

LUZERNE BOROUGH
Monthly Council Meeting
September 11, 2024 6:30PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The September 11, 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, Joseph Kovalick, John Yarmel, Susan Kalinay

Also Present –Solicitor Jonathan Spohrer

Absent –Mayor James Keller & Jason Tarreto

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN

August 14, 2024 – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by Joseph Kovalick to accept the minutes as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

August 28, 2024 Special Meeting – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd by John Yarmel to accept minutes as written

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS – as of September 11, 2024

Expense Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd Joseph Kovalick to accept the report as written

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

AUTHORIZATION TO DEPOSIT FUNDS – as of September 11, 2024

Income Report read by Chairman Michael Jancuska

Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2nd by John Susan Kalinay to accept the report & deposit the funds in their appropriate accounts.

All in Favor –None Opposed – Motion Carried

TREASURERS REPORT – as of August 31, 2024

Motion by John Yarmel 2nd by 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 October 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 Susan Kalinay 2nd by Joseph Kovalick

All In Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

In the Absence of Jason Tarreto, Chairman Michael Jancuska read the Police Report of August 2024 – 190 calls

Susan Kalinay – 5K walk/run – more information to follow

John Yarmel – Reorganization for Planning Commission

Joe Kovalick – Mark from Senator Baker is looking into monies for the new municipal building
Alec Ryncavage looking to regionalize.

Report by Solicitor – Nothing to report

Report by Engineer – Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE - Resident letter 350 Walnut St.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Handicap request 571 Charles St. – Motion by John Yarmel 2nd Susan Kalinay to approve the application for Handicap Parking in front of 571 Charles St.
All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried
- ❖ Handicap request 591 Bennett St. – Denied – Section 2.b of the Luzerne Borough Ordinance.
- ❖ Bennett & Academy St. Municipal Building – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd Joseph Kovalick to award the revised bid to Dutchman Construction in the amount of \$296,497.00
Roll Call - Michael Jancuska, yes – Joseph Kovalick, yes – Susan Kalinay, yes – John Yarmel – no.
- ❖ LSA Park Grant – Tabled until Jason returns from vacation.
- ❖ Brdaric Excavating – Motion by Susan Kalinay 2nd John Yarmel to approve payment in the amount of \$70,372.67
Motion by Joseph Kovalick 2nd Susan Kalinay to apply to DCED for reimbursement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joanna Martin- Fall Festival update

Natalie Goodman – Swoyersville Iron Works homeless encampment

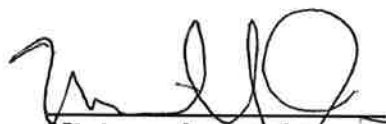
ADJOURNMENT

Motion John Yarmel 2nd by Joe Kovalick to adjourn

All in Favor – None Opposed – Motion Carried

COUNCIL WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS


Nicole Lord
Assistant Secretary


Michael Jancuska
Chairman

Absent


James Keller
Mayor