

VIRTUAL MEETING - JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL – MARCH 1, 2021

Immediately following the Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance 2-2021, a regular meeting of Jessup Borough Council held February 1, 2021 at 7:04 PM, in a virtual setting the following business was transacted:

Jerry Crinella, President of Council was chairman of the meeting.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT

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

Jerry Crinella announced an Executive Session was held February 25, 2021 for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Jerry Crinella ads Motion F.

Motion to advertise bids are being accepted for the Walsh Street flood management project.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Councilman Gregg Betti comments on Motion E; transferring of funds to the Refuse Account from the Money Market Account.

APPROVALS

A. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular meeting held February 1, 2021.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

B. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Joe Mellado to approve the February Secretary Report.

All present in favor; Absent – Robert Galati

C. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Joe Mellado to approve the February Payroll in the amount of \$43,023.52.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

D. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to approve the monthly payments in the amount of \$55,021.67 from General Fund.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

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Presentation by Mr. John Morrow, Lackawanna Valley Conservancy expressing the organization's intent to purchase land from SLIBCO.

BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Buckshon, Jr. reported the police department is working to reduce the number of abandoned vehicles on the roadways. Requests the borough research the cost to repair Cherry Street to specifically address the stormwater concerns.

Controller Wasilchak summarized the financial reports; general fund balance low for a few months until real estate and other taxes are received. Refuse Account must be supplemented to meet the contract; no longer self-funded since the fees for service are so low. Will the Borough forward Valley View School District Host Agreement funds in full from the 1st quarter installment; \$100,000.00?

Tax Collector – no report; council to please consider a service window with a shared cost?

Planning Commission has no report; no meeting in February

Zoning Officer provided permits received from Amazon; moving into the TCNE warehouse building. Zoning Hearing is scheduled for March 10th for Bob Bolus.

Councilman Gregg Betti asks if the Borough is required to bring all of Heritage Center Building up to code if only a few repairs? Mr. Ken Marino states the answer is no.

Zoning Hearing Board Chairman Cardoni reports Bob Bolus hearing on the schedule for March 10th and will have full report following month.

DPW reports snow plowing, repairs for trucks, salt order delayed.

Police Chief informs some abandoned vehicles have been towed, and or brought legal; will continue citing. Would like Council to appoint two part time police officers tonight.

President Jerry Crinella asks that Chief Joe Walsh forward all of Council applications of candidates wishing to hire, and still waiting for resignation of Krista Purvis. Chief states will have it ASAP, as soon as possible.

Civil Service Commission Chairperson Robert Sebastianelli reports activity in preparation of activation of the Commission for the purpose of hiring full time police officers.

Engineer Mr. Grizzanti offers salt shed options to keep cost within budget. Bathrooms for Memorial Field to renovate with CDBG funds, still have about \$50,000.00 left that must be used soon; no project at this time that meets the low to moderate income guidelines.

President Crinella requests estimates for all salt shed options.

Solicitor informs SLIBCO has filed an appeal of tax assessment; decision \$6 million.

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Borough Manager recommends hiring a 4th public works employee; temporary/seasonal employee.

Lackawanna Energy Center – Mr. Christopher Smith reports progress of sewage flow meter.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Pete Larioni nothing to report

Roberta Galati – Absent

Craig Shander nothing to report

Joe Mellado nothing to report

Rella Scassellati thanks DPW for good work; lots of snow this winter.

Gregg Betti announces meeting with DPW, Borough Manager, Police Chief regarding the procedure for after hours road conditions.

Jerry Crinella adds Motion G – Motion to approve the purchase of a service window for the Tax Collector Office understanding the cost to be shared between the Borough and Tax Collector.

COMMUNIUCATIONS

1. Letter from DEP to Trammel Crow approving application for major amendment to the NPDES permit for discharge of stormwater associated with construction activities.
2. Letter from resident regarding a disabled vehicle on Cherry Street with 2015 inspection sticker; resident left several messages with the police department.
3. January 2021 LEC Hotline call log.
4. Copy of LCCD completeness notification letter for the Settlers View Subdivision.
5. Copy of DEP letter to PP&L Utilities approving their application for new individual NPDES permit for discharge of stormwater associated with construction activities.

MOTIONS

- a. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to advertise an ordinance requiring the installation and inspection of grease traps in all eating and/or drinking establishments.
All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

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b. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Joe Mellado to approve a settlement stipulation regarding an assessment appeal by SLIBCO for the TekRidge Center.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

c. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to advertise bids for the Ward Street stormwater project upon KBA finalizing the project plan.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

d. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to accept the resignation of Thomas Leach from the Jessup Police Department.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

e. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Rella Scassellati to transfer \$500,000.00 to the refuse fund from the Money Market Account.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

f. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Rella Scassellati to advertise to accept bids for the Walsh Street Flood Management project.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

g. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Pete Larioni to share the cost to purchase of a service window with the Tax Collector for the Tax Collector Office.

All present in favor; Absent – Roberta Galati

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business introduced

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)

1. Genie Lupini Jessup 21st Century Association will not host any events in 2021. Hope the Borough will work with us for to apply for grant monies.

What is the CDBG funding program for first time home buyers; President Crinella responds.

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2. Corrine Sebastianelli asks if the Ward Street project was ready to go out or it's still waiting for KBA to finalize plans? So now I have to live all seasons with water. My house is deteriorating, now I have it in the winter I mean how, I run three dehumidifiers with air filters I have mold in my first floor closet.

Mr. Grizzanti made clear the Ward Street stormwater line out front is not going to solve Corrine's problem in the basement. Concerned that Corrine thinks the water coming now is going to be resolved by the project.

Councilman Pete Larioni questions Corrine where the water is coming from? The water is in the ground, you have stone foundation; asks why problem can't be fixed now.

Corrine Sebastianelli states water is not coming down from the mountain.

Councilman Larioni comments the water started from the gutters from on your neighbor.

Corrine Sebastianelli denies, has proof to show that's not true; not even a drop from their roof.

It's coming where I get my oil by my driveway, up by my garage; Peters side is dry. Not good for her health, and has mold restoration report she'll share; videos to share if Council interested.

3. Paula Nenish thanks DPW and all their staff for all their efforts during the snowy weather in February. It's really appreciated.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Mellado, second by Pete Larioni at 8:59 P.M.

Secretary/Treasurer
Mia Stine