

**VIRTUAL MEETING - JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL – APRIL 5, 2021**

At a regular meeting of Jessup Borough Council held April 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in a virtual setting the following business was transacted:

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

**ROLL CALL: 7 PRESENT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment on agenda items.

**APPROVALS**

- A. No motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 1, 2021 they have been held over to the regular monthly meeting scheduled for May 3, 2021.
- B. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Roberta Galati to approve the March Secretary Report.  
All present in favor
- C. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Joe Mellado to approve the March Payroll in the amount of \$38,843.87.  
All present in favor
- D. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Roberta Galati to approve the monthly payments in the amount of 671,282.10 from General Fund.  
All present in favor

**BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Buckshon, Jr.** requests an ordinance that addresses vehicles unsafely parked on Borough roadways, and community wide solicitation.  
Had an invitation to swear in hose company volunteer officers.

**Controller Wasilchak** summarized the financial reports; receiving income for building permits, larger income from permits due to businesses.

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**Tax Collector** reported 2020 collection dollars; delinquent dollars received from Lackawanna County. Controller Wasilchak questioned if Bob Bolus has paid taxes due? Tax Collector answers no tax dollars have ever been received to date from Mr. Bolus.

**Planning** no report, no meeting in March; thank you to Council for education webinar, learned a lot. President Crinella asked for update on SALDO; Chairperson Nenish doesn't have any information; will reach out to Charlie of URDC.

**Zoning Officer** – Anthony Mengoni reports notice of violations has been sent out to Mr. Bolus; land owner has fifteen (15) days to appeal. Councilwoman Scassellati questions if any enforcement for clean fill; permit required from Borough? Will follow up with Ken; requests to be included in email correspondence.

**Zoning Hearing Board** Chairman Cardoni has no report as no business. Does expect Mr. Bolus to submit an application for appeal, zoning officer has sent violations.

**Civil Service Commission** – President Crinella provides update; current status of process and progression of candidates.

**DPW** reports sewer main issues in several blocks. Researched sewer odor in Grassy Island Ave, installed odor block until investigation complete; prepared Sara Braddy Park for accept rehabilitated wooden play equipment from Kids Korner; installed hand sanitizer stations.

**Police Chief** reported incidents for the month March. President Crinella asks for quotes of police vehicle(s). Council already given estimate for Ford SUV complete with lights, technology ready, and graphics. All estimates should be complete and the same; road ready. Chief Walsh will obtain and provide to Council.

**Engineer** Mr. Mandorano states the Ward Street bids should be opening bids at next month's meeting.

**Solicitor** will put together draft ordinance models for the Mayor's requests. Representative from Lackawanna County CDBG program will present at public hearing in May.

**Borough Manager** will work with Tony Grizzanti on the main sewer lines that need immediate attention; possible grant monies available. Presented used crawling camera for public works in place of hiring Rossi Rooter; would like to stop Grasshopper services; police department copier purchase vs lease.

CDBG funds for the Borough can only be utilized for ADA modifications throughout the Borough; no low to moderate income qualifying area(s) for facility upgrades.

President Crinella introduces Matt Morrell and his solar power business. Borough Manager has met already and pointed in proper direction for solicitation, and zoning.

**Lackawanna Energy Center** – Jason reports the flow meter project has been awarded and install should begin soon. Questions peak vs regular flow tracking report from LEC; Attorney Weiss gave further information in relation to flow reporting.

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**Pete Larioni** comments American Water still hasn't completed road restoration at the top of Church Street from the water main break; Rossi Rooter hasn't completed restoration from the sewer back-up.

**Roberta Galati** reports Hometown Hero Banner will be opening up; Planning a future e-recycling event.

**Craig Shander** comments on the trash and junk in the back parking area

**Joe Mellado** asks Borough Manager status of the property across from 11 High Street. Borough Manager provides response; spoke with complainant earlier same day for proper steps and records.

**Rella Scassellati** has nothing further.

**Gregg Betti** to President Crinella; Motion 'I' is tabled for tonight? Response is yes. Would like to meet with Chief Walsh, Mia, and anyone else from Council interested to discuss the police vehicle quotes, and technology for the department.

Looking forward to when in person meetings can be held.

**Jerry Crinella** met with Pompey Coal regarding Breaker Street.

Mykert Street sewer upgrade should be put out for bid and or gather estimates.

Stormwater Committee decided to wait one more month to advertise for bid the Ward Street; accuracy in the project is most important before putting out for bid. Formal bid will be awarded two weeks following the bid opening; Engineering review required.

Tony, absent but need to follow up with him for Bridge Street Stormwater mapping and status of project; pump station for Walsh Street progress.

### COMMUNIUCATIONS

1. LEC hotline log for March.
2. Mrs. Crotti would like to know who is responsible for the maintenance and clean up of the swale in her yard.
3. Anthony Wrightson sent in a letter regarding an odor of raw sewerage in the air in and around Grassy Island Avenue.
4. Notice of cancellation from the Saint Ubaldo Society their annual event.

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**MOTIONS**

**a.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to approve annual contributions to Hose Company Number 1 and Number 2 in the amount of \$40,000.00 each.

All present in favor

**b.** Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to approve annual contribution to the Jessup Ambulance Association in the amount of \$20,000.00.

All present in favor

**c.** Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Joe Mellado to adopt Ordinance 4-2021 requiring the installation and inspection of grease traps in all eating and/or drinking establishments.

All present in favor

**d.** Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to send a letter of support for the Lackawanna Valley Conservancy grant application contingent upon their letter of support for full restoration of the dam area following demolition.

All present in favor

**e.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to hire Stephen Hall as a part time police officer at the hourly rate of \$ 21.00.

All present in favor

**f.** Motion by Craig Shander, second by Joe Mellado to purchase ammunition for the police department in the amount of \$6354.56.

All present in favor

**g.** Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Craig Shander to approve the Jessup Police Department body cam policy.

All present in favor

**h.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to approve pay out to the Valley View School District their full annual Host Agreement funds in the amount of \$100,000.00.

All present in favor

**i.** Motion to enter into a 48 month lease agreement with Topp Business Solutions for a new All in One, copy, scan, fax machine for the Jessup Police Department.

Motion tabled

**j.** Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Pete Larioni to set proclamation dates honoring Mr. Steve Pitoniak, and Mr. James Brunozzi on their date of birth.

All present in favor

**OLD BUSINESS**

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No old business reported

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business introduced

**PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)**

1. Genie Lupini comments on Breaker Street; Addresses are not clearly visible – Ordinance on file? What are the guidelines for Federal Covid-19 Municipal Stimulus program? Borough should consider offering monies to non-profit Organizations.
2. Joe Fetcho questions who does he ask to get a ‘Slow Children at Play’ sign near 148 Basalyga Street. President Crinella directs to communicate with the Chief.
3. Ben Cardoni had previous conversation with Councilman Betti; Borough should explore the collecting refuse/recycling on their own. Worth a study to make a wise decision.
4. Paula Nenish requests LEC Hotline phone number. Is the noise level at LEC being monitored? President Crinella responds.
5. Corrine Sebastianelli asks what does she have to do to get a Stop at the bottom of Blakely Street; Responses provided by President Crinella, Chief Walsh, and Solicitor Szewczyk. Public Works Foreman Fetcho responds all signs what happened to naming the alley ways in the Borough? are up.
6. Sabrina Shander requests a reducing speed limits in the Borough.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Mellado second by Roberta Galati at 8:53 P.M.

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Secretary/Treasurer  
Mia Stine