

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
November 8, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The November 8, 2023 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, Tony Perzia, Susan Kalinay, John Yarmel and Michael Jancuska

Also present – Mayor James Keller & Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer.

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN

October 11, 2023 – Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd Tony Perzia

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

November 1, 2023 – Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of November 8, 2023

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd Jason Tarreto to accept the report as written

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of November 8, 2023

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to accept the Income Report & deposit the funds

All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of October 31, 2023

Treasurers Report Read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto to accept the report as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

REPORTS

Police Department - Mayor Keller

Mayor Keller asked Council to consider the hiring of Gina Felker at \$26.00 hr. as a part time officer starting the month of November 2023.

No motions - Jason Tarreto asked Council to hold off until next meeting, at which time the request would be revisited at the next meeting.

Mayor Keller asked Council to consider the following part time officers for the month of December 2023:

Melville Tomeo – 24.50 h.r, Greg Johnson Sr. – 22.50 hr., Darrin Bidwell – 22.50 hr., Danielle Rodrigues – 22.50 hr. and Christopher Vecchi – 22.50 hr.

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Police Report – Jason Tarreto reported 138 calls to service for the month of October 2023

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto – nothing to report

Finance Report – Tony Perzia – Budget talks are going well and will resume, Wednesday, November 15th. Stated his term is up the end of December 2023. It was a pleasure serving and working with everyone.

Parks & Recreation – Susan Kalinay – Looking for interested landscapers for 2024 to tend to Veterans Park. Received one quote; looking for additional businesses. Susan announced there is free government training available for the new secretarial aid at no cost.

Councilman – John Yarmel – Thanked Tony Perzia for his time and service.

Chairman's Report – Michael Jancuska – 2nd Budget Meeting will be held on November 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Luzerne Firehall. No work session for November and December of 2023.

REPORT BY SOLICITOR – nothing new to report

REPORT BY ENGINEER – absent

CORRESPONDENCE – Atty Karpowich – Approval from Zoning Board regarding the erecting of a 26" X 40" building on land located at 418 Bennett for Police Department Office and Council Meeting Room. with 12' setback variance on Bennett Street and an 18' setback variance on Academy Street. Borough will now move forward with plans to erect the building.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Yarmel reported with the Comcast Contract approaching, he contacted Service electric seeking other cable companies interests. Service Electric is tied up with their budget for the next two years and will follow up.

Zoning Board Open Seat– Council read letter of interest by Patricia Campas to fill the open seat on the Zoning Board.

Motion to appoint Patricia Campas by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Tony Perzia

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Zoning Fees – Council received from Zoning Officer, Henry Mleczynski revised zoning fee schedule to take under consideration starting 2024. Council states these fees should be voted on at Zoning Meeting.

Building Code Official Fees and Permits – Council to review current fees and propose a rate increase before Council meets for 2nd Meeting on November 15, 2023.

Police Station Update – Received zoning variance approval. Will move forward with next step.

Main & Short Street – Borough is still paying for Bond. Bond cannot be released until Short Street is made one way in, not out as per Penndot study. Tabled until council can review further and make a decision for the best of everyone.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – signed in

Brian Jacobosky – interest in employment with police department after police academy graduation

Ron Kelly – parking on sidewalks and trailers illegally parked on the roads throughout the town.

Natalie Goodman – blighted properties

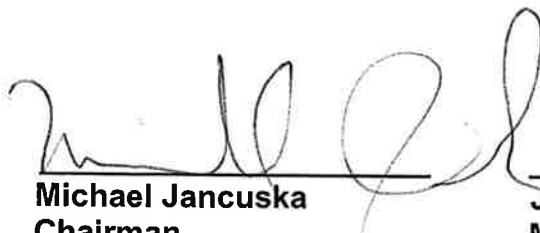
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by John Yarmel to adjourn.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried



Linda Booth
Secretary



Michael Jancuska
Chairman



James Keller
Mayor