

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting

June 9, 2021 6:00PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The May 12, 2021 meeting was called to order @ 6:00PM at the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department by Michael Jancuska

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

EXECUTIVE MEETING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS LEGAL MATTERS

ROLL CALL

Officials Present

Council – Mary Ellen Schell, Susan Kalinay, Tony Perzia, Jason Tarreto and Mike Jancuska Also present – Mayor James Keller and Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS

- ❖ **APPROVAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - Council Meeting – May 12, 2021**
Motion to accept the minutes as written by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried. Susan Kalinay & Jason Tarreto abstained from voting as they were not present at the May 12, 2021 meeting

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of June 9, 2021

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
Administration \$10,509.91 Police Department \$2,827.33 Highway Aid \$5,874.58 Sanitation \$8,964.35 Street Department \$1,522.04 Park Fund \$137.76 Total Expenses \$29,835.97. Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Susan Kalinay to accept the May 12, 2021 Expense Report. All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of June 9, 2021

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
General Funds \$69,923.23 Garbage Fund \$0.79 Total General Fund Monies \$69,924.02. Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Jason Tarreto to accept the May 12, 2021 Income Report. All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT – as of May 31, 2021

Report read by Chairman Jancuska
General Fund \$171,909.00 Garbage Fund \$118,907.57 Payroll Account \$160.55
Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$3,258.88 Fire Escrow Account \$400.00
Debit Card Fund \$500.00 Highway Aid Fund \$89,016.84
Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82 Total \$440,000.66
Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Susan Kalinay to accept the May 30, 2021 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 July 2021 at the rate of \$17.50 hour:

Greg Johnson, Greg Johnson Jr., Michael Kowanick, Jennifer Alexander, Melville Tomeo and Chris Prescott
Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Police Report – Mary Ellen Schell reported 126 calls and 9 arrests and 1 ongoing investigation for the month of May 2021

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto

Raub Street -Update concerning approximate timeline for Raub Street work – Mr. Tarreto stated the project should be going out for bid in approximately 2 weeks or so.

Help Wanted ad ran in newspaper for 2 days – no interested applicants as of yet.

American Recovery Act Grant – Luzerne Borough was awarded \$294,329.82 and would be dispersed over a 2 years. Application has been completed online but unable to submit until Borough applies for a SAM #. We are currently working on it. Possible use of the money would be used for Employee Hazard Pay and Storm Drains. Further discussion will take place after application is filed and accepted.

REPORTS – con't

Finance Report – Mr. Perzia

Mr. Perzia wanted to commend the Police Dept for a great job they are doing along with the Street Street hanging the flags.

Parks & Recreation – Mrs. Kalinay

Nothing to report at this time.

Chairman Report – Michael Jancuska

May 2021 Code Enforcement – 8 prohibited growth and 5 sanitation

Mr. Jancuska reminded everyone that July thru December 2021 garbage stickers are on sale at Gerritys Supermarket located in the Luzerne Shopping Center.

Reminder – no grass to be blown on the street and everyone should take extra caution with all the construction in town.

REPORT BY SOLICITOR

REPORT BY ENGINEER

CORRESPONDENCE

Penndot – North Street Weight Limit now restricted to 10 Ton Gross Weight

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Umbric Trucking LLC Contract – Motion made at the May 12, 2021 Council Meeting to hire the lowest bidder, Umbric Trucking for the H2O Miller Street Drainage Project. Motion was approved with contract being executed tonight at this meeting.

Luzerne County Grant – Streetscapes – Miller Street – Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to execute the County Main Street Streetscapes Agreement in the amount of \$302,000.00. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion carried.

Land Purchase - Plot of Land at corner of Academy & Bennett Street became available for sale. Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to purchase the land at the cost of \$17,000.00 with an agreement of sale to closed in 30 days. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Havrilla

Visually Impaired Sign Removal & Police Department expansion

Natalie Goodman

Main Street Bump Outs & Bennett/Miller Street runoff

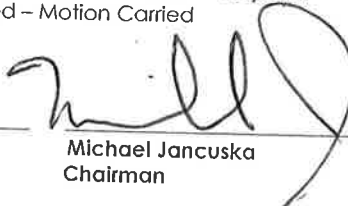
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to adjourn.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried



Linda Booth
Secretary



Michael Jancuska
Chairman



James Keller
Mayor