

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Deputy Mayor Baldonieri called to order the Regular Monthly Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:29 P.M.
Deputy Mayor Baldonieri asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
Deputy Mayor Baldonieri asked all for a moment of silence. The City Secretary read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Gerald Baldonieri – present
Eric Bartels – present
Robert Forish –present
Jim Kelley – via web
Ralph Jenko – via web
Christine Weller – present
Mayor Rosemarie Wolford – absent

Also present were the following: John Griener, Solicitor; John Sleasman, Police Chief; and Scott Wajdic, Public Works Director; Ann Powell, Code Enforcement; Mike Gray, City Manager; Roxanne Shadron, City Secretary.

CITIZENS' REQUESTS (related to agenda) - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – (Kelley, Wolford) No report.

Public Safety and Fire Committee – (Forish, Kelley) No report.

Public Works Committee – (Baldonieri, Bartels) No report.

Personnel Committee – (Baldonieri, Wolford) No report.

Events Committee – (Weller) No report.

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – No report.

BOARD/AUTHORITY REPORTS – No reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2020-40

A Resolution Approving Agreement with 446 Painting, LLC, Curry & Kepple, and Schultheis Electric/TSB, Inc. for Underpass Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Kelley moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mr. Forish. Vote 6-0

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2020-43

A Resolution Approving Right of Way and Easement Agreement with the Unity Township Municipal Authority. Mr. Bartels moved to adopt this resolution seconded by Mrs. Weller. Vote 6-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Police Chief, John Sleasman recognized the promotion of Officer Keslar to Sergeant with a pinning ceremony with Officer Keslar’s father placing his sergeant stripes pin on his uniform.

NEW BUSINESS – Fentanyl overdoses were the basis of a Federal investigation in Pittsburgh and Latrobe. Det. Wigand lead the B-Line operation along with Officer’s Reeves, Grosso, and Chief Sleasman here in Latrobe along with Pittsburgh officials which lead to twenty-six indictments by Federal Grand Jury that included six gang members in Latrobe.

Chief Sleasman reported, “Wigand sought out assistance from the FBI and other resources, which led to countless hours of investigation, surveillance details, undercover purchases of narcotics and intelligence gathering of anyone involved in narcotics trafficking in and around the Latrobe area.

“The four members of the Latrobe police department were sworn in as special investigators of the FBI’s Safe Streets Task Force, which involved federal wiretap and other investigative tools to seek out and identify individuals involved in narcotics trafficking”. “It started as a seemingly small incident in Latrobe and led to a large scale, federal heroin distribution case.”

“On Aug. 19, the federal grand jury convened and returned with the indictments.”

“On Aug. 20, those indictments were served and arrests were made. All six defendants from Latrobe were found, arrested and arraigned before a federal magistrate in Pittsburgh.” “The residents and visitors of Latrobe can rest a little easier knowing those responsible for a large portion of heroin coming into Latrobe recently will be held accountable for their actions.”

Chief Sleasman personally recognized and thanked his officers for a job well done. “They should be very proud of themselves.”

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 6:42 P.M with a motion by Mr. Forish, seconded by Mr. Bartels. Approved 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxanne Shadron
City Secretary