

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
March 9, 2022 6:30PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The March 9, 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**

October 13, 2021 – Motion to accept the minutes as written by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Susan Kalinay. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

January 12, 2022 – Motion to accept the minutes as written by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Susan Kalinay. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

February 9, 2022 – Tabled by Chairman Jancuska

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of March 9, 2022

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Administration \$20,407.17 Police Department \$3,034.62 Highway Aid \$12,179.09

Sanitation \$8,510.00 Street Department \$616.90 Park Fund \$0.00

Total Expenses \$44,747.78

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto to accept the March 9, 2022 Expense Report as written.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of March 9, 2022

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

General Funds \$73,211.95 Garbage Fund \$51,616.52 Total Income \$124,828.47

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the March 9, 2022 Income Report as written.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of February 28, 2022

Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

General Fund \$60,545.71 Garbage Fund \$42,130.51, Payroll Account \$84.28

Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$1,677.69, Fire Escrow Account \$13,725.00,

Debit Card Fund \$414.50, Highway Aid Fund \$17,879.51 Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82

Covid-19 Relief Funds \$64,136.60 Total \$256,441.62

Motion by Jason Tarreto, 2nd by Tony Perzia to accept the February 28, 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 April 2022

Greg Johnson, \$21.00 hr., Greg Johnson Jr., \$21.00 hr., Jennifer Alexander, \$21.00 hr.,
Chris Prescott \$21.00 hr., Melville Tomeo, \$21.50 hr. and John Piezala, \$21.00 hr.

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Jason Tarreto

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

***MAYOR KELLER ASKED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

Police Report – Mary Ellen Schell reported 101 calls for the month of February 2022.

Criminal Investigations include: 2 Frauds, 2 Assaults, 1 Harassment and 1 Theft

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto – nothing new to report.

Finance Report – Mr. Perzia announced 2 Luzerne Borough Shredding Events will take place this year at the Borough Garbage, the 1st being April, 30, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The 2nd event will be October 1st at the same time and location.

Parks & Recreation – Susan Kalinay – nothing to report at this time.

Chairmans Report – Michael Jancuska

February 2022 Code Enforcement – nothing to report for February.

Executive Session was held on February 18th, 2022 to discuss personnel issues.

Resignation Letter - Charles Boyle, Chairman of the Luzerne Borough Sewer Authority. Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

REPORT BY SOLICITOR – nothing to report

REPORT BY ENGINEER - as per Chairman Jancuska the Ok was given to move ahead – just waiting.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Miller Street H2O Payment – Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Mary Ellen approving request of payment in the amount of \$58,765.62 for second phase of the Miller Street Project by Umbriac Trucking. Payment of \$10,370.40 to be paid by Luzerne Borough Sewer Authority. A retainage amount of \$14,000.00 will be held until project is completed. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Susan Kalinay to adjourn.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

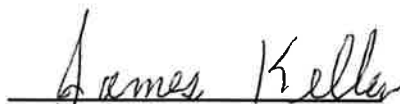
Meeting Adjourned – **COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**



Linda Booth
Secretary



Jason Tarreto
Vice Chairman



James Keller
Mayor