

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
March 13, 2024 6:30PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The March 13, 2024 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- Jason Tarreto, Joseph Kovalick, John Yarmel, Susan Kalinay, and Michael Jancuska
Also present – Mayor James Keller & Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer

Mayor Keller – Proclamation

DeMolay Month – Susquehanna Chapter

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN

December 21, 2023- Motion by Jason 2nd by Susan Kalinay to accept the minutes as written.
All In Favor- None Opposed- Motion Carried

February 14, 2024 – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Joseph Kovalick to accept the minutes as written. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of March 13, 2024

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd Jason Tarreto to accept the report
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of March 13, 2024

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by John Yarmel to accept the report as read & deposit the funds in their appropriate accounts.
All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of February 29, 2024

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Jason Tarreto to accept the Treasurer's report as written.
All-in-Favor-None Opposed-Motion Carried

REPORTS

Police Department

Mayor Keller – Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd Joseph Kovalick by for immediate hire of part-time officers Anthony Smith and Joseph Weiberth @ \$22.75 hr.
Roll Call: John Yarmel – abstained from voting; Susan Kalinay -Yes; Joseph Kovalick -Yes; Jason Tarreto-Yes; Michael Jancuska -Yes. Motion Carried

Hiring of Part Time Officers for the month of April 2024

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by John Yarmel to hire the following Officers at \$22.75 hr. - Greg Johnson Sr., Darrin Bidwell, Christopher Vecchi, Richard Vaow, and Greg Johnson Jr., Anthony Smith and Joseph Weiberth
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Police Report – Jason Tarreto reported 45 calls to service for the month of February 2024

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto – Yard Waste will start April 2, 2024

Finance Report – Joe Kovalick- 5% on 10 month CD

Parks & Recreation – Request for Bucket Swing for Upper Charles St. Park has been declined due to state playground regulations, Easter Egg Hunt and Veterans Landscaping Contract

Chairman's Report – Michael Jancuska – Announced the continuation of Yard Waste Stickers on sale at Gerritys, Luzerne. Yard Waste pickup will start April 2, 2024

REPORT BY SOLICITOR – nothing to report

REPORT BY ENGINEER – nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Luzerne Merchants Easter Egg Hunt - Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by John Yarmel to donate \$300.00 towards the Easter Egg Hunt. All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Adoption of Flood Plain Ordinance- Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Jason Tarreto to adopt the Flood Plain Ordinance
Roll Call: Jason Tarreto-yes; Joseph Kovalick-yes; Susan Kalinay-yes; John Yarmel-yes; Michael Jancuska- yes Motion Carried
- ❖ Hiring of part-time Code Enforcement Officer- Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2nd by Susan Kalinay to hire Daniel Firce at \$15.00 Hr.
Roll Call; Jason Tarreto-yes; Joseph Kovalick-yes; Susan Kalinay-yes; John Yarmel-yes; Michael Jancuska-yes Motion Carried
- ❖ Short St. – Tabled
- ❖ Landlord Ordinance- Jonathan to draft new ordinance
- ❖ Veterans Park Landscape
Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2nd by Jason Tarreto to award 2 Trees Land and Lawn Care cleanup of the Veterans Park at the cost of \$1,448.70
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ PSAB- Motion by John Yarmel 2nd by Joseph Kovalick to allow Susan Kalinay to vote on resolutions on behalf of Luzerne Borough at the PSAB Conference
Roll Call: Jason Tarreto- yes, John Yarmel-yes, Joseph Kovalick-yes, Michael Jancuska- yes
- ❖ Paper Shredding – Due to increased shredding costs and decrease in Luzerne County reimbursement, Council will forgo 2024 shredding; will visit topic again in 2025

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Morgan-Comcast, Joanna Martin - Easter Egg Hunt, Patti Campas-drug activity,
Judy Schoenwetter- grants; John Havrilla- Landlord Ordinance and police hiring,
Melissa Hoffman- suspected drug house


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by John Yarmel 2nd by Jason Tarreto to adjourn
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried


EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS



Linda Booth
Secretary



Michael Jancuska
Chairman



James Keller
Mayor