

**LUZERNE BOROUGH**  
Monthly Council Meeting  
January 14, 2026 @ 6:30PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The January 14, 2026, 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, Joseph Kovalick, John Yarmel, Dave Baker, Mayor Ron Reino  
Also, Present –Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer  
Absent – Jason Tarreto

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN**

**January 2, 2026** – Motion by Joe Kovalick 2nd Dave Baker to accept the minutes as written  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**December 17,2025** – Motion by Joe Kovalick 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Baker to accept the minutes as written  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carries

**December 10,2025** – Motion by Dave Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Kovalick to accept the minutes as written  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of January 14, 2026

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Motion by John Yarmel 2nd Dave Baker to accept the report as written  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of January 14, 2026

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Motion by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Kovalick to accept the report & deposit the funds in their appropriate accounts.  
All In Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT** – as of December 31, 2025

Motion by Dave Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Kovalick to accept the Treasurer's report as written.  
All In Favor-None Opposed-Motion Carried

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Ron Reino** - asked Council to consider the following part time police officers at the rate of \$23.50 per hr. for the month of February 2026 Greg Jonson Sr, John Pieszala, Darrin Bidwell, Christopher Vecchi, Anthony Smith, Joseph Weiberth, Joseph Schlagel, David Balchun, Chaz Balogh, Phil Myers, Rick Lussi & Jessica Mancus- Bartalotta. The following Detectives at \$23.75 per hr, Greg Johnson Jr & Robert Shupp  
Motion to hire by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Kovalick  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**Mayors Report** - In the absence of Councilman Jason Tarreto, Mayor Ron Reino read the Police Report for December 2025 – 226 calls for service: Community Committees

**Michael Jancuska** – Building Inspection Report for 2025

**Jason Tarreto** – Absent

**John Yarmel** – Letters of Interest for Parks & Rec Committee

**Joe Kovalick** – None

**Dave Baker** – None

**Report by Solicitor** – Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance and Domestic Animal Ordinance

**Report by Engineer** – None

**Correspondence** – Planning Zoning letter of Interest- Vote next month on Justin Parry

### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ Ordinance Amending the Building Permit Fees – Motion by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Baker to adopt the Ordinance  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Resolution for Multi-Modal Grant – Motion by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Kovalick to adopt the resolution.  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Land Bank Resolution – Motion by Dave Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> John Yarmel to adopt the resolution.  
Roll Call – Mike, yes – Joe Kovalick, yes – Dave Baker, yes – John Yarmel, yes  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ 2026 Luzerne Fire Department Activities– Motion by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> John Dave Baker to approve the activities  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Natalie Goodman- ZHB Annual Report, Landlord Registration, Grant Writer

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Kovalick to adjourn  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

  
**Nicole Lord**  
**Secretary**

  
**Michael Jancuska**  
**Chairman**

  
**Ron Reino**  
**Mayor**