

**VIRTUAL MEETING - JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

At a regular meeting of Jessup Borough Council held September 13, 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, arrived 8:15 P.M.
Joseph Mellado, present	Rella Scassellati, present
Craig Shander, present	

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Laurie Marino** commented on Motions C, D, E, J, K

**Councilwoman Scassellati** commented on Motion B

**APPROVALS**

A. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Craig Shander to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held August 02, 2021.

All present in favor; Pete Larioni Absent

B. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Roberta Galati to approve the August Secretary Report.

All present in favor; Pete Larioni Absent

C. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Joe Mellado to approve the August Payroll in the amount of \$42,375.35.

All present in favor; Pete Larioni Absent

D. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Craig Shander to approve the monthly payments in the amount of \$458,113.08 from General Fund.

All present in favor; Pete Larioni Absent

**BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Buckshon, Jr.** thanks Council and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Association for honoring those that passed as a result of COVID-19.

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**Controller Wasilchak** summarized the financial reports, income and expenditures

**Tax Collector** absent

**Planning Commission** following review, provided recommendation to Council to accept the Subdivision plan for the Dubas lots with conditions.

**Zoning Officer** absent

**Zoning Hearing Board** applications for appeal by Padavano and Howanitz were both approved

**Civil Service Commission** absent

**DPW** replace storm drain Siniawa and Waddell; large number of sandbags for residents; replaced manhole lid New and Hilltop, Hilltop and Sand; filled in pave cuts on Lawler Drive, Clarkson Avenue, and Archbald Heights Road; installed speed bumps on Railroad Street.

Thanks to Fire and Police Departments for their assistance during the rainstorms.

**Police Chief** overview of 237 incidents responded to in the month of August.

**Engineer** reached out to the second the lowest bidder for the Ward Street stormwater project and they are ready to start if Council pushes forward with them. Cherry Street is on schedule with the paving for milling along the curb line

Inspections for Kids Korner and the rest room renovations at Memorial Field coming up.

**Solicitor Szewczyk** drafted a hold harmless waiver for the Borough to pump residential basements.

**Borough Manager** meeting with refuse hauler J. P. Mascaro to be scheduled. The time clock will be centrally located for all Borough employees.

**Lackawanna Energy Center** Harry Weiss provided an update regarding the sewage meter; comment regarding the Escrow Account.

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

**Pete Larioni** absent

**Roberta Galati** researching an E-Waste event for the residents.

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**Craig Shander** provides expectations for the remainder of Kids Korner for the building; Joe Fetcho to provide materials and supplies with cost estimates by October 1, 2021. Requests Council consider utilizing the allocated funds for sidewalks on Hill Street if the grant application is denied.

**Joe Mellado** comment regarding conditions of the property at 7 Constitution Ave.

**Rella Scassellati** thank you to all that helped with the Fun Fest Community Event. Excess playground equipment purchased cost \$19,269.00.

All Borough departments must submit their 2022 budget items for consideration.

**Gregg Betti** requests budget items he submitted to be considered; decision for where, how the American Recovery Act Funds will be used.

**Jerry Crinella** the speed humps in the Winton neighborhood are temporary; speeding should be ticketed and let the magistrate dismiss at their level.

PA DOT is installing ADA ramps on Grassy Island Avenue.

John Mandarano, KBA is looking into the Ward Street stormwater improvement delays; Summarized the Stormwater meeting; discussed stormwater improvements for the Winton neighborhood, near Greenwave Alley and First Avenue, upper portion of Church Street down to the 'S' turn; discussed options for increased stormwater mitigation requirements of new land development – deferred to the Solicitor.

### **COMMUNIUCATIONS**

1. July and August LEC Hotline call logs
2. Anthony Wrightson submitted an email regarding speeding on Grassy Island Avenue
3. John Mellow submitted an email highlighting a proposed quarry in Archbald sighting some concerns.
4. Letter from Sandra Human regarding issues with the speed humps installed on Railroad Street.
5. Letter from Lenny Sershen opposing the speed humps on Railroad Street.
6. Letter from Holly Roman supporting the speed humps on Railroad Street.
7. Letter from Tom and Helen Caines in support of the speed humps on Railroad Street.
8. Letter from Jim and Gloria Lyons supporting the speed humps on Railroad Street.
9. Copy of Settler's View Notice of Noncompliance issued by DEP.
10. DEP letter rejecting the Borough's request for a performance audit of the KSL Expansion.
11. Invitation from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Association to participate in the 911 Night of Remembrance.

**MOTIONS**

- A.** Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to adopt a Non-Union Uniformed Employee Holiday and Sick Time Policy.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni
- B.** Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to hire James M. Marinovitch as a part time Jessup Police Officer at a rate of \$21.00 per hour pending the completion of a background check.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni
- C.** Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Joe Mellado to advertise for on-call snow plow Drivers.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni
- D.** Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Joe Mellado to advertise for bids for the sale of the Heritage Center property.  
Roll Call Vote: 3 in favor; 3 against – Rella Scassellati, Craig Shander, Jerry Crinella  
Mayor Buckshon votes in favor breaking tie vote.
- E.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Joe Mellado to hire Jason Krawczyk and Giuseppe Ianni as full time Jessup Police Officers at a rate of \$25.75 per hour pending successful completion of medical and psychological exam, to include drug and alcohol testing.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni
- F.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to request that the Civil Service Commission create an eligibility list for the hiring of full-time police officers.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni
- G.** Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to advertise Jessup Borough is accepting applications for part-time police officers.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni
- H.** Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Roberta Galati to hire F&T Landscaping for supplemental snow removal of Sunnyside Drive at a rate of \$100.00 per hour to be reimbursed by Lackawanna Energy Center.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni
- I.** Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Roberta Galati to purchase an electronic time clock from WePay at a cost of \$750.00 to be centrally located for use by all nonexempt Borough Employees.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni

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**J.** Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Joe Mellado to table acceptance of the lowest qualified bid for the demolition of the Heritage Center pending KBA Engineering review.  
Roll Call Vote: 4 in favor; 2 against – Craig Shander, Jerry Crinella; 1 absent – Pete Larioni

**K.** Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to accept the lowest qualified bid 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 pending KBA Engineering review.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni

**L.** Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Rella Scassellati to hire Jeff Cirba Paving & Concrete, LLC to replace the basketball court in Sara Bratty Park at a cost of \$18,900.00.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor; 1 absent – Pete Larioni

**M.** Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Pete Larioni to approve Dubas Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment contingent upon the applicant submitting revised plans showing the proper zoning data for that specific zoning district.  
Roll Call Vote: all present in favor

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Crinella requests to add a motion to advertise for the position of a full-time secretary.

Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Joe Mellado to add Motion N – to advertise for the position of a full-time secretary.

Roll Call Vote: 6 in favor; 1 against – Gregg Betti

**Public Comment on Motion N**

**Ben Cardoni** questions the thought process behind the motion. The part-time secretary is doing the job, she is interested in working full-time, she should just be moved into full-time status.

Motion by Craig Shander, second by Joe Mellado to advertise for the position of full-time secretary.

Roll Call Vote: 6 in favor; 1 against – Gregg Betti

**PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)**

1. Laurie Marino asks if her comments and questions presented at the Work Session have answers tonight. Presented further comments and questions to be answered.
2. Corrine Sebastianelli comments in regard to the Ward Street Stormwater project.

Motion to adjourn by Rella Scassellati, second by Joe Mellado at 9:28 P.M.

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Secretary/Treasurer  
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