

LUZERNE BOROUGH  
Monthly Council Meeting  
June 14, 2023 6:30PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – The June 14, 2023 meeting was called to order @ 6:30PM at the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department by Chairman Michael Jancuska

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- Moment of Silence for the loss of Councilwoman Mary Ellen Schell\*

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PERSON**

Luzerne Council has 30 days to appoint someone to Mary Ellen Schell's Council seat.  
Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia to appoint John Yarmel unopposed candidate in the November Election to serve until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried  
Mayor James Keller swore in Mr. Yarmel.

Anyone interested in having their name placed on the ballot to serve out Mrs. Schells additional 2 year term should contact Luzerne County Voters Election Bureau. Any further information the Borough receives will be presented as it comes along.

**ROLL CALL**

***Officials Present***

Council – Jason Tarreto, Tony Perzia, Susan Kalinay, John Yarmel and Michael Jancuska  
Also present – Mayor James Keller & Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN**

**April 12, 2023** – Motion to accept the minutes as written by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Tarreto  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**May 3, 2023** – Motion to accept the minutes as written by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay. All In Favor – None opposed – Motion Carried

**May 24, 2023 Special Meeting** – Motion to accept the minutes as written by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**June 6, 2023 Special Meeting** – Motion to accept the minutes as written by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion carried with noted correction that Tony Perzia was in attendance at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of June 14, 2023

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Tarreto to accept the report as written  
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of June 14, 2023

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to accept the Income Report & deposit the funds  
All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT** – as of May 31, 2023

Treasurers Report Read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Motion by Susan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia to accept the report as written  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

## **REPORTS**

**Police Department** Mayor Keller – Hiring of Part Time Officers for the month of July 2023  
Melville Tomeo at \$24.50 hr. Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Tarreto

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Greg Johnson Sr. at \$22.50 hr. Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia

All In Favor – None Opposed - Motion Carried

Jeremy Moyer at \$22.50 hr. Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Alaisha Sherwood at \$22.50 hr. Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia

All In Favor – None Opposed - Motion Carried

Darren Bidwell at \$22.50 hr. Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Tarreto

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**Police Report** – Jason Tarreto reported 114 various calls to service for the month of May 2023

**Public Works Department** – Jason Tarreto – bid was awarded for the Sly Street Project; waiting on a start date. Spoke with the Gas Company; should be starting on Miller Street in the next 2 weeks. Raub Street; waiting on the Engineer to come up with a solution for the bend. Street Sweeper has been out and about town; collected approx 15-20 ton of debris.

**Finance Report** – Tony Perzia – nothing to report

**Parks & Recreation** – Susan Kalinay – nothing to report

**Chairman's Report** – Michael Jancuska nothing new to report

**REPORT BY SOLICITOR** – nothing

**REPORT BY ENGINEER** – nothing to report

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Luzerne County Tax Collectors Audit – John Lohman did a good job.

## **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

Yard Waste Yard waste will continue to be collected until the end on Mondays until the end of 2023 for those still displaying their 2023 GFL Window sticker. For 2024 a Yard Waste Sticker will be sold.

Garage Door Update – still getting estimated but would like a motion to purchase as long as the cost does not exceed 14,999.00 Motion Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Tarreto

All In Favor – None Opposed. John Yarmel Abstaining Motion Carried

Police Station Update – Borough approved for total of \$300,000 from grants which will not cover the expense of the proposed Police Station. For \$150,000 the borough could erect a stand alone building and finish it placing it on the borough lot on the corner of Bennett and Academy and use the balance of the money to redo the existing parking lot. Waiting on architects plans and costs.

Garbage Update – Final pickup with Luzerne Borough Window Sticker is June 29, 2023. Upon meeting with GFL they proposed they were going to place hang tags on everyone's cans with information regarding continued service and contact information

STMP Program Update – nothing new to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Judy Schoenwetter – Street Sweeping turning around in her driveway – Raub Street

Patty Campus – Take control of Drug problem in Luzerne

John Tarreto – pave cut on Vaughn Street – Council needs a microphone so everyone could hear, weeds and abandoned cars in town.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

  
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**Linda Booth**  
**Secretary**

  
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**Michael Jancuska**  
**Chairman**

  
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**James Keller**  
**Mayor**