

LUZERNE BOROUGH  
Monthly Council Meeting  
February 9, 2022 6:30PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – The February 9, 2022 meeting was called to order @ 6:30PM at the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department by Vice Chairman Jason Tarreto

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

***Officials Present***

Council – Mary Ellen Schell, Susan Kalinay and Tony Perzia and Jason Tarreto Also present – Mayor James Keller and Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer. Absent: Chairman Michael Jancuska

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

❖ **APPROVAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

All meeting minutes tabled until March 9, 2022 Meeting

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of February 9, 2022

Expense Report read by Vice Chairman Jason Tarreto

Administration \$71,340.05 Police Department \$3,179.16 Highway Aid \$13,763.06

Sanitation \$12,710.00 Street Department \$352.74 Park Fund \$0.00

Total Expenses \$101,345.01

Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to accept the February 9, 2022, Expense Report as written.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of February 9, 2022

Income Report read by Vice Chairman Jason Tarreto

General Funds \$95,516.96 Garbage Fund \$1,094.11 Total Income \$96,611.07

Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the February 9, 2022 Income Report as written.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT** – as of January 31, 2022

Report read by Vice Chairman Jason Tarreto

General Fund \$82,622.67 Garbage Fund \$54,151.09, Payroll Account \$69.19

Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$1,677.69, Fire Escrow Account \$13,725.00,

Debit Card Fund \$414.50, Highway Aid Fund \$28,916.72 Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82

Covid-19 Relief Funds \$73,288.77 Total \$310,713.45

Motion by Susan Kalinay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia to accept the January 31, 2022 Treasurers Report as written.

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

## REPORTS

**Police Department** – Mayor James Keller

***Hiring of Part Time Police Officers for the month of March 2022***

Greg Johnson, \$21.00 hr., Greg Johnson Jr., \$21.00 hr., Jennifer Alexander, \$21.00 hr., Chris Prescott \$21.00 hr., Melville Tomeo, \$21.50 hr. and John Piezala, \$21.00 hr.

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**Police Report** – Mary Ellen Schell – 289 calls from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to January 31, 2022 – 4 arrests (PFA Violations, Mental Health and Criminal warrant). Criminal Investigations: Child Endangerment, 2 assaults, fraud, 2 thefts and hit & run. Mary Ellen Schell reported that

**Mary Ellen Schell announced Detective Nicholas Saullo was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police with an additional .50 hr. increase in pay.**

**Public Works Department** – Jason Tarreto – nothing new to report.

**Finance Report** – Mr. Perzia/Ms. Kalinay – nothing to report

**Parks & Recreation** – Susan Kalinay – nothing to report at this time.

**Vice Chairmans Report** – Jason Tarreto

**January 2022 Code Enforcement** – 2 UGI Notices, 4 Sanitation Notices and 21 Letters of Violation for Snow & Ice Removal

## REPORT BY SOLICITOR

## REPORT BY ENGINEER

## CORRESPONDENCE

## OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

**LSA Main Street Vision Plan Grant Request** – Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to ask DCED – Main St Parking Lot Project via letter, permission to use the remaining \$8,000.00 in the grant for landscaping which was not originally included due to limited funding. The letter is requesting DCED to expand the original scope of work and to also provide an extension to the end date of the project to June 30, 2023

**Infocom Agreement** – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the Infocom Agreement to print 2022 Real Estate Taxes. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**Vaughn Street Handicap Parking** – appears applicant has driveway parking – tabled until March 9, 2022 Meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**John Yarmel** – Community Garden and Miller Street

**COUNCIL CALLED FOR ANOTHER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO TAKE PLACE AFTER THE MEETING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to adjourn.  
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried  
Meeting Adjourned

  
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**Linda Booth**  
**Secretary**

  
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**Jason Tarreto**  
**Vice Chairman**

  
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**James Keller**  
**Mayor**