

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Workshop Session at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in the Council Chambers.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Acting President J. Weatherby; Councilors B. Fredrick and T. Belcastro

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor P. Poninsky; Douglas Ford, Leetsdale Street Commissioner

EXCUSED: Councilors W. James and O. Awad

ARRIVED AT 7:32 PM due to the Edgeworth Water Authority Meeting; J. McGurk and T. Michael

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: August & October Workshops and August & September Regular Sessions
(Council did not have a September Workshop Meeting)

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

Geoffrey Phillips, Phillips & Associates, Inc. representing the Quaker Valley School District, advised his firm submitted the Dohar Subdivision Plan for review by the Leetsdale Planning Commission and that the commission was making a recommendation to Borough Council to accept the subdivision and was in attendance to answer any questions still outstanding.

Judy Felicion, 186 Broad Street, requested an update on the Broad Street manhole update and was advised that the paving project may get delayed until 2020 due to the cooler weather. Ms. Felicion advised that Youngblood Paving investigated the manhole and advised that additional work may need to be done before a riser could be installed.

SOLICITOR

M. Turnbull, Esq.

- Ms. Turnbull will be working with Council on the Henle Park digital sign policy and a fee schedule.

ENGINEER

Dan Slagle, P.E.

- Mr. Slagle will review the Engineer's Monthly Report on Thursday.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Peter A. Poninsky

- No Public Safety Meeting held this month
- Motion to accept School Choice Proclamation
- The Leetsdale Food Bank received a \$650.00 donation recently and the food bank would like to purchase \$20.00 gift cards for the residents that are currently registered to not exceed \$1,000.00.
- Motion to allow the Police Chief, Daniel Raible to be added to the Borough Credit Card as a card holder and to remove card holder, Joe McGurk as of December 31, 2019.
- It was discussed at the monthly Borough Association Meeting that they write to PennDOT to reinforce their responsible to maintain state roadways.

FINANCE/BUDGETS

Wesley James, Chairperson

- Motion to adopt, post and advertise the 2020 Proposed Budget
- Motion to advertise the 2020 Real Estate Tax Ordinance levying 8 mills for General Purpose and 2 mills for the Road Reconstruction

ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS & PENSIONS

Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson

- Nothing new to report this month

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

- Review the Police and Fire Departments' Monthly Reports Thursday.
- Received a request from the Leetsdale Volunteer Fire Department to replace 56 LED lamps in the department for \$3,024.00 after the power company rebate total cost of \$2,044.00. Doug Ford, Street Commissioner, stated that the Public Works Department would install the lights during the winter months. This amount would be paid for by the Borough, not from the yearly Borough donation.

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

- Thank you to all who donated and volunteered for the 4th of July Election Day Bake Sale and the Snowflake Run that was held on Saturday, November 9, 2019.
- Need to make contact with Columbia Gas for a Street Opening that needs to be inspected as the area is sinking on Victory Lane and on Village Drive. Council discussed having the Engineer make contact to follow the Ordinance.
- Received an estimate from Bartlett to remove branches at 268 Beaver Street that are hanging onto neighboring property in the amount of \$1,760.00. Council discussed who is responsible for the trimming and it was determined that Council would not be responsible.
- Mayor Poninsky received a request to allow the trash hauler to come into the shopping center earlier one day a week before 7:00 AM. Mr. McGurk will discuss further with the neighbors that reside behind the shopping center.

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

- The Recreation Board hosted drinks & treats in Borough Community Room during Trick or Treat due to the inclement weather that evening.
- Henle Park Play Equipment – Doug Ford, Street Commissioner advised that the crew put up new nets on the basketball hoops and advised that the back boards need replaced and the court needs replaced.

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

- Review the Monthly Building Inspection Report by Brian Hill and the Monthly Code Enforcement Report by Jason Sarver.
- A Zoning Hearing was held on 10/23/19 for the application of 150 Board Street requesting variance from the side yard setback required by Borough Ordinance, the Zoning Hearing Board granted the variance with conditions.
- The Planning Commission met and reviewed the Dohar Subdivision Plan and the Borough is awaiting the Commission's recommendation

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

- Received a request from Turnkey Taxes to approve the court costs for magistrate litigation and execution for three businesses in the amount of \$1,100.00
- Received a request from a local business that owes Delinquent Business Privilege Tax requesting the Borough forgive the penalty and interest owed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tom James provided additional information last month for the Borough to consider participating in the Military Banner Program.
- Board Vacancy
 - a. Recreation Board with term ending 2019

CORRESPONDENCE

- Sewickley Bridge Construction Project, Ambulance Response Planning Document Received
- ALOM Spring Conference will be held April 2-5 at Seven Springs, registration begins January 6, 2020

Mr. McGurk and Mr. Michael arrived at 7:32 PM and Council gave them the opportunity to address the Agenda with any questions or comments.

- Mr. McGurk requested that Mr. James get the Fire Department budget for a possible increase from the Borough for the yearly donation. Ernest Logan, LVFD Assistant Chief, stated that the department has an increase in calls for the new QRS Vehicle and the department could use the increase. Council discussed and stated that they would consider it for Thursday.
- Mr. Michael gave more information the process of how bank garnishments happens to businesses that owe money to the Borough. The Borough will need to pay the cost of filing upfront to begin the process.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to adjourn at 7:59 PM, second by Mr. McGurk
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

