawn to be cut at the property he acquired from the Borough

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

- No Public Safety Meeting held this month
- The Labor Day Picnic will be held on Monday, September 2, 2019. Mr. Poninsky will be out of town so the picnic will be hosted by Council.
- Emergency Exit Study for the Industrial Parks and Washington Street Residents has approval from both owners to proceed
- Mayor Poninsky advised that he would be stepping back away from some stuff to enjoy his retirement.

**FINANCE/BUDGETS****Wesley James, Chairperson**

- Received the Borough's Worker's Compensation renewal in the amount of \$49,000.05, the Employee Safety Discount already applied.

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

- Nothing new to report this month

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

- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report
- MR. James reviewed the Fire Department's Monthly Report
- Mr. Frederick worked with the Public Works Department to relocate the Henle Park Sign for the placement of the digital sign
- Both the Henle and Kohlmeyer Park signs were removed and are being restored
- Mr. Frederick thanked all the employees and volunteers for the cleanup efforts from the Rt. 65 flood

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

- Route 65 Drainage issue was addressed by Robinson Pipe last week with the help of Mr. Hopkins clearing the dirt and debris from the drain located next to Henle Park and Route 65.
- Received a bid in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the rail replacement around the sewer located at the VFW. This bid was submitted to the driver's insurance company for payment.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to accept the SHACOG rock salt purchasing agreement in the amount of \$82.24 per ton, bulk delivery, from Cargill, Inc., second by Mr. Michael  
**MOTION CARRIES**

- The Digital Henle Park Sign will be installed September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Council discussed an automatic shut off to be installed on the Henle Park Splash Pad for safety reasons and Mr. Belcastro will try to get further information and pricing for next meeting.

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

- Mr. Awad gave a Free Lunch Summer Program update and thanked all who volunteer to make the program successful
- The crosswalk at Broad Street and Ferry Street needs painted
- Mr. Awad advised that an estimate is needed to trim the trees in Henle Park. Mr. Ford advised that he would have the current company provide one on their next visit to the Borough.

**PLANNING, ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT****Thomas Michael, Chairperson**

- Mr. Michael reviewed the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Brian Hill and advised no Monthly Code Enforcement Report received.
- Mr. Michael advised that as a resident of the Borough that the residents are welcome to attend the school board meetings to provide feedback and concerns

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

- Mr. Belcastro provided a TurnKey Tax Collections update and stated that TurnKey collects the Borough's Business Privilege Tax current and delinquent.
- Council discussed the businesses that owe delinquent taxes and also the business that are owed a refund due to overpayment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- PennDOT is hosting a Public Officials Briefing for the Sewickley Bridge Preservation on August 15, 2019 from 3:30 until 4:30 PM located at the Sewickley Public Library, as well as an Open House Public Meeting from 5:00 until 6:30 PM.
- The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Fall Conference is being held October 3 – 6 at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center.
- Council discussed the invoices received from Mr. Wilzack, 270 Beaver Street; \$450.00 for maintaining the lawn at 268 Beaver Street, continued lawncare in the amount of \$45.00 and an invoice for repairs made to the roadway in front of 270 Beaver Street.

**MOTION BY** Mr. Frederick to not make payment to Jim Wilczak, 270 Beaver Street, for the invoices received for lawn care and road repairs, second by Mr. Awad  
MOTION CARRIES

**LIST OF BILLS**

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**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to accept the List of Bills, second by Mr. Michael  
MOTION CARRIES

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOTION BY** Mr. Weatherby to adjourn at 8:38 PM, second by Mr. Michael  
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Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Simek*

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

