

VIRTUAL MEETING - JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL – MAY 3, 2021

At a regular meeting of Jessup Borough Council held May3, 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	

President Crinella announced an Executive Session was held April 19, 2021 for a personnel matter. Expressed appreciation to Father John, Holy Ghost Church for allowing the Borough to occupy some of the parking lot for the delivery, storage of material for Kids Korner.

Announcement to accept letters of interest for the open seat on the Planning Commission; Jim Moran has resigned his seat.

Joe Rovinsky; Lackawanna County gave presentation of CDBG funding program, eligible projects, and funding announcement for the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on agenda items.

APPROVALS

A. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 1, 2021 and April 5, 2021.

All present I favor.

B. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to approve the April Secretary Report.

All present in favor

C. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to approve the April Payroll in the amount of \$61,262.06.

All present in favor

D. Motion by Craig Shander, second by Pete Larioni to approve the monthly payments in the amount of \$393,176.74 from General Fund.

All present in favor

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Opening of bids, and tabulation of the Ward Street stormwater improvement project by Borough Manager.

BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Buckshon, Jr. expresses thanks the Jessup Police Department, DPW, and Hose Companies for their service to the community during the rainstorm on May 4th. As well as thanks the Family of St. George, and Council for their work, and assistance with renewing the Kids Korner playground.

Commented on the scheduling of a meeting for the Police Department.

Controller Wasilchak absent

Tax Collector No report of taxes collected. Requests the removal and destruction of tax records within the limits of the PA Municipal Records Act.

Confirmed Mr. Robert Bolus has not paid taxes directly to the Borough; possibly has paid delinquent monies to the County.

Planning announces Jim Moran’s resignation from the Planning Commission; thanks him for his service to the Commission, and community.

Approval of the Rotell minor subdivision with conditions.

Reviewed plans for Eastern Pennsylvania Land Investment Holding, LLC. This is the former WEA Manufacturing located in Olyphant; preliminary plans submitted to Jessup for review due to the development of land within Jessup Borough.

Zoning Officer Ken Marino provides update on Podrasky retention pond, waiting for a response from the owner to the Notice of Violation.

Zoning Hearing Board Ben Cardoni reports Mrs. Crotti cleaned the portion of the swale in her yard; left all the limbs and debris obstructing the swale.

Variance hearing for Mr. Ferretti is scheduled for May 26, 2021.

Civil Service Commission absent, no report

DPW enclosed another set of bleachers; Spring cleaned Station Park and replaced the chain link fence; cleaned up the weeds at Pioneer Field. Replaced manhole covers on MaryJo Drive and Martin Drive; trees along Memorial Field have been cut, will need to hire a tree service for the remainder.

President Crinella asked how Sterry Creek held up during the rainstorm. Foreman Fetcho responded.

Police Chief – No report. Traveling in car at this time; report emailed to President of Council and Mayor. Mr. Cardoni asked about illegally parked vehicles; Chief Walsh responded.

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President Crinella requests Mayor to pass questions to Chief: what is plan for in car laptops status of the laptops? Offer to Stephen Hall for part time position not accepted; opening for two part time officers? Stresses the need for part time officers; Chief Walsh states he will place an ad in the paper and reach out to Lackawanna College.

Engineer Mr. Grizzanti commented on Kids Korner; review of Ward Street project reviewed and set to move forward.

Salt shed ready to bid out again, cautioned the bids may be high due to the continued increase cost of material.

Estimated cost to mill the curb line on Cherry Street \$1500.00; President Crinella approves to move forward.

Catch Basin at 928 Constitution Avenue repairs subject to the bid process; Walsh Street project ready to advertise in June; comments on the Bridge Street improvements and coordinating with PA DOT project in same area.

Councilman Larioni questions street paving; Mr. Grizzanti responds to provide list of roads; Councilman Betti has a small list.

President Crinella questions status of the Mylert Street sewer project; Mr. Grizzanti provides can be ready for June meeting. Still receiving complaints of sewer odor on Grassy Island Avenue; Mr. Grizzanti provides the possibilities as to the cause.

Mr. Grizzanti comments on the main sewer line conditions in Sturges, 3rd & 4th Avenues; will confirm LEC's flow meter report fine details available. President Crinella expresses the report must provide data down to the minute.

Councilwoman Scassellati questions the status progress of the Church Street restoration corrections. Mr. Grizzanti responds.

Solicitor Szewczyk expresses appreciation for accommodating scheduling conflict. Easements prepared for the Ward Street project.

Councilwoman Scassellati requests another ordinance to control the truck traffic. Solicitor provides enforcement of current laws in place is necessary.

President Crinella asks Mayor to communicate necessary presence and enforcement to Chief Walsh. Questions the status of SALDO review; Borough Manager to contact Charlie of URDC for status.

Borough Manager reports American Recovery Plan Act funds will be distributed in two installments, one per year; qualifying uses only provided to Council via email.

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Councilman Shander asks when DPW will get back to pumping basements in residential properties. Borough Manager provides since beginning employment such service has not been provided by the Borough; also, a year into COVID-19 pandemic policies prevent any service from inside of any private property.

Councilman Shander asks Foreman Fetcho if the hose companies used Borough owned equipment to pump out basements of private properties. Foreman responds, and looks forward to getting back to providing courtesy services from the inside of private properties.

Lackawanna Energy Center – Attorney Harry Weiss updated Council on the progress on installation of sewage flow meter.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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

Roberta Galati reports contacted those on Hometown Hero Banner waiting list; excited to get the program underway again. Echoed Councilwoman Scassellati's comments

Craig Shander comments on the bids for dam removal on Jessup Mountain; 6 million to 80 million received and reevaluation necessary.

Joe Mellado wants status of the complaint for property off Hill Street from Mr. Ken Marino, NEIC.

Rella Scassellati received complaint about swale at Clarkson and Mylert; Borough office should receive the same. Possible for DPW to investigate?

Kids Korner project moving forward; pleased to work with Family of St. George who initiated the project and provided additional funding.

Gregg Betti suggests giving a portion of federal funding to non-profit organizations; create a committee. Comments on Governor Wolf's recent announcements lifting COVID-19 restrictions; in person meetings.

Announced Hose Company #2 food truck fundraiser event, and a Borough wide yard sale.

Jerry Crinella reported Stormwater Committee infrastructure improvement projects; areas of concern.

COMMUNIUCATIONS

1. Municipal notification of land development from Eastern Pennsylvania Land Investment Holding, LLC.
2. Letter from Attorney Abrahamsen, representing Hale Trailer regarding intended use of land granted

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Zoning Variance for.

3. PA DOT Multimodal Transportation Grant letter denying funds to install sidewalks on Hill Street.

MOTIONS

a. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Rella Scassellati to pass Resolution 1-2021, entering the Borough into a cooperation agreement with Lackawanna County for the FFY 2020 CDBG program.

All present in favor

b. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Roberta Galati to accept the resignation of James Moran from the Jessup Planning Commission.

All present in favor

c. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to approve the Rotell subdivision/lot consolidation plan with the following conditions: (1) The applicant's plans show the catch basin at Grassy Island Avenue and Hill Street as well as the outlet pipe; (2) The applicant's plans show the sanitary sewer line on the southwestern side of Hill Street; and (3) The applicant's plans show the rear setback for the lot as 30 feet.

All present in favor

d. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to advertise the Borough's solicitation ordinance.

All present in favor

e. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to advertise to hire a Seasonal Public Works Laborer.

All present in favor

f. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Roberta Galati to advertise an RFP for the Uniform Police Pension Administrator.

Six (6) in favor; One (1) Absent from vote - Shander

g. Motion by Roberta Galati, no second received to advertise to accept bids for the Borough Salt Shed.

Motion fails

h. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Rella Scassellati to purchase Dodge Durango Pursuit from Chapman's Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge, Horsham for the Jessup Police Department at a cost of \$31,498.00 and the upfitting to be completed by Premier Upfits, LLC at a cost of \$17,072.38.

All present in favor

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President Crinella introduces Motion (i.), and opens the floor for public comment at this time.

No public comment given.

i. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Roberta Galati to award the Ward Street Stormwater Improvement project to the lowest qualified to bidder pending review of KBA Engineering.

All present in favor

OLD BUSINESS

No old business reported

NEW BUSINESS

No new business introduced

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)

1. Genie Lupini comments about tree at the corner of Constitution and Hill Street.
2. Paula Nenish thanks the volunteer firemen, DPW on behalf of her neighborhood for their quick response and all their efforts during the rainstorm.
3. Corrine asks Solicitor who is permitted to attend an advertised invitation to bid meeting. Solicitor Szewczyk responds.

Councilman Shander states that Ms. Sebastianelli purchased plans from KBA Engineering buying her an entry ticket to the meeting. Solicitor Szewczyk reiterates no violation of Sunshine Act since no governmental actions taking place. Once obtain facts able to provide formal response.

Corrine asks Solicitor to find out the answer and call her to discuss. Solicitor Szewczyk will do so with Council's approval; please provide phone number to law office.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Mellado second by Roberta Galati at 9:05 P.M.

Secretary/Treasurer
Mia Stine