

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
October 12, 2022 6:30PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – The October 12, 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 & Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETINGS

❖ **APPROVAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Tony Perzia to accepted the meeting minute for the September 14, 2022 Meeting. All In Favor- None Opposed- Motion Passed

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of October 12, 2022

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
Administration \$94,988.16 Police Department \$5,645.11 Highway Aid \$5,404.76 Sanitation \$17,950.07
Street Department \$2176.92 Total Expenses \$126,165.02
Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Susan Kalinay to pay the expenses as of October 12, 2022
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of October 12, 2022

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
General Funds \$95,814.67 Garbage Fund \$7,171.71 Total Income \$102,986.38
Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto to deposit the funds as of October 12, 2022 All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of September 30, 2022

Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska
General Fund \$173,606.34 Garbage Fund \$186,493.76, Payroll Account \$100.00
Luzerne Borough Park Fund \$316.83, Fire Escrow Account \$13,725.00,
Debit Card Fund \$500.00, Highway Aid Fund \$34,872.90 Certificate of Deposit \$55,847.82
Covid-19 Relief Funds \$198,229.02 Total \$663,691.67 compared to last year \$474,225.44
Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay to accept the September 30, 2022 Treasurers Report as written. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

REPORTS

Police Department

Mayor Keller asked Council to consider immediate Full Time Employment for Officer *Michael Fuller* and Officer *Brian Morris* at \$21.00 hr.
Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Mayor Keller asked Council to consider the following Officers for the month of November 2022:

Nicholas Saullo at \$21.00 hr. No motion - Fail

Greg Johnson Sr. at \$21.00 hr. Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Jason Tarreto
Roll Call: Mary Ellen Schell – yes, Susan Kalinay – yes, Tony Perzia – yes, Michael Jancuska – yes All In Favor – None Opposed - Motion Carried

Jeremy Moyer at \$21.00 hr. Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay
Mary Ellen Schell – yes, Susan Kalinay – yes, Tony Perzia – yes and Mike Jancuska – yes All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Melville Tomeo at \$23.75 hr. Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Jason Tarreto
Mary Ellen Schell – yes, Susan Kalinay – yes, Tony Perzia – yes, and Mike Jancuska – yes All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

John Piezala at \$21.00 hr. Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Mary Ellen Schell
Mary Ellen Schell – yes, Susan Kalinay – yes, Tony Perzia – yes and Mike Jancuska – yes All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Jennifer Alexander at \$21.00 hr. Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Jason Tarreto
Mary Ellen Schell – yes, Susan Kalinay – yes, Tony Perzia – yes and Mike Jancuska – yes All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Shade Tree Request – 411 Charles Street
Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay to approve the removal of the trees.
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Handicap Parking 346 – 348 Miller Street
Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Jason Tarreto to approved handicap parking at 346 Miller Street. 348 Miller Street is denied. All In Favor – None – Opposed Motion Carried

Police Report – Mary Ellen Schell reported 154 calls for the month of September 2022

Back Mountain Trail Race- brought to Councils attention of a 5K race on New Year's Eve- Council - needs to get further information with regards to police presence and closing of streets

Public Works Department – Jason Tarreto – 90 tires recycled

Finance Report – Tony Perzia
Paper Shredding Event – 1240 lbs of paper collected
Police Pension Report as of 9/30/22 is available for everyone to look over.

Parks & Recreation – Susan Kalinay – nothing to report

Chairmans Report – Michael Jancuska

Code Enforcement Report for September 2022 – 4 Prohibited Growth – letters of violation, 3 Sanitation – letters of violation, 1 Property Drainage Issue – letter of violation

REPORT BY SOLICITOR - nothing to report

REPORT BY ENGINEER

CORRESPONDENCE - none

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

2022 State Aid Pension – Motion by Tony Perzia 2nd by Jason Tarreto to distribute the 2022 State Aid Pension Fund Check in the amount of \$28,693.71 to Nationwide – Luzerne Boroughs Pension Plan. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

2022 State Fire Relief – Motion by Mary Ellen Schell 2nd by Susan Kalinay to distribute the 2022 State Fire Relief Check in the amount of \$13,326.30 to the Volunteer Fire Department of Luzerne Borough. All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

Garbage Bids – Two garbage Bids were received:

GFL – 1year \$288,648.00, 3 years \$866,772.00 and 5 years \$1,526,986.00

J.P. Mascaro – 1 year \$235,812.00, 3 years \$707,436.00, 5 years \$1,263,480.00

Vote tabled until November 2022 Meeting pending additional information needed.

David Bass – New Years Eve Back Mountain Trail 5K Run – December 31, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Natalie Goodman – Nuisance Property – Landlord Registration – Hiring PT Office Help

Judy Schoenwetter – Raub Street Road Paving – Water Runoff Issues

Karen Leonardi – E-Cycling Participation - Garbage

Dave Baker – Sly Street Potholes – Charles & Miller gas shut off – Request for NO Parking Here to Corner sign for Miller & Sly, Emergency Vehicles having problems with cars parking both sides of street near corner.


Mr. Yarmel – previous Miller Street construction question.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd by Tony Perzia to adjourn.

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried


Linda Booth
Secretary


Michael Jancuska
Chairman
JASON TARRETO
VICE CHAIRMAN


James Keller
Mayor