

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
December 11, 2024 6:30PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The December 11, 2024 meeting was called to order @ 6:30PM at the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department by Chairman Michael Jancuska

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Officials Present

Council- Michael Jancuska, Jason Tarreto, Joseph Kovalick, John Yarmel, Susan Kalinay
Also Present –Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN

November 6, 2024 – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd Joseph Kovalick to accept the minutes as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

November 19, 2024 Special Meeting- Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2nd Susan Kalinay to accept the minutes as written

All In Favor-None Opposed-Motion Carried

November 29, 2024 Special Meeting- Motion by John Yarmel 2nd Joseph Kovalick to accept the minutes as written

All In Favor- None Opposed- Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of December 11, 2024

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd John Yarmel to accept the report as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of December 11, 2024

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by John Yarmel accept the report & deposit the funds in their appropriate accounts.

All In Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of November 30, 2024

Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2nd Susan Kalinay to accept the Treasurer's report as written.

All In Favor-None Opposed-Motion Carried

REPORTS

Chairman Michael Jancuska - asked Council to consider the following part time police officers at the rate of \$23.00 per hr. for the month of January 2025, Greg Johnson Sr., Darrin Bidwell, Christopher Vecchi, Richard Vaow, Greg Johnson Jr., Anthony Smith, Joseph Weiberth, Joseph Schlagle, Daniel Duffy and David Balchune.

Motion to hire by Joseph Kovalick 2nd by Susan Kalinay

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Jason Tarreto- Reported 71 calls for service for the month of November 2024 for the Police Department – DPW – New Leaf Vac, Pickup Truck near completion

Susan Kalinay- NYE Race Preparation- In contact with Captain Kocher for police presence

John Yarmel – Garbage Hauler Ordinance – Municipal Debt Collector – Service Electric, call in 6 months

Joe Kovalick – Nothing to report

Report by Solicitor – Nothing to report

Report by Engineer – Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE – Swoyersville Condolences

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ 2025 Proposed Budget – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd John Yarmel to adopt the 2025 budget
All In Favor-None Opposed- Motion Carried.
- ❖ Enacting & Fixing the Real Estate Rate for 2025 – Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2nd Susan Kalinay to raise taxes from 0.0039362 to 0.0040337 a 2.48% increase.
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ 2024 Charles Street Paving Project – Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd Susan Kalinay to request payment #1 in the amount of \$118,169.31 to American Asphalt
All In Favor – None Opposed- Motion Carried.
- ❖ Bridge Repair- Motion by John Yarmel 2nd Susan Kalinay to accept the proposal from Stu Krasavage in the amount of \$3,250.
- ❖ Property Maintenance Code Ordinance- Motion by John Yarmel 2nd Susan Kalinay to adopt the 2018 Code Book.
All In Favor – None-Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Landlord Registration – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd Jason Tarreto to adopt the resolution to raise the rate from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per unit
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Set 2025 Meeting Dates - Every 2nd Wednesday for Council Meeting and Every 4th Wednesday for Work Session.
- ❖ Grant Writer – Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2nd Susan Kalinay to hire Ashburn Advisors LLC at the rate of \$500/month contingent on amending the contract from 2 years to 1 year
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Bill Balavage – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd Jason Tarreto to accept 2025 Engagement Letter
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Handicap Request – 63 Main St – Tabled until January 2025
- ❖ Handicap Move Request – 569 Charles St – Tabled until January 2025.
- ❖ Crossing Guard – Motion to hire crossing guard – Tabled
- ❖ Appointment of Interim Mayor – Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd Susan Kalinay to appoint Ron Reino as Interim Mayor.
Roll Call: Jancuska, Yes – Kalinay, Yes – Tarreto, Yes – Yarmel, Yes – Kovalick, Yes
Motion Stands

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joanna Martin, Town Committee – Alissa Caridi, Handicap Sign – Karen Leonardi, Christmas tree – Tony Perzia, Mayor – Myla Butcher, school project – Liam Gist, school project.

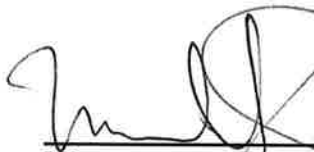
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd John Yarmel to adjourn
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION -PERSONNEL



Nicole Lord
Assistant Secretary



Michael Jancuska
Chairman

Absent

James Keller
Mayor