

**VIRTUAL MEETING - JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL AUGUST 2, 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: 7 PRESENT**

Jerry Crinella, present  
Roberta Galati; present  
Joseph Mellado, present  
Craig Shander, present

Gregg Betti, present  
Peter Larioni, present  
Rella Scassellati, present

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment received.

**APPROVALS**

A. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held July 6, 2021.

All present in favor

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

All present in favor

C. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Craig Shander to approve the July Payroll in the amount of \$41,665.57.

All present in favor

D. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Rella Scassellati to approve the monthly payments in the amount of \$187,637.54 from General Fund.

All present in favor

**BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Buckshon, Jr.** thanks President Crinella for presenting Mr. Pitoniak with Proclamation in his absence. Read aloud Proclamation written for Mr. Brunozzi. President Crinella asked about LED Speed Limit warning signage Mayor Buckshon responded.

**Controller Wasilchak** absent

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**Tax Collector** absent

**Planning Commission** has no report; no meeting held in July due to lack of new business. Contacted Mr. Schmel regarding a meeting to discuss review and recommendations of Borough's SALDO.

**Zoning Officer** Anthony Mengoni reported the Podrasky file is still pending Magistrate hearing date; Bolus is still pending zoning hearing; continuing to investigate property maintenance complaints throughout the Borough.

**Zoning Hearing Board** Ben Cardoni present; no hearings held to report on.

**Civil Service Commission** absent, no report

**DPW** reported the Borough bottom lot was cleared of overgrown vegetation; salt was moved to Blakely Borough for demolition of salt shed, manhole repairs, Station Park trees trimmed; in house oil change two vehicles.

**Police Chief** reported 275 incidents received. President Crinella asked for update on the pricing for in car laptops; progress on taser pricing.

Councilwoman Scassellati requested Police coverage for Jessup Day event. No one permitted to enter Hose Co. Number 2 grounds from Hill Street, Public Works will set up barriers.

**Engineer** Mr. Grizzanti reported contractor on schedule to begin middle of August; will meet with Mia to review salt shed and future garage placement.

Wayco will prepare open area for Public Works to install Jelly Bean Mulch. Councilman Shander agreed with Mr. Grizzanti regarding the amount of material removed from Kids Korner, not much was needed to bring in.

Councilwoman brought attention to stone crusher at BHR Development; Mr. Grizzanti provided a permit for the machinery is required; no knowledge of permit received to date. When can curbing on Church Street near Mr. Clark's be completed? Mr. Grizzanti replied.

Mr. Grizzanti will aid in making connection with billing department at KBA with Councilwoman Scassellati.

**Solicitor Szewczyk** reviewed the Civil Service Ordinance and procedure to hire from the certified list of eligible candidates; requirements for erecting a permanent Stop sign. Reminded of the new law surrounding the posting of the agenda for future meetings.

**Borough Manager** reported J.P. Mascaro interested in meeting or talking with members of Council to remedy complaints; will continue to monitor continued changes guidelines and mandates surrounding the COVID-19 health pandemic and its variants; the Borough will adjust accordingly.

RFP for Police Body Worn Cameras has been advertised and will announce at September meeting.

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President Crinella asked for summary of the American Recovery Plan Act funding for non-profit organizations.

**Lackawanna Energy Center** – Attorney Weiss requests update regarding Escrow account; nothing to report.

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**Pete Larioni** attempted to obtain update on Jessup Crossings.

**Roberta Galati** no report.

**Craig Shander** no report.

**Joe Mellado** questioned Solicitor Szewczyk about J.P. Mascaro response to complaints; redirected to Borough Manager.

**Rella Scassellati** requests an email or correspondence to the Hose Co. Number 2 requesting a fire truck on stand by August 14, 2021.

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

**Gregg Betti** no report.

**Jerry Crinella** summarized the items discussed at the Stormwater Committee. Major discussion is stormwater project in Winton neighborhood; KBA Engineering will prepare two (2) options for improvements to existing system.

**COMMUNIUCATIONS**

1. LEC's July Hotline Call Log
2. Email correspondence from Mr. Wrightson regarding ongoing sewer odor.
3. Email from VFW requesting financial assistance from the American Recovery Plan Act.
4. Email from Carbino Club requesting financial assistance from the American Recovery Plan Act.
5. Letter from 21<sup>st</sup> Century requesting financial assistance from the American Recovery Plan Act.
6. Email from Sarah Helcoski regarding the fill being used at Settlers View Development.

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7. Lackawanna County Regional Planning Recommendations for Dubas application for Subdivision.
8. Response from Leeward concerning Lot #19.

**MOTIONS**

**A.** Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to adopt Resolution 5-2021 establishing updated fees for hearings before the Jessup Zoning Hearing Board.

All present in favor

**B.** Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Roberta Galati to adopt Ordinance 7-2021 establishing Greenwave Alley as a one-way street from Erie Street to 3rd Avenue.

All present in favor

**C.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to advertise requests for proposals for Borough Engineer.

All present in favor

**D.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to adopt a social media policy for the Borough.

All present in favor

**E.** Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to appoint Thomas J. Anderson and Associates as the Administrator for the Jessup Borough Police Defined Benefit Pension Plan in compliance with Act 44 of 2009.

All present in favor

**F.** Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Craig Shander to adopt Resolution 6-2021 authorizing and appointing a Zoning Officer.

All present in favor

**G.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Joe Mellado to advertise to accept bids for asbestos abatement at the Heritage Center prior to demolition.

All present in favor

**H.** Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Joe Mellado to advertise to accept bids for the paving of Wilson Street between Gallagher and Barret Streets; Church Street beginning at Grassy Island to the dead end including Rear Church Street; and Clarkson Street between Church and Blakely Streets.

All present in favor

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business presented.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business introduced.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)**

1. Paula Nenish thanks President Crinella, and Councilwoman Scassellati for efforts in reaching out to Archbald for benefit of Winton neighborhood.
2. Lucy Helcoski questions the slow progress at Settlers View and the effects on Lena Lane residents. Requests assistance from Borough to resolve issues with Settlers View.
3. Corrine Sebastianelli comments on debris on roadway of Ward Street. Requests er comments of the approved May 2021 meeting minutes be changed.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Mellado, second by Roberta Galati at 8:28 P.M.

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Secretary/Treasurer  
Mia Stine