

LUZERNE BOROUGH  
Monthly Council Meeting  
March 10, 2021 6:00PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – The March 10, 2021 meeting was called to order @ 6:00PM at the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department by Michael Jancuska

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

***Officials Present***

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

❖ **APPROVAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

*Council Meeting, February 10, 2020 - Tabled*

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of March 10, 2021

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
Administration \$20,770.91 Police Department \$3,493.41 Highway Aid \$14,317.06  
Sanitation \$8,510.00 Street Department \$200.15 Total Expenses \$47,291.44  
Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to accept the March 10, 2021 expense report.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of March 10, 2021

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska  
General Funds \$89,847.88 Garbage Fund \$50,615.33 Total General Fund Monies \$140,463.21  
Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the March 10, 2021 income report.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT** – February 28, 2021

Report read by Chairman Jancuska  
General Fund \$61,727.18 Garbage Fund \$64,251.38 Payroll Account \$160.55  
Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$3,491.13 Fire Escrow Account \$400.00  
Debit Card Fund \$350.50 Highway Aid Fund \$35,387.54  
Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82 Total \$221,616.10

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to accept the February 28, 2021 Treasurers Report.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

## REPORTS

**Hiring of Officers** – Mayor James Keller - Hiring of Part Time Police Officers for the month of April 2021 at the rate of \$17.50 hour:

Nicholas Saullo, Greg Johnson, Greg Johnson Jr., Melville Tomeo, Michael Kowanick and Jennifer Alexander

Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to hire the Officers for the month of April 2021

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**Handicap Parking Request** – 734 Willard Street – Resident doesn't drive – for transport purposes only – doesn't qualify under the current ordinance. Council to look at the property for alternative solution.

**Police Report** – Mary Ellen Schell reported 110 calls and 5 arrests for the month of February 2021

**Public Works Department** – Jason Tarreto reported still waiting on the new truck. Mr. Tarreto requested an executive session after Council Meeting with regard to personnel.

**Finance Report** – Mr. Perzia absent – no report

**Parks & Recreation** – Mrs. Kalinay reported a resident requested permission to hold a birthday party in the park. Porta Potties will be delivered the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April 2021.

### **Chairman Report**

February 2021 Code Enforcement reported – 19 snow removal door hangers, 4 snow mailed notices, 7 snow phone calls and 1 rodent infestation letter.

Borough had a 2020 Liquid Fuels Audit – no findings.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Baker – Sly Street and Abandoned Vehicles

## REPORT BY SOLICITOR

784 Miller Street – rat infestation – resident currently in nursing home – borough to hire an exterminator to set rat traps on the exterior of home.

## REPORT BY ENGINEER

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Pa. American Water Company Agreement*

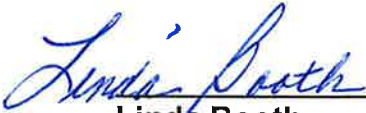
Pa. American Water Company to undertake all water shut offs if the Borough so wishes – Luzerne Borough Sewer Authority issue – Sewer Authority will take a vote at their next meeting of April 6, 2021 at 6pm.

*UGI Gas Lines*

Work will start throughout the town and continue all summer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

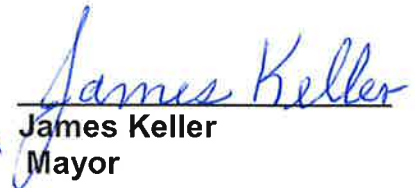
Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason Tarreto to adjourn the meeting.  
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried



Linda Booth  
Secretary



Michael Jancuska  
Chairman



James Keller  
Mayor