

TOWNSHIP OF LEET
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2023

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 Martin C. McDaniel, Carolyn Verszyla, Dan Peluso, and John Stephansky. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Absent: Commissioner Rody Nash

Also present:

Betsy Rengers, Manager

Donna Adipietro, Resident

Peggy Adams, Resident

Bill Jasper, Leetsdale Resident

(Meeting Recording is unavailable)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Leetsdale Resident Bill Jasper addressed the Board about the cost of the new high school. There was a brief discussion about it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Property Committee:

Approval of Electric Bid for Work at 194 Ambridge Ave

There was a discussion about the bids for electrical work at 194 Ambridge Ave. The Board decided to table the discussion about the bids until the Manager receives more information about the LED retrofit program from Duquesne Light.

Public Works Committee

Approval to Purchase Public Works Pick-Up Truck

Public Works Foreman Andy Wanto requested to purchase a new Ford Super Duty F250 Pickup truck for \$43,729.00. The reason for the purchase is to replace the 2007 Ford F350 pickup truck due to the truck's age at 16 years old with mileage at approximately 120K miles. This purchase is in keeping with the Township's 5-year Public Works Equipment Maintenance Program.

Foreman Wanto spent weeks researching available vehicles at Co-Star Dealerships. He was able to obtain three quotes for vehicles that were in stock. The quote for the Ford F350 comes with a service body. Mr. Wanto contacted Sabre Equipment about the cost to outfit the truck. The truck will need a snowplow, lights, lettering, and a bed liner.

MOTION: Mrs. Verszyla made a motion to approve the purchase of a Ford F250 pickup truck from Baierl Ford in the amount of \$43,729.00, financed through FNB bank, with a 5.29% interest rate.

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Mr. Stephansky informed the Board that the Township has a Ford F350 pickup truck presently because it can handle more weight and is used for snow plowing. He suggested that Mr. Wanto look for a Ford F350 without a service body as a replacement and would like to see if the snow plow we already have can be used on the new truck.

Mrs. Verszyla withdrew the motion for the truck purchase. The discussion was tabled until the February 13, 2023, Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting. Mr. Wanto will be instructed to look for a Ford F350 pick-up truck.

Approval to Purchase a Public Works Lawn Tractor

Public Works Foreman Andy Wanto requested to purchase a Pro-Z-972 SD lawn tractor for the Co-Star price of \$16,399.20 from Burks Lawn and Saw. Andy received three bids and found the best choice for a vendor to be Burks, due to Burk's excellent service and reputation. This lawn tractor will replace some of the duties of the 2009 John Deere tractor. The John Deere tractor will be kept for its plowing capabilities and hopefully, the reduced usage will prevent some of the maintenance issues we have had with the tractor.

MOTION: Mrs. Verszyla made a motion to purchase a Pro-Z-972-SD lawn tractor from Burks Lawn and Saw, Inc. for \$16,399.20 from the Capital Reserve Account, seconded by Mr. Peluso. Roll call was taken with the vote as follows: Mr. McDaniel; yes, Mrs. Verszyla; yes, Mr. Stephansky; yes, and Mr. Peluso; yes. The motion carried.

There was a discussion about issues with snow plowing on Camp Meeting Road over the past weekend. Mrs. Verszyla spoke with George Thompson at Allegheny County about the issue. He apologized for the County not responding appropriately to calls for snow removal. Leet Township Public Works Laborer Jake Mosholder was called to salt the road. Mr. Thompson told Mrs. Verszyla that he will reimburse the Township for the salt that was used. Mr. McDaniel explained that when the County installed rip rap swale in a certain area on Camp Meeting Road it caused water to flow across the road and created an icy stream. The County has been notified about the situation.

There is a road construction project on Camp Meeting Road that will start on Monday, January 30, 2023, at Charleston Square in Bell Acres.

Public Safety Committee

Resolution 2023-07 (Authorize the Manager to Sign the Allegheny County Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Body Cam Grant)

Interim Chief Jameson contacted Allegheny County about an American Rescue Plan Act Funds grant that is available to police departments to help reduce the cost of purchasing new body-worn cameras. The Township is eligible to receive \$12,000.00 to help pay for six new body-worn cameras. The Allegheny County Chiefs of Police Association is offering an additional \$5,000.00 towards the purchase. Interim Chief Jameson is required to become a member of the Allegheny County Chiefs of Police Association, and if permitted may receive the grant. He updated the

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body-worn camera policy and sent it to Solicitor Steve Chesney for his review. Mr. Chesney approved the policy to be sent to Allegheny County. The resolution was sent to Mr. Chesney for approval. It would allow Manager Betsy Rengers to sign all necessary paperwork for the Board of Commissioners to enter into an agreement with Allegheny County to receive American Rescue Plan Act Funds for body-worn cameras and technology, training, maintenance, and support of the devices.

MOTION: Mr. Peluso made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 to allow Manager Betsy Rengers to sign all necessary paperwork for the Board of Commissioners to enter into an agreement with Allegheny County to receive American Rescue Plan Act Funds for body-worn cameras and technology, training, maintenance, and support of the devices with the stipulation that Solicitor Chesney approved the wording in the agreement, seconded by Mr. Stephansky. Roll call was taken with the vote as follows: Mr. McDaniel; yes, Mrs. Verszyla; yes, Mr. Stephansky; yes, and Mr. Peluso; yes. The motion carried.

Resolution 2023-08 (Intention to Participate in Allegheny County Chief's, Inc. Body Worn-Camera Grant Program)

MOTION: Mrs. Verszyla made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08 authorizing the participation of the Leet Township Police Department in the Allegheny Police Chiefs Inc. Body-Worn Camera Grant Program and to establish funding to underwrite participation in the program, seconded by Mr. Peluso. Roll call was taken with the vote as follows: Mr. McDaniel; yes, Mrs. Verszyla; yes, Mr. Stephansky; yes, and Mr. Peluso; yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Amendment to Approve the Police Car Repair Payment

Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company paid the Township \$1633.28 to repair the 2022 Ford SUV Police vehicle after an accident on October 3, 2022. The amount was minus the \$250.00 deductible. The Township deposited the insurance funds in the FNB General Fund. A check will be written from the FNB General Fund and sent to Greater Pitt Body and Paint Specialists to pay for the police car repair.

MOTION: Mrs. Verszyla made a motion to amend the agenda to approve the payment of \$1,785.85 to Greater Pitt Body and Paint Specialist for the repair of the 2022 Ford SUV Police Car, seconded by Mr. Stephansky, with all in favor of the motion.

MOTION: Mr. Peluso made a motion to approve the payment of \$1,785.85 to Greater Pitt Body and Paint Specialist for the repair of the 2022 Ford SUV Police Car. The amount of \$1,622.28 is the pass-through of the Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company insurance payment and the balance of \$163.57 will be paid from the FNB General Fund, The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephansky. Roll call was taken with the vote as follows: Mr. McDaniel; yes, Mrs. Verszyla; yes, Mr. Stephansky; yes, and Mr. Peluso; yes. The motion carried.

PGH Networks will be contacted to add a phone set to the police station.

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The Beech Street Traffic Study Meeting was canceled for this evening due to attendance problems. We will reschedule the meeting for a later date.

Correspondence

Leet Township Civil Service Chairman Tom Weber sent a letter to the Board of Commissioners. We will discuss this at the February 13th Regular Meeting.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Mrs. Verszyla will keep working with Allegheny County to get the salt reimbursed when the Township salts Camp Meeting Road.

Executive Session Announcement

Mr. McDaniel announced that the Board held an Executive Session to discuss litigation on January 12, 2023, at the offices of Amato and Start.

Adjournment

Mr. Peluso made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 pm, seconded by Mr. Stephansky, with all in favor of the motion.

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/s/Betsy Rengers
Betsy Rengers, Manager

/s/Martin C. McDaniel
Martin C. McDaniel, President

February 13, 2023
Date