

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
June 8, 2022 6:30PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The June 8, 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, Jason Tarreto and Michael Jancuska.
Also present – Mayor James Keller and Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS

❖ **APPROVAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 11, 2022 – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Jason Tarreto to accept the May 11, 2022 minutes as written. All in Favor - None Opposed - Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of June 8, 2022

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
Administration \$99,576.70 Police Department \$2,579.63 Highway Aid \$8,118.88
Sanitation \$8,547.56 Street Department \$23,883.45 Park Fund \$749.43
Total Expenses \$143,455.65

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Tony Perzia to accept the June 8, 2022 Expense Report as written.
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of June 8, 2022

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
General Funds \$161,123.49 Garbage Fund \$.73 Total Income \$161,124.22
Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to accept the June 8, 2022 Income Report as written. All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of May 31, 2022

Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
General Fund \$280,934.02 Garbage Fund \$87,603.42, Payroll Account \$84.28
Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$1,066.26, Fire Escrow Account \$13,725.00,
Debit Card Fund \$353.00, Highway Aid Fund \$56,848.35 Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82
Covid-19 Relief Funds \$73,288.77 Total \$569,750.92
Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the May 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 June 2022

Mayor asked Council to accept the additional Officers for part time employment for the month of June at \$21.00 hr.:

Nicholas Saullo, John Piezala, Jennifer Alexander, Michael Fuller

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Mayor asked Council to accept the following Officers for part time employment for the month of July 2022 at \$21.00 hr:

Nicholas Saullo, Greg Johnson Sr., John Piezala, Jennifer Alexander

Motion to hire by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay

Roll call: Mary Ellen Schell – yes, Susan Kalinay – yes, Tony Perzia – yes, Jason Tarreto – no, Michael Jancuska – no. Motion passed.

Mayor asked Council to hire Melville Tomeo for the month of July at the new rate of \$23.75 hr. retro-active back to May 11, 2022.

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Tony Perzia.

All In Favor – None opposed – Motion carried

Mayor asked Council to approve of the hiring of Christopher Prescott as the new Luzerne Borough Full Time Police Chief

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Jason Tarreto

Roll Call: Mary Ellen Schell – yes, Susan Kalinay – yes, Tony Perzia – no, Jason Tarreto – yes, Mike Jancuska – yes. Motion carried

Chief Prescott thanked Council and introduced himself to the Residents in attendance.

Police Report – Mary Ellen Schell reported 82 calls for the month of May

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto

Nothing to report

Finance Report – Tony Perzia

Reminder to start Bids for Garbage Contract for 2023

Still collecting information with Jason regarding the Pension Plan for Street Department

Parks & Recreation – Susan Kalinay – hoops were removed

Chairmans Report – Michael Jancuska

Garbage Stickers on Sale at Gerritys – costs remain the same. Current sticker expires June 30, 2022. Garbage stubs must be returned to the Borough Building

Luzerne Borough Council held Executive Sessions on May 25th, May 31st and June 2nd purpose of police department personnel

REPORT BY SOLICITOR – nothing to report

REPORT BY ENGINEER

CORRESPONDENCE – none

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

H2O Grant- Miller Street Storm Project – Application for #2 payment in the amount of \$24,912.00 to Umbriac Trucking. Motion to make payment by tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Miller Street Curb Project Award

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to hire Multiscape at the bid of \$172,394.00
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Hillmans Security – Proposal for new Door Entry system at the cost of \$3,680.00

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Tony Perzia
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Police Station Update –Architects are working on the plans and the mechanicals

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Zoe Ann Dinosli – Park, Natalie Goodman – Various, Debra & Logan Bowling, Patti Campus – Various, Diane Loveland – Cottage & Raub Street, Mary Ann Wetz – Grass Clippings, John Yarmel – Community Garden, Daryl Burginia – Introduction of new restaurant in town - Mia Via, Alyssa Fusaro – Street, Elections and Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay to adjourn.
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried


Mayor Keller swore in the new Police Chief, Christopher Prescott



Linda Booth
Secretary



Michael Jancuska
Chairman



James Keller
Mayor