

**JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2025, AT 7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessup Borough Building, 395 Lane Street, Jessup, PA 18434. The following business was transacted.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President, Roberta Galati

Roll Call: Present 6

Absent 1

Gregg Betti

Tom Fiorelli

Curt Camoni – absent

Roberta Galati

Jerry Crinella

Joe Mellado

Jeffrey Castellani

Lackawanna Energy Center – Ron Varnum filled in for Harry. There was nothing to report.

Public Comment – Angela Muchal commented on Motion J. She feels the public should be able to make additional comments other than at the beginning of the meeting.

Dennis Peters addressed Motion Q. He submitted an outline of services, broke out completed projects and outlined costs of engineering. He feels his services are priced in the lower range for engineering services and he asked that his firm be retained for 2025.

Jeff Smith noted the Borough has a diligent Borough Manager who worked through Christmas Eve, thanked everyone who worked on the budget and gave kudos for a job well done and discussed the fact that a lot of the engineering bills were for grant projects and not for everyday engineering services.

Consent Agenda – A motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on November 26, 2024. Motion made by Jerry Crinella second by Joe Mellado. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 4, 2024. Motion made by Gregg Betti second by Joe Mellado. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on December 18, 2024. Motion made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion to approve the secretary's report. Motion made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion to approve the December payroll in the amount of \$63,112.40. Motion made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)

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A motion to approve monthly payments from the general fund in the amount of \$89,247.73. Motion made by Gregg Betti second by Joe Mellado. Tom Fiorelli abstained. Aye carried. (5-1-0)

A motion to approve monthly payments from capital improvements account in the amount of \$67,156.30. Motion made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

Old Business – Community Vision Plan – No Action

Reports of officials and committees

Mayor Buckshon wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked past Chief of Police Robert Berta for his many years of service and welcomed Chief Derek Fozard. He thanked the police department and DPW for all they did.

Police Chief Derek Fozard gave an overview of calls received for the month.

Solicitor Maura Armezzani Tunis reported she spoke to Gary Pezak regarding the EMT Resolution and advertising.

New Business/Motions

- A. Motion to name People’s Security Bank and Trust Jessup Borough Depository for 2025. Motion made by Jeff Castellani second by Joe Mellado. Aye carried. (6-0)

- B. Motion to approve the purchase of handguns for the Police Department from Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$14,879.91. Vendor is a COSTARS participant. Motion made by Tom Fiorelli second by Joe Mellado. Aye carried. (6-0)

- C. Motion to accept the proposal from Hanover Engineering for a wetland’s delineation and environmental assessment not to exceed \$1,529.00. Motion made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)

- D. Motion to appoint Bob Wasilchak, Jr, to the Planning Commission. Term to expire 12/31/2029. Motion made by Joe Mellado second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)

- E. Motion to appoint Steve Esgro to the Planning Commission. Term to expire 12/31/2029. Motion made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)

- F. Motion to appoint Brittani Hamer Barcheski to the Planning Commission. Term to expire 12/31/2029. Motion made by Tom Fiorelli second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)

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- G.** Motion to appoint Rella Scassellati to the Zoning Hearing Board. Term to expire 12/31/2030. Motion made by Joe Mellado second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)
- H.** Motion to appoint Steve Pitoniak to the Civil Service Commission. Term to expire 12/31/2031. Motion made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)
- I.** Motion to adopt updated Police Department Policies. Motion made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)
- J.** Motion to add public comment to the end of the agenda. No action. See amended motion S
- K.** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-1 ratifying the agreement between Chief Derek Fozard and Jessup Borough. A motion was made by Joe Mellado second by Jeff Castellai. Aye carried. (6-0)
- L.** Motion to appoint Michael Arthur temporary Police Sergeant for a period of six (6) months. If after six (6) months no other full-time officer is interested in the position the current officer will remain in the position until such time as another full-time officer expresses interest, or the Sergeant position is filled after posting/test is given. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Joe Mellado. Aye carried. (6-0)
- M.** Motion to bid 1,400 tons of road salt through PA COSTARS for the 2025/2026 winter season. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (6-0)
- N.** Motion the adopt Resolution 2025-2 authorizing payment of Emergency Medical Technicians bills upon receipt. A motion was made by Joe Mellado second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)
- O.** Motion to contract with Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs for a CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (6-0)

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- P.** Motion to send a letter to PennDOT requesting deer crossing signs near Constitution Ave. and Lane St. and a speed study on Constitution Ave. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Joe Mellado. Aye carried. (6-0)
- Q.** Motion to advertise a request for proposal for borough engineering services for a full-service engineering company. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. 3 Aye and 3 Nay. Vote ends in a tie. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- R.** Motion to advertise for on-call snowplow drivers. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)
- S.** Motion to amend agenda to move public comment after communications. Jeff Smith stated he is not in favor of moving it and would like to see 2 opportunities for public comment. One at the beginning of the agenda and the second at the end.
A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani to move public comment after reports and communication. Aye carried. (6-0)
- T. Adjourn** – A motion was made by Joe Mellado second by Jerry Crinella to adjourn the meeting. Aye carried. (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary