

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
April 14, 2021 6:00PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The April 14, 2021 meeting was called to order @ 6:00PM at the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department by Michael Jancuska

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Officials Present

Council – Mary Ellen Schell, Jason Tarreto, Tony Perzia and Mike Jancuska
Also present – Mayor James Keller and Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer Absent: Susan Kalinay

****Council recessed for an executive session to discuss personnel issues***

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS

❖ **APPROVAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Council Meeting – February 10, 2021

Motion to accept the minutes as written by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Council Meeting – March 10, 2021

Motion to accept the minutes as written by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell.

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of April 14, 2021

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Administration \$21,545.34 Police Department \$3,630.96 Highway Aid \$5,867.83

Sanitation \$8,560.78 Street Department \$90.38 Total Expenses \$39,695.29

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the April 14, 2021 Expense Report.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of April 14, 2021

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

General Funds \$108,786.96 Garbage Fund \$1,616.52 Total General Fund Monies \$110,403.48

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the April 14, 2021 income report.

All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – March 31, 2021

Report read by Chairman Jancuska

General Fund \$38,041.83 Garbage Fund \$58335.82 Payroll Account \$160.55

Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$3,491.13 Fire Escrow Account \$400.00

Debit Card Fund \$350.50 Highway Aid Fund \$95,412.58

Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82 Total \$252,040.23 Compared to March 2020
\$316,370.10

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the March 31, 2021
Treasurers Report as written

REPORTS

Police Department – Mayor James Keller

Hiring of Part Time Officer Chris Prescott at \$17.50 hour to start immediately.

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Hiring of Full Time Officer Nicholas Saullo at \$20.09 hour to start immediately

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Tony Perzia

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Hiring of Part Time Police Officers for the month of May 2021 at the rate of
\$17.50 hour:

Greg Johnson, Greg Johnson Jr., Michael Kowanick, Jennifer Alexander, Melville
Tomeo and Chris Prescott

Motion by 2nd by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Police Report – Mary Ellen Schell reported 136 calls and 4 arrests for the month
of March 2021

Mayor Keller Proclaimed Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 as **Bell Across America**.

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto reported Street Department took
possession of the new 2020 Truck. Employee Michael Stanko gave a two week
notice he was terminating employment with the Borough. Motion to advertise for
another Street Department Employee by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Tony Perzia
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Finance Report – Mr. Perzia reported 1st Quarter Pension Report 1/1/2021 to
3/31/21 by Asco Financial Group -Total Account Value \$197,669.82

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Kalinay absent – no report

Chairman Report – Michael Jancuska

March 2021 Code Enforcement reported – sanitation notice, 3 property management notices, and 1 junked vehicle notice.

Mr. Jancuska reminded everyone not to blow grass in the streets or a citation will be issued.

Mr. Jancuska asked Council to open the Borough Building to the Tax Collector. All In Favor – None Opposed

REPORT BY SOLICITOR

REPORT BY ENGINEER

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Main Street Bid Openings

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto to accept the lowest bid of \$66,665.00 from Fehlinger Construction with revisions eliminating the light standards to bring the costs to conform to the amount of money available.
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Public Notice to Bidders

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia to publicly advertise Notice to Bidders for the 2021 H2) Grant – Miller Street Project
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Schoenwetter – Raub Street Road & RunOff

Karen Leonardi – Possible Roundabout and Main Street Parking Lot

Natalie Goodman – Memorial Day Service

Ron Rahl – Fire Hydrants

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia to adjourn.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried



Linda Booth
Secretary



Michael Jancuska
Chairman



James Keller
Mayor