

LUZERNE BOROUGH  
Monthly Council Meeting

December 13, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – The December 13, 2023 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 – Jason Tarreto, Tony Perzia, Susan Kalinay, John Yarmel and Michael Jancuska

Also present – Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer.

Absent- Mayor James Keller

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN**

November 8th, 2023 – Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Tarreto

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

December 6, 2023 – Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of December 13, 2023

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Kalinay to accept the report as written

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of December 13, 2023

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

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

All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT** – as of November 30, 2023

Treasurers Report Read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to accept the report as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**REPORTS**

***Police Department*** - Mayor Keller – absent

In the absence of Mayor Keller

Jason Tarreto asked Council to consider the hiring of the following part-time officers for January 2024. Melville Tomeo @ \$24.75, Michael Fuller @ \$26.00, Greg Johnson Sr. @ \$22.75, Greg Johnson Jr. @ \$22.75, Chris Vecchi @ \$ 22.75, Darren Bidwell @ \$ 22.75, and Richard Vaow @ \$22.75.

Captain Kocher was appointed Officer-in Charge going forward.

Motion made by Tony Perzia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay

All in favor-None Opposed- Motion Carried

***Police Report*** – Jason Tarreto reported 86 calls to service for the month of November 2023. Reports won't include ambulance calls.

***Public Works Department*** – Jason Tarreto – Saturday December, 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm. Santa parade

***Finance Report*** – Tony Perzia – Budget done

**Parks & Recreation** – Susan Kalinay – Race, December 31<sup>st</sup> asking for officers for traffic control will speak with Captain Kocher. STMP Committee, added to agenda for January meeting.

**Councilman** – John Yarmel – Short St. Bond and update on progress, personnel and questioning an ordinance on covering solar panels

**Chairman's Report** – Mike Jancuska – 2 meetings

**Special meeting** – December 21, 2023-6:00 pm – Luzerne Borough Building.

**2024 Reorganization-** Tuesday, January 2, 2024- Swearing In 5:50 p.m.-Meeting- 6:00pm-Luzerne Fire Hall

**REPORT BY SOLICITOR** – nothing new to report

**REPORT BY ENGINEER** – absent

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Nothing to report

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**2024 Zoning Fees** – Vote to advertise the ordinance for January 2024

Motion made by Jason Tarreto, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia  
All in favor-Non Opposed – Motion Carried

**2024 Permits & Contractors Licenses-** Vote to advertise the Ordinance for January 2024.

Motion made by John Yarmel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Tarreto  
All in favor- None Opposed- Motion Carried

**2024 Landlord Registration Fees-** as is \$25/unit

Motion made by Tony Perzia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Tarreto  
All in favor- None Opposed-Motion Carried

**2024 Hauler Fees-** re-work Ordinance. Tabled until next month

**Main & Short. St.** – tabled until next month

**Luzerne Sewer Authority-** Reappointment – Joe Lyons & Joe Kovalick

Motion made by Tony Perzia, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay  
All in Favor-None Opposed-Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – signed in**

Dave Thorek- Penn Dot shed

Dave Baker-Police


**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jason Tarreto, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia to adjourn.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**Executive session-** Personnel; disciplinary action

  
Linda Booth  
Secretary

  
Michael Jancuska  
Chairman

  
James Keller  
Mayor