

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Workshop Session at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 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 J. McGurk, O. Awad, T. Michael

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor P. Poninsky

EXCUSED: Councilors Mr. Belcastro, Mr. Weatherby and Mr. Frederick

NO REPORTS RECEIVED

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Beth Carroll, 195 Broad Street, Ms. Carroll requested information regarding the Henle Park Digital Sign. Council advised that the digital sign was discussed over the past three years and it cost \$21,000.00 for everything including, wiring and installation and the purpose of the sign is to advertise upcoming Borough events and communications to the residents. Complaints were received due to the lack of programming at first and council was advised of the complaints on social media. The color of the sign was discussed prior to ordering the sign. Council advised that the red and black lettering LED panels will be replaced with multi-coloring LED panels. Also, Council advised that bushes will be planted at the base of the sign. Ms. Carroll questioned local businesses advertising on the digital sign and it was discussed that the sign is only for Borough use at this time until sign polies and fee schedule can be decided.

Henrietta Kretzler, Washington Street, Ms. Kretzler advised that the Henle Park sign is cheap looking and tacky and takes away from the beautiful park. Also, the traffic mirror located at Winding Road needs replaced.

Matt Carroll, 195 Broad Street, suggested that a no left turn sign be placed at top of ramp onto Broad Street and no left turn sign be placed on Broad Street at the stop sign to enter onto the ramp. Also, asked that basic maintenance be done at the basketball court in Henle Park and suggested that Council consider installing a tennis court on one side of the courts. Council will discuss further with the Borough Engineer for possible funding.

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, advised that the manhole cover that needs lifted along Broad Street needs further work before the lift is replaced. Also, the Henle Park digital sign is too bright and needs relocated to the corner of Ferry Street and Route 65.

Tim Hall, 200 Broad Street, requested that the park be updated and suggested that a timeline be setup for a target so the project gets done. Mr. Hall suggested pickle ball courts.

SOLICITOR

M. Turnbull, Esq.

- Council will need to develop a digital sign policy and a fee schedule
- Council will need to decide whether or not to accept the property donation along Oak Drive, Parcel Number 704-M-19 at the Regular Meeting on Thursday.
- Council received a request from Mr. Rosenberger for a variance of the stormwater facility fencing at the Bimbo Bakery Site to make the approved 6-foot chain-link fencing a split-rail fence at the rear of the building. Mr. Michael questioned whether or not the Planning Commission should be reviewing this change prior to Council approving.

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Review the Engineer's Monthly Report

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

- No Public Safety Meeting held this month
- Council discussed the possibility of a second exit from the Industrial Parks and for the Washington Street residents.

FINANCE/BUDGETS**Wesley James, Chairperson**

- Received the 2018 Foreign Fire Insurance Allocation in the amount of \$8,871.33 and payment will be issued to the Leetsdale Fire Relief Association
- Motion to exonerate Phil Perciavalle from collecting the 2018 Real Estate Taxes
- Motion to provide the 2018 Delinquent Real Estate Tax List to Jordin Tax Service for further collection

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

- Motion to pay the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligations and the Borough's Contribution to the Pension Plans as follows; Police Pension \$40,963.98 MMO and \$37,648.02 for the Borough's Contribution and Non-Uniform Pension \$20,482.00 MMO and \$7,282.00 Borough's Contribution.

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

- Mr. Frederick will review the Police and Fire Departments' Monthly Reports on Thursday.

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

- Nothing new to report this month

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

- Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, 2019 from 6:00 until 8:00. The Recreation Board is hosting a bonfire and treats in Henle Park during Trick or Treat.
- Mr. Awad attended the Fall Conference in Erie with Mr. Poninsky and Mr. Belcastro.

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

- Mr. Michael reviewed the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Brian Hill and the Monthly Code Enforcement Report by Jason Sarver.
- A Zoning Hearing is scheduled for October 23, 2019, 7:00 PM, for the application of 150 Board Street requesting variance from the side yard setback required by Ordinance 300.
- A resident requested information on the Bulldog Construction property located along Route 65 and Council had no additional information to share.

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

- Motion to approve the refund to Communications Construction Group in the amount of \$29,540.00 for collected Business Privilege Tax that was predicted by the business in error.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tom James, Leetsdale VFW, provided additional information for the Borough to consider participating in the Military Banner Program. Council discussed having certain business hours for application and photos to be dropped off in the Borough Office and also, needed to discuss who and how the banners would be installed.
- Newsletter Articles for the Fall/Winter Edition are needed by Friday, October 11, 2019

OLD BUSINESS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- The QVCOG Annual Dinner is October 16, 2019, located at the Clubhouse Assembly at 6:00 PM. The following have been registered; Thomas Michael and Guest, Mayor Poninsky and Guest, Jeffery Weatherby and Guest, and Osman Awad.
- Mr. Weatherby and Mr. Michael will not be in attendance of the Regular Session Meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to adjourn at 7:46 PM, second by Mr. Michael
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

