The Workshop Meeting of the Leet Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice President Dan Peluso at the Leet Township Municipal Building, 194 Ambridge Ave., Fair Oaks, PA 15003. Roll Call: Commissioners present were Donna Adipietro, Rody Nash, Dan Peluso, and Martin C. Zimmel. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Martin. C. McDaniel joined later in the meeting.

Also present:

Betsy Rengers, Manager Resident Peggy Adams
Interim Chief Brian Jameson
Engineer John Valinsky
Solicitor Steve Chesney via phone
Civil Service Commission Member Curt Bubb

Mr. Peluso explained that Mr. McDaniel had a scheduling conflict and would attend the meeting later in the evening.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at that time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Case Backhoe Repair

Mr. Nash explained that the Township received a quote from Case Power and Equipment to repair the Case Backhoe for \$31,923.95. The Board discussed the quote and the options to either fix the machine or replace it. The Township applied for a Local Share Account grant for equipment, which included the cost of replacing the backhoe, and will hear if the award will be granted in August.

The American Rescue Plan Act funds must be committed by December 31, 2024. The funds can be spent on stormwater projects, but the Board previously discussed other types of uses for the grant.

The 2015 Ford SUV had not been relisted on Municibid because Interim Chief Jameson was going to have the car stripped before relisting it, so there was no misunderstanding that it would come equipped.

The loan for the new 2023 Ford SUV was discussed. The closing will be scheduled as soon as we receive confirmation from the DCED that they have received the LGUDA document.

The Watson Street paving project will be advertised and will contain an alternate bid if the subgrade base needs to be repaired. Ms. Rengers contacted the PennDOT Liquid Fuels Rep to

discuss what is needed to use Liquid Fuels funds to pay for the paving project.

The discussion continued about outstanding stormwater projects. A few years ago, the stormwater pipe on Ambridge Ave that runs under the parking lot of 620 Ambridge Ave was causing drainage issues. Because the pipe is owned by three different entities (the Township, PennDOT, and BMZ Associates), the Township did not pursue a repair but jetted the pipe to get it open. Mr. Valinsky will put together a quote for the next meeting to camera the pipe.

The discussion continued about the backhoe and other equipment that may be needed. Interim Chief Jameson suggested a camera DVR system for the municipal complex.

Makita Hammer Drill Purchase

MOTION: Mr. Zimmel made a motion to purchase a Makita Hammer Drill from Home Depot for \$669.00 for the installation of the Beech Street speed table and other uses. Mr. Nash seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

Agenda Amendment to Add an Executive Session

MOTION: Mr. Zimmel made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss the appointment of the police chief. Mrs. Adipietro seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Peluso handed over the meeting to President McDaniel as soon as he arrived.

Acceptance of Officer Vigliotti's Resignation

MOTION: Mr. Zimmel made a motion to accept Officer Vigliotti's resignation from the position of a part-time police officer as of February 26, 2024, in accordance with the settlement agreement for lost wages due to being terminated by Chief Molinaro improperly. Mr. Peluso seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

Approval for Police Chief to Sign for Ford SUV for the Dealership

MOTION: Mr. Peluso made a motion to approve Chief Brian Jameson's signing and taking possession of the new 2023 Ford Interceptor SUV from Laurel Ford. Mr. Zimmel seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Resolution 2024-23 (LGUDA Small Borrowing Form)

MOTION: Mr. Nash made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23 for the required debt statement filing with the DCED (the LGUDA Small Borrowing Form) for the purchase of the 2023 Ford Interceptor SUV. Mrs. Adipietro seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

Purchase of New Conference Chairs

MOTION: Mr. Zimmel made a motion to purchase nine new conference chairs for the meeting room from WB Mason for \$1,397.00. Mr. Peluso seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-20 (Short-term Rental Ordinance Fees)

MOTION: Mr. Peluso made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-20, setting the fees for applying for a short-term rental application at \$50.00 and the Occupancy Inspection fees at \$65.00 per unit. Mr. Zimmel seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

Resolution 2024-24 (Property Maintenance Code Penalty Fees)

MOTION: Mr. Peluso made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-24, setting the penalties for non-compliance with the 2015 Property Maintenance Code 106.4 Violation Penalties at up to \$500.00 per occurrence, with each day the occurrence continues after notice has been served deemed a separate offense. Mr. Zimmel seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

Resident's Request for a Memorial Plaque

The Board discussed a request for a memorial plaque on Olde Sewickley Highlands Island. Mr. McDaniel suggested a written policy be adopted for memorial trees and plaques before approving requests. He will contact the resident to let her know that a policy is being considered.

Civil Service Rule Change

The Civil Service Commission met on March 20, 2024, and passed a motion to enact a wording change to their bylaws. The Board of Commissioners must approve the wording change. Mr. Bubb explained to the Board that the purpose of the wording change was to attract potential

officers who are currently attending accredited police academies but have yet to graduate and take the final exam.

The original wording was as follows:

4.5(b) Be Act 120 Certified under the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Act 120), (MPOETC) 53 PA. CSA. §2161 et. Seq. or shall have successfully completed Act 120 training and successfully passed the final exam.

The proposed wording change is:

4.5(b) Successfully completed or be currently enrolled in Act 120 training as prescribed by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Act 120). The candidate will be required to successfully pass the final exam prior to hire.

MOTION: Mr. Zimmel made a motion to approve the proposed wording change to the Civil Service Bylaws: 4.5(b) Successfully completed or be currently enrolled in Act 120 training as prescribed by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Act 120). The candidate will be required to successfully pass the final exam prior to hire. Mr. Nash seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

Betsy Rengers' 10th Work Anniversary

Mr. McDaniel thanked Ms. Rengers for her hard work with the Township over the last ten years. He presented her with a gift from the Board members. Ms. Rengers thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for Leet Township.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bubb asked the Board about starting a GoFundMe page for War Memorial Donations. There was a discussion about donations to the Township. This will be researched as a possibility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Peluso made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. to discuss hiring a police chief. Mrs. Adipietro seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

MOTION: Mr. Nash made a motion to leave the Executive Session at 6:30 pm after discussing the hiring of a police chief. Mr. Zimmel seconded the motion, with all in favor of it.

MOTION: Mr. Zimmel made a motion to appoint Brian Jameson to the position of Police Chief, conditioned on passing a physical, psychiatric evaluation, and background check. Mr. Nash seconded the motion. A formal roll call vote was conducted, and the following votes were recorded: Mrs. Adipietro, yes; Mr. Zimmel, yes; Mr. McDaniel, yes; Mr. Peluso, yes; and Mr. Nash, yes. The motion carried.

If the above employment conditions are completed in time for the April 8, 2024, Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting, then the formal installation of Brian Jameson as Police Chief will be scheduled for then.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Nash moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Peluso, with all in favor of the motion.

/s/Betsy Rengers
Betsy Rengers, Manager

TOWNSHIP OF LEET

/s/Martin C. McDaniel

Martin C. McDaniel, President

<u>April 8, 2024</u> Date