

**LUZERNE BOROUGH**  
Monthly Council Meeting  
October 9, 2024 6:30PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The October 9, 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- Michael Jancuska, Jason Tarreto, Joseph Kovalick, John Yarmel, Susan Kalinay

Also Present –Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer

Absent –Mayor James Keller

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN**

**September 11, 2024** – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd Joseph Kovalick to accept the minutes as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS** – as of October 9, 2024

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Jason Tarreto 2nd Susan Kalinay to accept the report as written

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS** – as of October 9, 2024

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

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

All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

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

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

All-in-Favor-None Opposed-Motion Carried

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Michael Jancuska** - asked Council to consider the following part time police officers at the rate of \$22.75 per hr. for the month of November 2024, Greg Johnson Sr., Darrin Bidwell, Christopher Vecchi, Richard Vaow, Greg Johnson Jr., Anthony Smith, Joseph Weiberth, Joseph Schlagle and Daniel Duffy.

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

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

**Jason Tarreto**- Reported 79 calls for service for the month of September 2024.

**Susan Kalinay** –NYE/5K Race

**John Yarmel** – Tetra Tech Fees

**Joe Kovalick** – Nothing to report

**Report by Solicitor** – Nothing to report

**Report by Engineer** – Nothing to report

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ Advertise the sale of the 2007 dump truck – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Kovalick to advertise the sale of the 2007 dump truck  
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Donation to the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department- Motion by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Kovalick to donate \$5,000 to the Fire Department.  
Roll Call: Michael Jancuska, Yes-Jason Tarreto, Yes- Susan Kalinay, Yes –John Yarmel- Yes - Joseph Kovalick, Yes.  
All In Favor-None Opposed- Motion Carried
- ❖ Tetra-Tech Change Order- Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to approve the Change Order Task for \$9,260.00  
All In Favor- None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Garbage Hauler Ordinance – Send a certified letter to all not in compliance.
- ❖ Raub St. Project – Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Kalinay to advertise the Raub St. Project.  
All In Favor- None Opposed – Motion Carried.
- ❖ Luzerne Volunteer Fire Relief Funds- Motion by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Kalinay to allocate \$13,459.09 to the Luzerne Volunteer Fire Department  
All In Favor-None Oppose- Motion Carried
- ❖ State Municipal Pension Funds- Motion by John Yarmel 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Tarreto to allocate \$ 41,495.45 to Nationwide Financial  
All In Favor –None Opposed- Motion Carried
- ❖ Custom Computers Renewal- Motion by Susan Kalinay 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Tarreto to renew contract for 1 year with Custom Computers.  
All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Handicap request 571 Charles St – Approved Handicap spot from last meeting. Changed to closer spot.

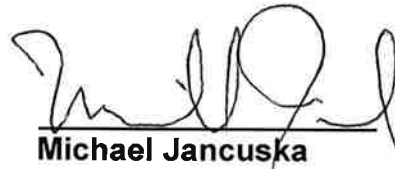
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Joanna Martin- Fall festival thank you from the Merchants Association  
Judy Shoenwetter – Raub St  
Natalie Goodman – Follow up on Swoyersville Homeless encampment  
Patricia Campus- homeless/ alleged drug dealing  
Ray Martin – WVSA  
Mary Kovalcin- Regionalize Police / Muni building  
Richard Irace – Muni building  
Melissa Campus – homeless/alleged drug house

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Kalinay to adjourn  
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

  
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**Nicole Lord**  
Assistant Secretary

  
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**Michael Jancuska**  
Chairman

Absent  
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**James Keller**  
Mayor