

VIRTUAL MEETING - JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL JUNE 7, 2021

At a regular meeting of Jessup Borough Council held June 7, 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 May 26, 2021 for a personnel matter.

Opening of bids, and tabulation for the construction of a new Borough salt shed by Borough Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on agenda items.

APPROVALS

A. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Roberta Galati 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 Joe Mellado to approve the April Secretary Report.

All present in favor

C. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Roberta Galati to approve the April Payroll in the amount of \$46,658.55.

All present in favor

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

All present in favor

BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Buckshon, Jr. appreciates part time police officer on agenda; department needs part time officers. Finds that flashing yellow lights catch attention; alerts drivers for many reasons; will provide pricing for Council's consideration.

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Controller Wasilchak summarized the financial activity for the month of May.

Tax Collector reported the tax dollars and refuse fees collected up to end of April.

Planning Commission has no report; no meeting held in May due to lack of new business.

Zoning Officer Anthony Mengoni provided updates on property maintenance complaints, and status of the Bolus property.

Zoning Hearing Board Ben Cardoni reported the decision for the Ferretti hearing.

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 – Reported monthly incidents responded to; burglary under investigation.

Engineer Mr. Grizzanti provided updates on current projects, infrastructure improvements.

Bridge Street – design submitted to PA Department of Transportation for review; waiting for comments.

Settler's View – PP&L waiting

CDBG Funding – Memorial Field Restrooms has been approved, bids received; project to begin soon.

Separate company will get samples of sewer contents on Grassy Island for baseline; will provide better information with future samples.

President Crinella wants confirmation American Recovery Plan Act funding to pay for Mylert Street sewer repair; Tony agrees. President Crinella requests clean fill at Settler's View subject to new zoning ordinance, certification. Mr. Grizzanti replies any new clean fill after the new ordinance passed is subject to certification, and all of this falls to enforcement.

Councilwoman Scassellati questions written certification for the clean fill at FABCOR; enforcement of quantity in accordance with the zoning ordinance.

Councilman Larioni wants status to advertise for bids on road paving. Mr. Grizzanti responds simple to do just needs list of roads.

Solicitor Szewczyk sent out easement documents, and barring any issues hope to have completed next month. Amending of recycling ordinance to accommodate leaf collection for next month.

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Borough Manager recommends the restrooms in the Municipal building upgrade to be compliant with ADA current standards, and install handicapped automatic door button(s) for the two doors at the handicapped entrance.

Requesting to lock the Municipal doors, provide safety glass window(s) to conduct daily business for safety concerns; installation of camera(s), monitors and two way speaker system. Replace the full glass entry door to the police station, possibly move the location of said door.

Comments provided regarding the American Recovery Plan Act application for funds.

Suggested to submit application for a leaf vac truck to the 902 Recycling Grant; if awarded provide curbside leaf collection for the residents.

Lackawanna Energy Center – Attorney Harry Weiss reports the flow meter has been ordered with delay of four to six weeks delivery. Status of Church Street sewer improvements; would like to close escrow account.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Pete Larioni no report, expressed road paving should be done regularly.

Roberta Galati reported complaint regarding trucks; possibly add flashing lights to bring attention to No Truck signs. Hometown Hero program underway; great response.

Craig Shander comments storm drain at Basalyga and Hill need repair, and the manhole storm drain at E.State Street.

Joe Mellado no report.

Rella Scassellati proposed celebration for the ; fireworks cost \$6500.00 to \$7000.00.

Gregg Betti no report.

Jerry Crinella requests the railroad viaduct on Constitution cleaned up; all other comments addressed. Summarized the Stormwater Committee meeting, and topics discussed. Suggested a joint effort with Archbald for stormwater system improvements on High Street.

COMMUNIUCATIONS

1. LEC's April Hotline Call Log
2. Correspondence from Bernice Calamino regarding damages sustained from the May 4th rainstorm.
3. Invitation from Mr. Russell Canevari to participate in VFW and Legion Memorial Day Comemorations.

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4. Correspondence from JoAnn McGhee regarding damages sustained from the May 4th rainstorm.
5. Letter of thanks from Mrs. Calamino for consideration given to her during the Stormwater Committee Meeting.
6. Several communications from Anthony Wrightson regarding the ongoing sewer odor on Grassy Island Avenue.
7. Letter from Scott Hall and Michael Cappellini, St. Ubaldo Society regarding the updated celebration in commemoration of St. Ubaldo Day.
8. Notification from E.R. Linde that the Air Quality Permit application has been filed for portable non-metallic mineral processing equipment, and associated engines.
9. NPDES report for stormwater discharge for Fastenal.
10. Notification from Bruce Reddock, SLIBCO regarding the Tek-Ridge approved tax assessment.

MOTIONS

A. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Joe Mellado to adopt Ordinance 5-2021 regulating soliciting and peddling within the Borough of Jessup.

All present in favor

B. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to adopt Resolution 2-2021 declaring Jessup Borough's intent to follow the schedules and procedures for disposition of records pursuant to the Municipal Records Manual.

All present in favor

C. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Joe Mellado to advertise an ordinance amending the Borough's traffic control ordinance to prohibit parking on the odd side of the 100 block of Front Street.

All present in favor

D. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Gregg Betti to adopt Resolution 3-2021 adopting the Lackawanna County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Jessup.

All present in favor

E. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Rella Scassellati to hire Thomas Sheehan as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$21.00/hour.

All present in favor

F. Motion Roberta Galati, second by Pete Larioni to remove the temporary stop sign at the intersection of Blakely Street and Hilltop Drive.

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All present in favor

G. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Rella Scassellati to advertise bids for police body worn cameras.

All present in favor

H. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to advertise bids for demolishing the Heritage Center.

All present; 6 in favor; 1 opposed – Betti

I. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Jerry Crinella to advertise bids for repairing the Heritage Center including the sidewalks, roof, foundation, flooring, plumbing, electrical wiring, and asbestos abatement.

All present; 6 in favor; 1 opposed - Shander

J. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Joe Mellado to advertise bids for the Walsh Street flood vault.

All present in favor

K. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to advertise bids for the Mylert Street main sewer line repair.

All present in favor

L. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to hire Ryan Carroll for the Public Works seasonal laborers position at the rate of \$17.61/hour.

All present in favor

M. Motion by Craig Shander, second by Gregg Betti to purchase and install speed humps on Railroad Street.

All present; 5 in favor; 1 in favor for temporary use only – Scassellati; 1 opposed - Crinella

N. Motion to advertise bids for paving certain roadways in the Borough.

No motion made

O. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Joe Mellado to accept the lowest bidder for the construction of a new salt shed, contingent upon the review and approval of KBA Engineering firm.

All present in favor

P. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to send written comments to DEP in response to E.R. Linde's Air Quality General Permit.

All present in favor

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

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No public comment given.

Q. 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

Councilman Betti suggests Council consider options in place of the Heritage Center should it be demolished. Suggestion submitted is construction of new police station.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business introduced

PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)

1. Derek Fozard make comment regarding extending Mildred Street.
2. Genie Lupini reports on Borough wide yard sale. Requests Council consider setting a date to remember those that lost their lives to COVID-19.
3. Corrine Sebastianelli commented on the Stop sign at Blakely and Hilltop.
4. Joe Fetcho asked where the items currently stored in the Heritage Center will be moved to for storage.

Motion to adjourn by Gregg Betti, second by Roberta Galati at 8:49 P.M.

Secretary/Treasurer
Mia Stine