

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
August 9, 2023 6:30PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The August 9, 2023 meeting was called to order @ 6:30PM at the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department by Chairman Michael Jancuska

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Jason Tarreto, Tony Perzia, Susan Kalinay, John Yarmel, Mike Jancuska. Also present: Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer. Absent: Mayor James Keller

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN

June 14, 2023 Minutes - Motion to accept as written by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Tony Perzia. All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

July 14, 2023 Minutes – Motion to accept as written by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto. All in Favor – None Opposed

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of August 9, 2023

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd Tony Perzia to accept the report as written

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of August 9, 2023

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto to accept the Income Report & deposit the funds

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of July 31, 2023

Treasurers Report Read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to accept the report as written

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

REPORTS

Police Department – Mayor James Keller

Hiring of Part Time Officers for the month of September 2023

Melville Tomeo - \$24.50 hr., Greg Johnson Sr. - \$22.50 hr., Jeremy Moyer - \$22.50 hr., Darren Bidwell - \$22.50 hr., Danyelle Rodriguez - \$22.50 hr.

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia. All in favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Police Report – Jason Tarreto reported 130 various calls to service for the month of July 2023 Split Shift to be done away with until all shifts could be filled.

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto – LSA Grant – see new business

Finance Report – Tony Perzia – Paper Shredding Saturday September 23rd weather permitting from 10am to 2pm at Borough Garage.

Parks & Recreation – Susan Kalinay – nothing to report

John Yarmel – individual body camera mounts for Officers & Noise Ordinance Measuring decimals.

Chairman's Report – Secretary will be out of the office week of August 21, 2023

REPORT BY SOLICITOR – upcoming election – for just this 2 year council seat. Contact your party leadership – the party presents their names to the election bureau. Election bureau takes the Democrats and Republican names. 2 names will be on the November ballot. This is for this one time only.

REPORT BY ENGINEER – nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE – SPCA Quarterly Report - January thru March 2023 – 1 stray cat.

E-Recycling Event – Kaufers Office – Luzerne will not be participating due to lack of interest the last several years and cost to Borough.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Non Uniformed Pension Plan Ordinance – Motion to accept by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Tetra Tech – Sly Street – Change Order increase by \$23,262.00 – Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

Zoning Board Reappointments of Natalie Goodman - Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Manny Santayanna Alternate Reappointment – Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by John Yarmel
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

LSA Grant – Jason Tarreto discussed possibilities to apply for grant, \$150,000 park renovations, \$40,000 pole barn - public works, \$130,000 new pickup and dump trucks, \$150,000 Carpenter Street. \$100.00 application fee to submit grant. Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to submit the grant. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Strategic Management Program – 45 min presentation on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the monthly council meeting to go over recommendations.

Police Station Update – Architects still refiguring the plans.

Junked Cars along the railroad tracks – land owned by Luzerne County Redevelopment. They have been informed – awaiting their move – not Luzerne Boroughs jurisdiction.

Council called for an Executive Meeting after monthly meeting called to adjournment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Steele – junked cars, illegal business', complaint about zoning officer

Allysa Fussaro – Fall Festival – Creepy Walk – Blighted Properties – Speeding – Main Street Revitalization

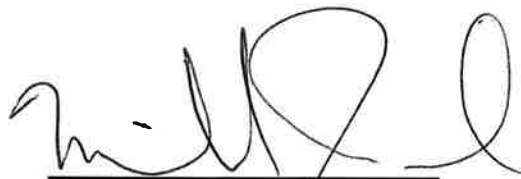
ADJOURNMENT

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

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried



Linda Booth
Secretary



Michael Jancuska
Chairman