

LUZERNE BOROUGH  
Monthly Council Meeting  
February 8, 2023 6:30PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – The February 8, 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 – Mary Ellen Schell, Susan Kalinay, Tony Perzia, and Jason Tarreto and Michael Jancuska  
Also present – Mayor James Keller & Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN**

January 11, 20223 – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Tarreto  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of February 8, 2023

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Ellen Schell  
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of February 8, 2023

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Tarreto  
All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT** – as of January31, 2023

Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ellen Schell  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**REPORTS**

***Police Department*** Mayor Keller – Hiring of Part Time Officers for the month of March 2023 at the following rates:  
Greg Johnson Sr at \$22.50 hr,  
Detective Melville Tomeo at \$24.50 hr  
Jeremy Moyer at \$22.50 hr  
Darren Bidwell at \$22.50 hr  
Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Kalinay  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

***Full Time Officers Police Contract***

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia to table the vote until Atty Spohrer could review the contract. Special Meeting will be called before the Work Session on February 22, 2023 to take a vote.  
Mary Ellen Schell – No, Jason Tarreto – Yes, Susan Kalinay- Yes, Tony Perzia – Yes and Michael Jancuska – Yes. Motion Carried

***Police Report*** – Mary Ellen Schell reported 113 calls for the month of January 2023  
117 Calls

**Public Works Department** – Jason Tarreto

Paving of Sly and Carpenter Street was discussed. Need to coordinate with Public Utility Companies and their scheduled work for 2023.

**Finance Report** – Tony Perzia

Paper Shredding Event dates for 2023 April and September

**Parks & Recreation** – Susan Kalinay

Nothing to report

**Chairman's Report** – Michael Jancuska

Code Enforcement Report for January 2023

Dept of Building Inspection Report for 2022

**REPORT BY SOLICITOR** – Atty. Jonathan Spohrer

Discussed the 3 changes for Sewer Authority

1. Reduce Member from 8 to 5
2. Name change to Luzerne Borough Sewer Authority
3. Extend its existence for additional 50 year

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd Tony Perzia to accept the changes

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**REPORT BY ENGINEER** – nothing to report

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Deborah Jordan – Thank you for the courtesy of letting her speak at the January 2023 meeting regarding a resolution concerning voting drop boxes and election integrity.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Garbage – Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason to accept the bid contract with County Waste GFL until June 30, 2023

Consideration to Adopt a Resolution “Urging of the Pa State Legislature to Revise Pa election Laws. Tabled until March Meeting – Mike Jancuska to seeking more information

Police Department Addition – bids to be opened on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Alyssa and Mrs Martin – Announced upcoming events on Main Street with the Luzerne Merchants.

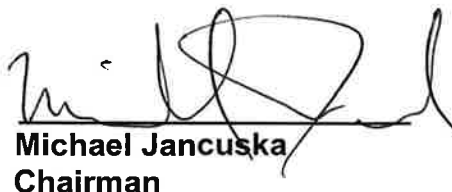
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Tarreto to adjourn.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried



Linda Booth  
Secretary



Michael Jancuska  
Chairman



James Keller  
Mayor