

LEETSDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 12, 2019 in the Council Chambers.

Acting Council 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, J. McGurk and T. Michael

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor P. Poninsky; M. Turnbull, Esq., Weiss Burkardt and Kramer LLC; G. Freeman, P.E., Nichols & Sagle Engineering, Inc.; Chief D. Raible, Leetsdale Police Department

EXCUSED: Councilors W. James, O. Awad and T. Belcastro

REPORTS RECEIVED

MINUTES: November Special Meeting

AUDIENCE ADDRESSING COUNCIL

No audience member wanted to address council

SOLICITOR

M. Turnbull, Esq.

- Ms. Turnbull announced that Council held a Special Meeting on November 25, 2019 which included an executive session for a personnel matter.

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to approve the November Special Meeting Minutes, second by Mr. Michael
MOTITON CARRIES

- Ms. Turnbull was advised that Mr. Kusnirak, Leetsdale resident was in attendance at the Workshop Meeting on Tuesday and he was interested in additional information for the Borough's Rental Fees. Ms. Turnbull provided Council with fees schedules from surrounding municipalities and the Quaker Valley COG and stated that she feels the Borough's current fees are similar to the others provided.

ENGINEER

Garland Freeman, P.E.

- Mr. Garland reviewed the Engineer's Monthly Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Peter A. Poninsky

- The Borough has a current agreement with Ehrlich to provide Pest Control for the Borough Office and the Food Bank in the amount of \$57.00 monthly. Received a Quote to include the Police Department and the Fire Department in the amount of \$87.00 a month.

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to accept the bid from Ehrlich to provide Pest Control for the Borough Building, Police Station and the Fire Department for \$87.00 a month, second by Mr. Michael
MOTION CARRIES

- Mr. Poninsky performed a marriage ceremony for Erin Nash and Daniel Mata at no cost

FINANCE/BUDGETS

Wesley James, Chairperson

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to adopt the 2020 Proposed Budget, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to advertise the 2020 Meeting Dates, please note that the Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:45 PM (this meeting will replace the workshop) Judge R. Ford will be in attendance to administer the Oath of Office to the re-elected and newly elected councilors, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to transfer \$43,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Account before December 31, 2019; Police Department \$13,000, Fire Department \$16,000, Public Works \$12,000 and Office \$2,000, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to transfer the Liquid Fuels to reimburse the General Fund for Public Lighting, Street Signs and Line Painting before December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$31,156.91, second by Mr. McGurk
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Michael to transfer \$157,801.62 from the Road Reconstruction Fund to the General Fund to refund for the Route 65 Cleanout from April – October, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

ADMINISTRATION, BENEFITS & PENSIONS

Jeffery Weatherby, Chairperson

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to transfer the Police Reports Income from the General Fund to the Police Pension before December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$940.00, second by Mr. Michael
MOTION CARRIES

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE & FIRE

Benjimen Frederick, Chairperson

- Chief Raible reviewed the Police Department's Monthly Report

MOTION BY Mr. Frederick to approve the yearly bonus payment to Jennifer Simek, Borough Secretary as stated in the Public Works Contract, second by Mr. McGurk
MOTION CARRIES

- Mr. Fredrick reviewed the Fire Department's Monthly Report

STREET DEPARTMENT/BOROUGH PROPERTY

Joseph McGurk, Chairperson

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to accept the estimate from Bartlett; Borough Building Property in the amount of \$1,530.00, Henle Park in the amount of \$1,740.00 and Kohlmeyer Park in the amount of \$863.00, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

- The overpass was inspected on August 10, 2019 and the total cost of all suggested repairs are \$16,477.00

PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY

Osman Awad, Chairperson

- Nothing new to report this month

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.

- Received the following recommendations from The Planning Commission
 - a. The Centerville Industrial Pilsie Site Plan with the following conditions; issue both preliminary and final approval for the consolidation of the two lots, 813-S-135 and 813-S133, conditional upon Dan Slagle letter dated November 24, 2019 and NOT approve further development plans for this site and tables further consideration of the plan until the Borough Engineer's letter of November 24, 2019 and issues raised by the Planning Commission members during the meeting, have all been addressed and reconciled.
 - b. The Planning Commission recommendations for the surface parking lot presented by The Buncher Company conditioned upon the letter from Dan Slagle, Borough Engineer dated November 22 and the applicant constructs an artificial screen to block the view of the truck park from Ohio River Blvd.

MOTION BY Mr. Michael to table the recommendations from the Planning Commission until next month, second by Mr. McGurk
MOTION CARRIES

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

- Nothing new to report this month

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY Mr. Michael to accept the reappointment of Henrietta Kretzler to the Planning Commission with a term ending 2026, second by Mr. McGurk
MOTION CARRIES

MOTION BY Mr. Michael to accept the reappointment of Donna Fleig to the Vacancy Board Chairperson with a term ending 2022, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

- Board Vacancy
 - a. Recreation Board with term ending December 31, 2020

OLD BUSINESS

- Council discussed the Henle Park digital sign policy and a possible fee schedule and agreed that the sign would not be used for rentals and for Borough functions only.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Newly Elected Municipal Officials training is being offered by PSAB
- The Reorganization Meeting will be held on Monday, January 6, 2019 at 6:45 PM

LIST OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Mr. McGurk to adjourn at 7:34 PM, second by Mr. Frederick
MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Simek

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer

