

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – The November 9, 2022 meeting was called to order @ 6:30PM at the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department by Vice Chairman Jason Tarreto

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

***Officials Present***

Council – Mary Ellen Schell, Susan Kalinay, Tony Perzia, and Jason Tarreto.

Also present – Mayor James Keller & Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer. Absent – Michael Jancuska

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – Luzerne Borough Council held a “Special Meeting” on October 19, 2022 for the purpose of voting to request payment #2 in the amount of \$157,328.92 from Luzerne County for the 2022 CDBG Grant. Meeting was properly advertised in the Citizens Voice Legal Ads and posted at the Luzerne Borough Building. Council went into Executive Session afterwards to discuss personnel.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia to accepted the meeting minutes of the October 12, 2022 Meeting. All In Favor- None Opposed - Motion Passed

Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to accepted the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting of October 19, 2022. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of November 9, 2022

Expense Report read by Vice Chairman Jason Tarreto

Administration \$212,994.73 Police Department \$4,047.73 Highway Aid \$5,247.66

Sanitation \$8,510.00 Street Department \$163.87

Total Expenses \$230,963.99

Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to pay the expenses as of November 9, 2022

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of November 9, 2022

Income Report read by Vice Chairman Jason Tarreto

General Funds \$186,838.02 Garbage Fund \$91.92 Total Income \$186,929.94

Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ellen Schell to deposit the funds as of November 9, 2022 All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

**TREASURERS REPORT** – as of October 31, 2022

Report read by Vice Chairman Jason Tarreto

General Fund \$80,729.06 Garbage Fund \$175,715.17, Payroll Account \$100.00

Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$316.83, Fire Escrow Account \$13,725.00,

Debit Card Fund \$159.99, Highway Aid Fund \$29,392.27 Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82

Covid-19 Relief Funds \$198,229.02 Total \$554,215.16

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Ellen Schell to accept the October 31, 2022 Treasurers Report as written. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**November 9, 2022 (con't)**

**REPORTS**

***Police Department*** Mayor Keller asked for a motion for immediate hire of Darren Bidwell as a Part time Police Officer at @ \$21.00 hr. Motion made by Mary Ellen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Mayor Keller asked Council to consider the hiring of the following Part time Officers for the month of December 2022:

Nicholas Saullo at \$21.00 hr. No motion made – Motion Failed

Greg Johnson Sr. at \$21.00 hr. Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia  
All In Favor – None Opposed - Motion Carried

Melville Tomeo – Detective at \$23.75 hr Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

John Piezala at \$21.00 hr. Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Jennifer Alexander at \$21.00 hr. No motion made – Motion Failed

Greg Johnson Jr. at \$21.00 hr. No motion made – Motion Failed

Jeremy Moyer at \$21.00 hr. Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Darren Bidwell at \$21.00 hr. Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Perzia  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

***Police Report*** – Mary Ellen Schell reported 103 calls for the month of August 2022

***Public Works Department*** – Jason Tarreto – nothing to report

***Finance Report*** – Tony Perzia – nothing to report

***Parks & Recreation*** – Susan Kalinay – nothing to report

***Vice Chairmans Report*** – Jason Tarreto  
Code Enforcement Report for October 2022

**REPORT BY SOLICITOR** - nothing to report

**REPORT BY ENGINEER** – nothing to report

**CORRESPONDENCE** – nothing to report

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**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

GARBAGE BIDS – Tabled until December 2022 Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Patricia Campus – various, Natalie Good - various

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Tony Perzia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to adjourn.  
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried



Linda Booth  
Secretary



Jason Tarreto  
Vice Chairman



James Keller  
Mayor