

**VIRTUAL MEETING - JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

At a regular meeting of Jessup Borough Council held September 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM, in a virtual setting the following business was transacted:

Jerry Crinella, President of Council was chairman of the meeting and asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL: 7 PRESENT**

Jerry Crinella, present	Gregg Betti, present
Roberta Galati; present	Peter Larioni, present
Joseph Mellado, absent	Rella Scassellati, present
Craig Shander, present	

President Crinella announced an executive session was held Thursday, September 10, 2020 prior to the Work Session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilman Shander opposes agenda item (d), motion to advertising an ordinance regulating the sale and distribution of gas to all-terrain vehicles.

JoAnn McGee, owner of property on Bridge Street asks if the stormwater grant projects include Bridge Street. President Crinella responds.

Paula Nenish requests details regarding agenda item (x), purchasing of 12 hand sanitizing stations for the Borough parks and recreational fields from PPE Global Health for a cost of \$19077.00. Borough Manger responds.

Harry Weiss states surprise to see agenda item (t), motion to send a letter to DEP requesting a hearing on LEC’s Title V permit. Last month we offered to answer any questions Council may have via email. No questions, comments and or concerns received to date. Client wishes to have open communication and offers assistance, willingness to address Councils concerns and questions. President Crinella absolutely agrees to open dialogue between the two parties.

**Bruce Reddock, Chamber of Commerce**

President Crinella questioned the August 3, 2020 draft minutes regarding LERTA not being an option for the existing lots. Mr. Reddock states that LERTA is an option for the lots requesting KOZ extensions.

Mr. Reddock presents his request to extend the KOZ status for three (3) undeveloped lots in Jessup Small Business Park, and two (2) undeveloped lots in Valley View Business Park for seven (7) years. Valley View School District was approached and has approved the extension, Archbald Borough voted in favor for undeveloped lots in their Borough.

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**Scott Staniszewski, Scotts Plumbing & Heating**

Mr. Staniszewski introduced his business and plans to build on lot #2 on Veterans Memorial Drive. Heating & Plumbing family business currently located in Scranton and outgrown their space. Requesting Council accept his LERTA application for 16,000 square foot building. His company serves many businesses in the surrounding towns and Jessup is centrally located. Happy to answer any questions and address any concerns Council has.

**APPROVALS**

- A.** Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Rella Scassellati to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held on August 3, 2020.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- B.** Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Pete Larioni, to approve the August General Fund.  
All present inf favor, Joe Mellado absent
- C.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to approve the August payroll in the amount of \$39,197.12  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- D.** Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to approve the monthly payments in the amount of \$31,930.94.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent

**BOROUGH DDEPARTMENTS OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Buckshon, Jr.** thanks Council for consideration of a new police vehicle, and Mia for her continued work to get computers for the police department. Asks Council to consider purchasing police vehicles and replacing with new to always have vehicles in warranty. This approach is safer and more cost effective in the long run.

**Controller Wasilchak** briefed the public August financial reports.

**Tax Collector** indicated it's school tax 'season', real estate tax payments have slowed. \$327,148.41 in tax dollars still due.

**Planning**

The commission recommends the adoption of the proposed zoning and noise ordinances, would like the zoning officer to offer a 'special event' permit for events that may exceed the noise level decibels (dB).

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Lot #13 Valley View Business Park was approved with conditions, to date three (3) out of four (4) have been met.

Received communication from Hale Trailer, will be presenting plans to planning in near future.

Commission members are reviewing the SALDO and will offer insight to Charlie, Urban Research & Development.

**Zoning Officer** absent, President Crinella summarized updates received at the Work Session.

**DPW** Fixed ruts in paper alleyway off of Saxon; cleaned up Borough property behind youth field for Wrightson's complaint; replaced manhole lids and frames at Fourth and Sturges, Mylert and Powell, Winthrop and Filbert; replaced catch basin at 503 1st Ave; repaired catch basin at Hand and Second; filled pot holes; created a swale at Pioneer Field to catch water run off from SR 247; repaired sink hole at 511 Third Ave; setup yodock system on Lane St; transmission cooler lines replaced on Freightliner dump truck

**Police Chief** reported 3 thefts, 2 device frauds, 6 domestic and 1 assault. Prescription drug receptacle is available outside the back entrance of the Borough building.

Genie Lupini asks the Chief if residents can purchase 'We support Jessup Police' signs for their yards. Chief replies that he will look into it.

President Crinella asks if the electronic report was sent to each member of Council in advance of the meeting. Chief responds, completely slipped his mind, will do next month.

**Engineer** Mr. Grizzanti informs the walk through for both the Church Street and LRBSA sewer upgrade projects should be scheduled soon.

Survey of Lot #19 complete will email results; started surveys for Bridge Street project, and Lane and Gallagher.

Main sanitary lines on Hilltop and Mylert could be combined as one (1) project, will have to go out for bid. Waiting for Rossi Rooter camera video to complete the specs and estimate.

Councilman Larioni requested Mr. Grizzanti send a copy of the letter for easement to Mr. Dave Domiano again and copy him, it was never received. Councilman Larioni stated Mr. Domiano will sign the easement.

President Crinella states the easement is the last piece necessary to forge ahead with the Ward Street project. John was present at the Stormwater meeting, he had concerns about Front Street and may need to expand the project. Mr. Grizzanti provides John is still working on those plans. President Crinella asks that either John or Mr. Grizzanti review the plans and discuss any concerns at the next Stormwater meeting.

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**Solicitor** announced the last Zoning Ordinance amendment was challenged in court by a land owner that was affected by the changes has been decided by Judge Moyle to be procedurally correct, and the thirty (30) day window for appeal has lapsed.

**Borough Manager** opened all bids received in response to the Salt Shed. President Crinella asked the original estimate dollar amount. Mr. Grizzanti responded. No award given, project is tabled.

### **Lackawanna Energy Center**

Mr. Weiss did not see the Lackawanna County Conservation District inspection report however, understands all has been addressed and satisfied.

Councilman Shander requests when and what route the water truck runs. Believe Koberlein is the hauler, never seen a water truck. Mr. Weiss will get the information.

### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

**Pete Larioni** reviewed NPDES report for additional waste water from TCNE additional 750,000 gallons per day. LRBSA has flow meter running, results should be available next meeting. President Crinella raised question to solicitor if an Act 537 plan is required for additional flow. Solicitor Szweczyk to research. President Crinella offers a 537 plan was necessary for LEC at 58,000 and threshold at the time was only 55,000. President Crinella suggests a discussion with TCNE regarding contributions towards upgrades of the sanitary system to handle the volume.

Requested from the Chief again, information about the truck scales. Chief responds COVID-19 prevents from gaining the information; will get as soon as possible.

**Roberta Galati** approved handicap parking sign for Mr. Muir, please collect fee and install sign.

**Craig Shander** announced Holy Ghost BBQ Chicken Dinner event, November 1<sup>st</sup>, police to make 'one way' temporarily.

Informed Council and public Mr. Cirba received donations of concrete mix, and curb machine for the parking area at Jessup Youth Sports Association. The donated concrete is not enough to complete the job, additional \$1100.00 is necessary.

Will discuss further over the winter equipment for Sarah Bratty Park in Winton, like to hit the ground running before Spring breaks.

Parks & Recreation meeting is tomorrow, Mr. Grizzanti will have new cost break down for Kids Korner, over budget by \$170,000.00 for original design.

**Joe Mellado** absent

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**Rella Scassellati** thanks Mia for assisting with the budget process. Reviewed Lackawanna County Conservation District earth disturbance inspection report for LEC, violations PA Code 25, chapter 92A.

We have received a few letters of interest for Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor and Civil Service Solicitor, we need to make selection soon.

**Gregg Betti** has no report

**Jerry Crinella** announced the Ward Street and Bridge Street project will go out for bid in two (2) weeks from the Stormwater meeting to begin construction in the Spring.

Mayor or Chief to present the quotes for the laptops and technology for the police cars at next month's meeting. Council willing to hire more police officers, at least one full time and more part time officers; over time is too high.

Received a letter from a resident in the Winton section regarding water runoff, currently investigating; please keep resident in the loop.

Asks for explanation of the PA Liquor License transfer, Solicitor Szewczyk responds a public hearing will be held, representation from the requester should be present; PLCB requires authorization from Borough license is being transferred to; from Olyphant to Jessup. Request is to move the license to an address on Constitution Avenue in Jessup; details should be available at public hearing.

### **COMMUNIUCATIONS**

1. LCCD notice of incomplete application for Lackawanna East Carbondale transmission line Reboot.
2. LEC August hotline log
3. E-mail from Todd Ferretti regarding a sewage smell in the Sand Street area.
4. George Matisko regarding stormwater runoff on Sinaiwa Drive
5. LCCD notice of approval for SLIBCO's application for NPDES permit for lot #19
6. LCCD notice of intent Mericle Construction, Inc for a permit to operate a portable non-metallic mining process for Lot #13 for the purpose of preparing the lot.
7. LCCD report for LEC facility periodic inspection requiring NPDES permit
8. Letter from FEMA notifying us revisions made to our Floodplain Ordinance brought us into compliance.
9. LCCD notice of intent for NPDES permit for transmission line rebuild and notification to proceed with the review of application.
10. Letter of interest from Frank A. Marcin, Esq. for Civil Service Commission Solicitor.
11. Letter of interest from Chad Swagert, Esq for Civil Service Commission Solicitor or Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor.
12. Letter of interest from Corey Mahon to fill the open seat on Jessup Planning Commission.
13. LERTA application for Scotts Plumbing & Heating

**MOTIONS**

- a. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Gregg Betti to adopt Ordinance 5-2020, amending the Borough's fireworks ordinance.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- b. Motion by Craig Shander, second by Pete Larioni to adopt Ordinance 6-2020, naming certain alleys within the Borough.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- c. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Roberta Galati to adopt Ordinance 7-2020, adding additional stop signs at intersections within the Borough.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- d. Motion to table by Rella Scassellati, second by Craig Shander to advertise an ordinance regulating the sale and distribution of gas to all-terrain vehicles.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- e. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to advertise an RFP for banking services to the Borough.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- f. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Rella Scassellati to advertise an RFP to refinance a general obligation note for the Borough.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- g. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to adopt Resolution 7- 2020 authoring the Lackawanna County Commissioners to submit an application for CDBG funds on behalf of the Borough.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- h. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Rella Scassellati to adopt Resolution 8-2020 to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Lackawanna for 2019 CDBG program administration.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
- i. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Rella Scassellati to adopt Resolution 9-2020 to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Lackawanna for funding of the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado
- j. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to adopt Resolution 10-2020 approving an addendum to an agreement between the Borough of Jessup and SLIBCO.  
2 For – Gregg Betti, Pete Larioni  
4 Oppose – Jerry Crinella, Roberta Galati, Rella Scassellati, Craig Shander  
1 Absent – Joe Mellado

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- k. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to adopt Resolution 11-2020 extending KOZ status on properties within the Borough of Jessup for seven years to December 31, 2027.
  - 2 For – Gregg Betti, Pete Larioni
  - 4 – Oppose – Jerry Crinella, Roberta Galati, Rella Scassellati, Craig Shander
  - 1 Absent – Joe Mellado
  
- l. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to adopt Resolution 12- 2020 opposing the overland transportation of liquefied natural gas through the Borough and its surrounding communities.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- m. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to accept the resignation of C.J. Mustacchio as Zoning Hearing Board solicitor.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- n. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Roberta Galati to appoint F & T Landscaping, LLC as a part-time snow removal contractor for Alberigi Drive and Sunnyside Road at a rate of \$100/hour, all costs to be reimbursed by LEC.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- o. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to advertise the public hearing notices and intention to adopt both the draft comprehensive plan and draft zoning ordinance.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- p. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Rella Scassellati to advertise the public hearing notice and intention to adopt the proposed noise ordinance amendment.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- q. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to advertise a public hearing notice for a liquor license transfer into the Borough.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- r. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to purchase 2011 Ford F-350 Bucket truck from Kellogg Auto Sales in the amount of \$21,090.00.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- s. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to advertise for bids for the sale of the Borough’s 2000 International 4900 4X2 series dump truck.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- t. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to send a letter to DEP requesting a hearing on LEC’s Title V permit.
  - All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent

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- u. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Craig Shander to appoint Corey Mahon to the Jessup Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/2022.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- v. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second Roberta Galati to send a letter to DEP requesting an informal hearing on the NPDES permit extension for Lot 19 of the Valley View Business Park,  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- w. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to advertise for bids to pave Wilson Street.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- x. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to purchase 12 hand sanitizing stations for the Borough parks and recreational fields from PPE Global Health at a cost of \$19077.00.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- y. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Gregg Betti to purchase 2019 John Deere 310SJ Backhoe form Five Star Equipment at a price of \$62,500.00.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent
  
- z. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to advertise the Stop sign ordinance.  
All present in favor, Joe Mellado absent

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Larioni questions why majority of Council voted against extending KOZ for the vacant five (5) lots; SLIBCO stated Chewy would have left the area if Archbald didn't offer KOZ. KOZ status is a big attraction to be able to sell the lots.

President Crinella provides that Pennsylvania no longer issues new KOZ's, only extensions on existing KOZ properties. LERTA's are an option to attract new business that allows the Borough to control the incentive.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

**PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)**

1. Genie Lupini thanks the community for supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Association's food drive for the Bread Basket.



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2. Paula Nenish wants to know what the enforcement is for the noise ordinance. Experienced loud noise coming from LEC on weekend; called the hotline. Are we still testing noise levels? How often?

3. Nick Marino wants the Emergency Siren on the Borough building moved.

4. Jeff Smith, 913 Church Street states quality of life is affected by noise. We should be testing air quality four (4) times a year and post the results for the public.

5. Corrine Sebastianelli states the double yellow line freshly painted on the newly paved portion of SR 247 in the 'S' turn on Front Street must be painted wrong spot.

Motion to adjourn by Peter Larioni, second by Rella Scassellati at 9:31 P.M.

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Secretary/Treasurer  
Mia Stine