

**LUZERNE BOROUGH**  
Monthly Council Meeting  
May 8, 2024 6:30PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The May 8, 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 and Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN**

**April 10, 2024** – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Yarmel to accept the minutes as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**April 15, 2023** – Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to accept minutes as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of May 8, 2024

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Tarreto to accept the report as written

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of May 8, 2024

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to accept the report & deposit the funds in their appropriate accounts.

All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT** – as of April 30, 2024

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Yarmel to accept the Treasurer's report as written.

All-in-Favor-None Opposed-Motion Carried

**REPORTS**

**Police Department** –Mayor James Keller asked Council to consider the immediate hiring of Part-Time JOSEPH SCHLAGEL @ \$22.75 for the month of May 2024.

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay

All in Favor- None Opposed- Motion Carried

Mayor James Keller asked Council to consider the following part time police officers at the rate of \$22.75 per hr. for the month of June 2024, Greg Johnson Sr., Darrin Bidwell, Christopher Vecchi, Richard Vaow, Greg Johnson Jr., Anthony Smith, Joseph Weiberth and Joseph Schlagel.

Motion to hire by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Yarmel

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**Michael Jancuska** – Work sessions to be reinstated starting May 2024 meetings will be. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Jason Tarreto** - reported 65 calls to service for the month of April 2024, PSP calls on Report for Police.

**Joe Kovalick** – Nothing to report

**Susan Kalinay** – Nothing to report

**John Yarmel** – Service Electric follow-up, will keep in contact, Fireworks ordinance - Solicitor says state laws over trump the local laws

**Report by Solicitor** – Luzerne Sewer Authority Board member vacancy. Anyone interested is asked to submit a letter of interest.

**Report by Engineer** – Nothing to report

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Risk Strategies/ Joyce Insurance Company – Susan Kalinay will be in contact.

### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

418 Bennett Street Parking Lot Project –Bids were open at 12:00pm at the Luzerne Borough Building. Mike Jancuska, Jason Tarreto & Engineer Tim Connolly in attendance.

Bids are as follows: SIKORA BROS PAVING @ \$125,595.00 – AMERICAN ASPHALT @ \$96,677.80 – LINDE CORPORATION @ \$124,515.00 and BRDARIC EXCAVATING, INC @ \$67,105.55.

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to award bid to Brdaric Excavating Inc.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Speed control signs for Bennett St. – Susan Kalinay will look into grants for the cost

Landlord Ordinance – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Yarmel to advertise the Landlord Ordinance. All in Favor- None Opposed – Motion Carried

Garbage Hauler Fee Ordinance – Vote tabled until June

Short St. – Tabled

Shade Tree Request at 310 Charles St – Request for Removal of Shade Tree. President Michael Jancuska asked for a roll call.

Joseph Kovalick-Yes, Jason Tarreto-Yes, Susan Kalinay-Yes, John Yarmel –Yes, Michael Jancuska - Yes

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – John Havrilla, Police; Solicitor; Facebook – Ray Martin, Solicitor Mary Kovalcin, Commend Council; Grants – Jeannie Sickler, Handicap Procedure – Tony Perzia, Commend Solicitor – Karen L, Police – Jeff Rifenberry, property behind his house. Debbie Bowling, Bennett St. Paving.

### **ADJOURNMENT**


Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to adjourn

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

  
**Nicole Lord**  
**Assistant Secretary**

  
**Michael Jancuska**  
**Chairman**

  
**James Keller**  
**Mayor**