

VIRTUAL MEETING - JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL JULY 6, 2021

At a regular meeting of Jessup Borough Council held July 6, 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: 6 PRESENT

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

President Crinella asks for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Michael Marek, son of long time Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Marek.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Genie Lupini asked questions about Motion H; accept bid on property from Lackawanna County Repository List.

Joe Fetcho makes comment on Motion I; to add flood abatement on private property.

APPROVALS

A. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held June 7, 2021.

All present I favor; Mellado - absent

B. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to approve the June Secretary Report.

All present in favor; Mellado - absent

C. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Gregg Betti to approve the June Payroll in the amount of \$39,292.53.

All present in favor; Mellado - absent

D. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Roberta Galati to approve the monthly payments in the amount of \$38,810.36 from General Fund.

All present in favor; Mellado- absent

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BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS

Mayor Buckshon, Jr. comments working on estimates of flashing LED speed limit signage. Informed Council meeting with police officers not scheduled, officers reluctant. Has not scheduled meeting with Chief Walsh regarding new PTO policy for the position of Police Chief.

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

Tax Collector reported unpaid balance of \$80,904.98 real estate tax to date. No June report available; always gives few extra days to pay beyond deadline.

Planning Commission has no report; no meeting held in June due to lack of new business. Shared and reviewed comments received from Charlie, Urban Research and Development.

Zoning Officer Anthony Mengoni provided updates on property maintenance complaints, violations on Podrasky property escalated to Magistrate Turlip, and Bolus zoning hearing has been rescheduled per applicants request.

Zoning Hearing Board Ben Cardoni reported the decision for the Ferretti hearing. Also reported the Bolus zoning hearing has been rescheduled.

Civil Service Commission absent, no report

DPW Spread topsoil and seeded side bank at Pioneer Field and Station Park. Installed section of new chain link fencing at Memorial Field. Repurposed some of Kids Korner wooden play equipment at Sara Bratty Park.

Thank you to Mr. Frank Roman, J & F for donating his time and equipment to transport the bleachers, and NEPA Towing for donating their services to deliver the Freightliner to American Fire Service.

President Crinella requested pot hole repair in the Sinaiwa Development, also at Filbert and Winthrop; curb repair on Winthrop; Mr. Gary Pezak reported storm drain to be inspected.

Police Chief unable to connect

Engineer Mr. Grizzanti informed the restrooms at Memorial Field, and the Borough Salt Shed pre-construction meetings are scheduled. provided updates on current projects, infrastructure improvements.

Council President asks if Olyphant would add Doll Drive to their Multi-modal grant application for the paving of Mid-Valley Drive. Mr. Grizzanti responds.

Solicitor Szewczyk has secured necessary Front Street easements ; drafting Social Medial Policy in regards to the Borough Facebook page.

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Recirculated the language regarding trees on Mildred Street.

Borough Manager amend current Pave Cut Ordinance for back fill and impaction testing for proper road restoration by utility companies, subcontractors for the utility companies.

Lackawanna Energy Center – Mr. Patrick Gillard in attendance for Attorney Weiss; nothing to report on.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Pete Larioni informed the property owner of Jessup Crossings hopes to have a buyer by the end of the fourth (4th) quarter.

Roberta Galati no report.

Craig Shander comments the playground equipment was purchased prematurely; issues with size and number of pieces.

Joe Mellado no report.

Rella Scassellati requesting No Parking at corner of Church Street and Center Street beginning at 904 Church Street. Steve Pitoniak proclamation dated for 100th Anniversary of Hose Company No. 2, July 17, 2021.

Tri-Boro Business Park in Jessup, Throop, and Olyphant; do we need an agreement with other towns to address concerns? Solicitor Szewczyk will review.

All departments to submit their 2022 budgetary items to Rella by September.

Thank you Mr. Basalyga and Eastern Roofing for donation to Kids Korner project.

Lot #19 E.R. Linde extension of DEP permit to continue work; want certificate of clean fill in compliance with new zoning ordinance.

Gregg Betti is against Motion I, Public Works employees providing courtesy sewer services for liability reasons.

Requests information regarding Stormwater Committee areas of concern. President Crinella suggest attending the meeting(s) as a resident not member of Council.

Letter questioning Auditor General's process for review and approval of Keystone Landfill expansion.

Jerry Crinella all topics reported and answered throughout the meeting; nothing further to report.

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COMMUNIUCATIONS

1. LEC's June Hotline Call Log
2. Email correspondence from Mr. Wrightson regarding ongoing sewer odor.
3. Notification Amazon, Lot # 18 will be applying for NPDES permit for stormwater discharge.

MOTIONS

A. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to rescind the motion to advertise bids for repairing the Heritage Center including the sidewalks, roof, foundation, flooring, plumbing, electrical wiring, and asbestos abatement.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

B. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Rella Scassellati to appoint Justine Vancosky to the Jessup Planning Commission, term ending 12/31/21.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

C. Motion b Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to pay up to \$10,000.00 for the Jessup Day event to include fireworks.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

D. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Pete Larioni to donate the used police car to the Valley Community Library Cars for Books Program.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

E. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to advertise Ordinance establishing Greenwave Alley as a one-way street.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

F. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to adopt Ordinance 6-2021 amending Ordinance No. 3 of 1977 to prohibit parking on the odd side of the 100 block of Front Street.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

G. Motion Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to approve Resolution 4-2021 entering into a cooperation agreement with Lackawanna County for the Memorial Park ADA Bathroom Reconstruction Project.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

H. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to accept a bid of \$2,185.19 for the sale of a property on Rear Hill Street from the Lackawanna County Repository list.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

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I. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Roberta Galati to approve the Department of Public Works will continue providing courtesy sewer backup services on private property with an executed release of liability from the property owner.

5 Present in favor; 1 Opposed – Betti; Mellado-absent

J. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to advertise an ordinance amending the Borough's pave cut ordinance.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

K. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti to appoint Rella Scassellati, Roberta Galati, and Mia Stine to the DPW contract negotiating committee.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

L. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Gregg Betti for KBA Engineering to prepare bids to pave in priority order of Wilson, Church Street, and Clarkson Avenue.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

M. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to accept the lowest qualified bidder for the Mylert Street sewer upgrade pending KBA's review.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

N. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to accept the lowest qualified bid for the Walsh Street Flood Control Vault, pending KBA's review.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

O. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to send a letter to the Auditor General requesting a review of their process to approve the expansion of Keystone Sanitary Landfill.

All present in favor; Mellado-absent

President Crinella introduces Motions (L), (M), (N), (O) and opens the floor for public comment at this time.

No public comment given.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Galati reminds everyone Jessup Day is just an open celebration for the community not specifically tied to any specific event.

Councilwoman Scassellati announces Jessup Day Celebration is August 14, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business introduced

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PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)

1. Genevieve Lupini of the 21st Century read email she addressed to her organization.
2. Lucy Helcoski comments on her property that abuts the new development.
3. Barbara Bzdick makes comment regarding the overgrown vegetation blocking traffic control signs in her neighborhood.
4. Curt Camoni comments on the Family of St. George's involvement with past Council regarding Kids Korner project.

Motion to adjourn by Gregg Betti, second by Rella Scassellati at 8:51P.M.

Secretary/Treasurer
Mia Stine