

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
December 14, 2022 6:30PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The December 14, 2022 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 – Mary Ellen Schell, Susan Kalinay, Tony Perzia, and Jason Tarreto and Michael Jancuska
Also present – Mayor James Keller & Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS

All meeting minutes tabled until January 11, 2022

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of December 14, 2022

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
Administration \$11,849.78 Police Department \$2,213.58 Highway Aid \$7,392.33
Sanitation \$8,510.00 Street Department \$14,424.84
Total Expenses \$44,390.53

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to pay the expenses as of December 14, 2022
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of December 14, 2022

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
General Funds \$86,901.70 Garbage Fund \$4,030.60 Total Income \$90,932.30
Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to deposit the funds as of December 14, 2022
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of November 30, 2022

Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
General Fund \$36,781.74 Garbage Fund \$170,714.21, Payroll Account \$100.00
Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$316.83, Fire Escrow Account \$13,725.00,
Debit Card Fund \$390.97, Highway Aid Fund \$21,467.22 Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82
Covid-19 Relief Funds \$198,229.02 Total \$497,572.81
Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to accept the November 30, 2022 Treasurers Report as written. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

REPORTS

Police Department Mayor Keller – Hiring of Part Time Officers for the month of January 2023 at the following new rates:
Greg Johnson Sr at \$22.50 hr,
Melville Tomeo at \$24.50 hr
Jeremy Moyer at \$22.50 hr
Darren Bidwell at \$22.50 hr
Roll call : Mary Ellen Schell – Yes, Susan Kalinay – Yes, Tony Perzia – No,
Jason Tarreto – No and Michael Jancuska – Yes. 3 Yes, 2 No Motion passed to pay the Part Time Officers as stated.

Police Report – Mary Ellen Schell reported 113 calls for the month of November 2022
Accommodation given to Officer Brian Morris

Taser Purchase Motion to purchase 2 tasers at the cost of
Motion to purchase by Jason Tarreto 2nd Tony Perzia

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto – nothing to report

Finance Report – Tony Perzia – nothing to report

Parks & Recreation – Susan Kalinay – nothing to report

Chairmans Report – Michael Jancuska – nothing to report

REPORT BY SOLICITOR - nothing to report

REPORT BY ENGINEER – nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE – Deborah Jordan and Ray Martin asking Luzerne Borough Council to consider a Resolution “Urging of the State Legislature to Revise Pa election Laws thereby Disallowing the continued use of No-Excuse Main-In & Drop Box Voting & further Instituting Measures to Restore election Integrity – Tabled until January 11, 2023 meet so everyone has additional time to review.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Bill Balavage Engagement Letter – Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to engage the services of Bill Balavage at the cost of \$330.00 month. All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion passed.

GFL/County Waste – Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to extend garbage service for 60 days at the current rate of \$8510.00 per month. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Garbage Bids – Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay to re-advertise for Garbage Bids. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

DCED Grant – Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia to release final payment to Multiscape in the amount of \$173,798.78. All In Favor – None Opposed- Motion Carried

Strategic Management Program Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the proposal from Pa Economy League. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Police Station Update – no update


Advertise Ordinance Fixing the Rate of Taxation – Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deborah Bowling – roads, Mark Kurent – roads/park, Patty Campus - various

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia to adjourn.
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried



**Linda Booth
Secretary**



**Jason Tarreto
Vice Chairman**



**James Keller
Mayor**