

LEET TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 22, 2022
Minutes of the Board of Commissioner's Workshop Meeting

The Workshop Meeting of the Leet Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Martin C. McDaniel at the Leet Township Municipal Building, 194 Ambridge Ave., Fair Oaks, PA 15003. Roll Call: Commissioners present were Carolyn Verszyla, Rody Nash, and John Stephansky. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Absent: Dan Peluso

Also present:

Betsy Rengers, Manager
Brian Jameson, Interim Chief of Police
Kenneth Battaglia, Police Officer
Dave Piatt, Smart Wired Security
Dan Sommers, ASL Systems
Jeff Rost, North Hills Lock and Safe
Peggy Adams, Resident
Donna Adipietro, Resident
Emily Bennett, Resident
April Martin, Resident
Owen Martin, Resident

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident Emily Bennett asked for an update regarding the sewage issues. Mr. McDaniel stated that LTMA cleaned out the line from debris and roots and will assist her with filing an insurance claim. The Township will send letters regarding downspout connections. There was smoke testing done and the Township Manager will contact the previous engineer, Dan Slagle, to get the results from that. Mr. Nash asked how everything went this weekend with the rain. Ms. Bennett stated that there was not an issue and would like reassurance about what can be done so the basement flooding does not happen again in the future. Mr. McDaniel stated that LTMA will hold a meeting with residents and will offer backflow preventers. Ms. Bennett stated that she filed a claim with LTMA's insurance company, and they asked for a summary of charges and insurance information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Front and Police Door Key Fob Vendor Proposal: Mr. McDaniel asked for each company to give a brief presentation on their door lock system. Dave Piatt from Smart Wired, Dan Sommers from Allegheny Lock and Safe, and Jeff Rost made presentations to the Board and answered questions about their systems. Knighthawk could not attend the meeting but sent in their proposal. One proposal included an interior police door, the others did not. Mr. Stephansky asked for new quotes to reflect the interior door. Mr. Stephansky would like to take the time to review the quotes with Mr. Peluso, Ms. Rengers, and Chief Jameson and report at the September 12th Board Meeting.

Approval to Engage Engineer Community Block Development Grant Year 49 Pre-Application: Ms. Rengers gave an overview of the Grant program, the sidewalks that were completed, and the ones that need to be completed. Ms. Rengers learned about the Gaming, Economic Development and Tourism Fund Grant that could help pay for renovations at 198 Ambridge Ave. The grant will open this fall. The building would need to have community use. This grant will be reviewed by the Property Committee for recommendations to the Board.

MOTION: Mrs. Verszyla made a motion to engage the engineer to submit the pre-application for the Community Block Development Grant CD Year 49 for the continuation of the ADA sidewalk project in Fair Oaks, seconded by Mr. Stephansky. Roll call was taken with all in favor of the motion.

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Approval to Hire Kenneth Battaglia: Mr. McDaniel stated Mr. Battaglia applied, passed the testing, and background checks, and was recommended by the Civil Service Board to hire as a full-time officer for Leet Township.

MOTION: Mrs. Verszyla made a motion to hire Kenneth Battaglia to the position of Leet Township Full-time Police Officer, seconded by Mr. Nash. Roll call was taken with all in favor of the motion.

Mr. Battaglia introduced himself to the Board and the Board welcomed him. His effective hire date is August 22, 2022.

Approval for the Civil Service Board to Conduct Testing for Full and Part-time Officers to Establish an Eligibility List:

MOTION: Mr. Nash made a motion to have the Civil Service Commission conduct testing for full and part-time police officers for an eligibility list, seconded by Mrs. Verszyla, with all in favor.

Mr. Nash asked if there is a way to differentiate requirements for full and part-time police officers. Mr. McDaniel and Chief Jameson stated they will investigate that. Ms. Bennet stated would it not make sense to have the requirements the same for each and Mr. McDaniel stated that they are currently and it is up for discussion if that should be different. Mrs. Adipietro asked if she could see who applied and the test scores for the police officers that applied. Ms. Rengers suggested she complete a Right to Know Request and she would then forward that to Mr. Chesney for review.

Approval for Steve Chesney to Review QVCOG Mutual Aid Agreement: Mr. McDaniel stated that Leet Township is not in a police mutual aid agreement, where multiple police departments help one another. It helps in protect both parties. Mr. Stephansky stated there were several meetings regarding the agreement, and everyone agreed that Leet Township should be a part of it. The chiefs have made their recommendations, the QVCOG Solicitor has written the agreement for review.

MOTION: Mr. Stephansky made a motion to have the Solicitor review the QVCOG Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Mr. Nash, with all in favor.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no further public participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Verszyla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 pm, seconded by Mr. Nash, with all in favor.

TOWNSHIP OF LEET

BETSY RENGERS, MANAGER

MARTIN C. MCDANIEL, PRESIDENT

Date