

**JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL OCTOBER 4, 2021**

At a regular meeting of Jessup Borough Council held October 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM, 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**

**Jeff Smith** commented of Motion C, and E

**Laurie Marino** commented on Motion E

**APPROVALS**

A. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held September 14, 2021.

All present in favor

B. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Gregg Betti to approve the September Secretary Report.

All present in favor

C. Motion by Pete Larioni, second by Joe Mellado to approve the September Payroll in the amount of \$43,114.91.

All present in favor

D. Motion by Craig Shander, second by Gregg Betti to approve the monthly payments in the amount of \$161,256.86 from General Fund.

All present in favor

Tom Rainey, CPA provided summary of the Borough's 2019 Financial Audit.

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**BOROUGH DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS**

**Mayor Buckshon, Jr.** thank you for acknowledgements of mother's passing. Working to update the technology for the police department.

**Controller Wasilchak** summarized the financial reports, income and expenditures for the month of September.

**Tax Collector** informed Council the County may not print the tax bills, this will be added expense to the Borough's 2022 budget.

**Planning Commission** did not meet in September, received a small piece of business for October meeting.

**Zoning Officer** provided an update on the Padrosky property. Councilman Mellado requested update of complaint, 7 Hill Street. Anthony responds. Mayor Buckshon reports the conditions of the property next to the new convenient market. Anthony responds.

**Zoning Hearing Board** no business to report.

**Civil Service Commission** absent

**DPW** cleaning up of the Borough lot again, sand bags filled and distributed, purchase of enclosed trailer for roadwork safety, flood control inventory

**Police Chief** overview of police department activities for September.

**Engineer** salt shed near completion, some electrical work necessary, final inspection in coming weeks. Walsh Street flood project on schedule, Mylert Street sewer improvement finishing up, American Asphalt contracts to be signed for the paving to begin. Was informed that Ward Street project expected to start in two weeks.

Heritage Center demolition bids good for sixty days.

President Crinella requests if the second lowest bidding contractor is ready to begin Ward Street project, and status of the ole PP&L pole at Settlers View Development. Mr. Grizzanti responds.

**Solicitor Szewczyk** will look into request for Borough land by Mr. Wrightson.

**Borough Manager** introduce new business a motion allowing the County to submit an application for use of CDBG funds.

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Councilman Mellado requests vegetation lower High Street be trimmed back.

President Crinella requests engineer for determination of stone facing on the railroad overpass.

**Lackawanna Energy Center** Harry Weiss informs Council the conditions of Sunnyside Drive; comment regarding the Escrow Account.

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

**Pete Larioni** no report

**Roberta Galati** E-Waste event has been scheduled, will provide the information to be posted on the borough website and Facebook page.

**Craig Shander** reviews estimate for updates at Kids Korner submitted by Mr. Fetcho. Requests the Borough Manager post something everyday on the Facebook page.

**Joe Mellado** no report

**Rella Scassellati** no report

**Gregg Betti** expresses a qualified electrician hired for renovations at Kids Korner. Questions regarding motions C, G, and H, agree with motion E

**Jerry Crinella** summarized the Stormwater Committee.

**COMMUNIUCATIONS**

1. Emails from Amy Cocchetti regarding the stormwater damages
2. Mr. Wrightson request to purchase Borough owned land.
3. Letter and Application from EarthRes Group to DEP for approval of the operation of a rock crushing plant, and diesel fired engines to be operated at the ER Linde Construction Corporation at TDC Logistics located at route 247 and Alberigi Drive.

**MOTIONS**

A. Motion by Gregg Betti, second by Joe Mellado to table Ordinance 8-2021, adopting a pave cut ordinance for the Borough of Jessup.

All present in favor

B. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to table Resolution 7-2021, establishing a fee schedule for pave cuts.

All present in favor

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C. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Pete Larioni to send a letter of support to Fell Township in their action against Pioneer Aggregates, Inc. and Earth Revival, LLC.

All present in favor

D. Motion by Roberta Galati, second by Rella Scassellati to enter into a contract with Eastern Roofing Systems, Inc. for storage at a rate of \$650.00 per month.

All present in favor

E. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Craig Shander to vacate and abandon any and all non-conforming uses of the Heritage Center and have the same revert to R-2 zoning.

All present in favor

F. Motion Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to hire Donald Karpowich, Esquire as special counsel for land development matters at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

All present in favor

G. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Pete Larioni to defray actual expenses for the Jessup VFW Memorial Day and Veterans Day Events upon submission of verified expenditures.

All present in favor

H. Motion by Pete Larioni, Joe Mellado to defray actual expenses for the Jessup American Legion's Veterans Day Event upon submission of verified expenditures.

All present in favor

I. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Roberta Galati to permit Citizens for a Healthy Jessup to present a stormwater module on behalf of Jessup Borough.

All present in favor

K. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to extend Ryan Carroll's seasonal position with the Department of Public Works until October 31, 2021.

L. Motion by Rella Scassellati, second by Pete Larioni to advertise an amendment to Ordinance 3 – 1977, establishing a No Parking zone on a portion of the even side of the 900 Block of Church facing North, up to Center Street.

All present in favor

M. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to adopt Resolution 8 – 2021, authorizing the submission of a Local Share Account Monroe County Grant Application for a pump station replacement project in the amount of \$88, 043.00.

All present in favor

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Betti request status of Breaker Street. Solicitor Szewczyk provided response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Crinella requests to add Motion N to adopt a resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for federal fiscal year 2022 Community Development Block Grant program funds in the amount of \$100,620.00 on behalf of the Borough of Jessup.

Motion by Craig Shander, second by Joe Mellado to add Motion N to the agenda; resolution authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for federal fiscal year 2022 Community Development Block Grant program funds in the amount of \$100,620.00 on behalf of the Borough of Jessup.

All present in favor

**Public Comment on Motion N**

No comment received.

N. Motion by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti to adopt Resolution 9-2021 authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County to submit an application for federal fiscal year 2022 Community Development Block Grant program funds in the amount of \$100,620.00 on behalf of the Borough of Jessup.

All present in favor

Councilman Shander instructs Borough Manger to post something on the Borough's Facebook page everyday.

Councilwoman Scassellati rebuts comments made by Councilman Betti in September's Council Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)**

1. Laurie Marino comments regarding the written response requested at the September meetings.
2. Corrine Sebastianelli comments regarding the letter received in response to request to change the May meeting minutes; Ward Street Stormwater project; Handicapped space painted blue on the road; curbs on Grassy Island and Ward; Frondutti property.
3. Jeff Smith comments supporting the Stormwater Committee work; request increase in the LEC Host Agreement similar to inflation percentages, 2%. Comments regarding the Heritage Center; hope parking does not increase in front of his house due to motion L.

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4. Pauline Miller comments regarding the Property Maintenance complaint filed against the neighbor's burning.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Mellado, second by Gregg Betti at 8:41 P.M.

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Secretary/Treasurer  
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