

**JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2025, AT 7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, March 5, 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.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the past Chief of Police, Patrick Kane.

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

Council held an executive session March 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. regarding personnel.

Roll Call: Present 6

Absent 1

Gregg Betti

Tom Fiorelli

Curt Camoni

Roberta Galati

Jerry Crinella

Joe Mellado – absent

Jeffrey Castellani

Swearing in of Police Officers – Mayor Buckshon swore in Chief Derek Fozard and Officers Michael Arthur, Zachary Wargula, Maria Savinelli, Thomas Sheehan, Duane Saunders, Jason Krawczyk, Guiseppi Ianni, and Edward Boettcher.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 5, 2025. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Roberta Galati. Aye carried. (6-0)

Motion to approve the Secretary’s Report. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)

Motion to approve the February payroll in the amount of \$59,696.15. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

Motion to approve monthly payments in the amount of \$92,955.77. Motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

Old Business

Community Vision Plan – No action

Reports

Mayor Buckshon commended the police department, DPW and both fire departments for their participation in the recent funerals of past Chief of Police Patrick Kane and Firefighter James Walsh. He thanked Jessup Hose Company #2 for the beautiful plaque they gave the Borough.

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Controller Ben Cardoni gave an overview of the Borough financials for the month.

Zoning Officer Anthony Mengoni reported the 4th Ave hearing was continued until March 6, 2025. Reminder for residents to fill out complaint forms and forward them to Anthony.

Chief of Police Derek Fozard gave a comparison of incidents from February to March. There were 14 more calls compared to last month. Chief reported he attended a Jessup 21st Century meeting and he is planning a National Night Out in August in conjunction with Movie Night.

DPW Foreman Joseph Cirba submitted his report.

Engineer, Peters Consultants gave updates regarding the Church St manhole project, St. Ubaldo project will be going out to bid, and the Mary Jo Drive project is wrapping up.

Solicitor Maura Armezzani Tunis gave an update on the property located at 369 Lane Street. The hearing was continued to April 17th. There is no update regarding Jessup Crossings at this time.

Borough Manager Coleen Watt thanked Gary Pezak and Steve Hosie from PennDOT, DPW, Tom Wascura, TJ O'Neil and Bobby Berta, Jr., for their help in figuring out stormwater piping on Hill Street.

Borough Council held a moment of silence for James Walsh, President of Hose Company #1.

Public Comment – Gregg Betti asked residents to please consider donating to the Fire and Ambulance. The bank feasibility study is winding down and a presentation will be made to Council at the April 2nd meeting. He attended the county reassessment meeting and this month everyone will be receiving their tentative reassessment. Values are as of July 2024.

Tom Fiorelli attended the Lackawanna County Borough Association meeting along with Tom Wascura and it was highly informative. Grass restoration should begin at JYSA soon. Discussed the sewer backup policy to help residents. There are a number of grant reimbursements the Borough is waiting for. There are going to be updates to the employee handbook. There is an Easter Egg Hunt April 6, 2025.

Curt Camoni announced he and Madam President attended a presentation at Hose Company #2 last month and they recently had a productive meeting with Hose Company #1. They are putting together the information that was requested by Coleen. Funding for Fire Companies is an issue throughout the country. He thanked both Hose Companies for their time. Curt echoed what the Mayor said and thanked all of our first responders and DPW for turning out for the community and honoring the men that passed. He reiterated Mr. Cardoni's thanks to the Borough Manager and DPW for taking care of the issue that was called in.

Roberta Galati announced she has the new applications for the Hometown Hero Banners. There is a price increase. They are \$190.00.

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Mayor Buckshon announced another member of Hose Company #1, Willard Snook passed away today.

Jeff Smith commented that he didn't see the policy discussed in motion D in the packet and it's important. He thinks it's a bad idea to post videos and there is no other place that does. He likes how things are done.

- A. Motion to use Community Development Block Grant money to install a handicap bathroom at Kids Korner. Motion made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)
- B. Motion to approve expenditure for vehicle damage caused during an ice storm in the amount of \$2,543.33. Aye carried. (6-0)
- C. Motion authorizing Civil Service testing for up to three (3) additional officers. Motion made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (6-0)
- D. Motion to amend Jessup Borough Public Meeting Policy to include posting of minutes and audio recording only. Version 1 includes minutes only. Version 2 includes minutes, audio and video and version 3 includes minutes and audio. Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jerry Crinella to amend motion D. to adopt version #3 of the Jessup Borough Public Meeting Policy to include the posting of minutes and audio of meetings. Curt Camoni voted no. Aye carried. (5-1) The floor was opened for public comment on amended motion D. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani to adopt motion D. as amended. Aye carried. (6-0)
- E. Motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2025 amending Ordinance 6 of 2022 along with amendments thereto regarding pave cuts in the Borough of Jessup. A motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Gregg Betti to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2025. Aye carried. (6-0)
- F. Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-6 establishing a fee schedule for pave cuts and related fees regarding pave cuts. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jess Castellani to adopt Resolution 2025-6. Aye carried. (6-0)
- G. Motion to advertise for a lead counselor for the 2025 summer camp. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to advertise for lead counselor. Aye carried. (6-0)
- H. Motion to advertise for camp counselors for the 2025 summer camp. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)
- I. Motion to update employee handbook. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli to update the employee handbook. Aye carried. (6-0)
- J. Motion to advertise DPW summer help beginning in April and ending in September. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)
- K. Motion to advertise an ordinance implementing a sewer hookup fee. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli to advertise. Aye carried. (6-0)

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- L. Motion to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding electric vehicle charging station. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Aye carried. (6-0)
- M. Motion to advertise to amend the refuse ordinance. Motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)
- N. Motion to send interested Borough employees to PSAB Annual Conference June 1-4, 2025 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Borough to pay registration, hotel, meals and mileage. Registration for all 4 days is \$250.00. Hotel rates are \$239.00 per night. Aye carried. (6-0)
- O. Motion to enter into an independent contractor agreement with Sarah McDougall for EMT services at an hourly rate of \$17.00 per hour. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)
- P. Motion to enter into an independent contractor agreement with Nicole McDonald for EMT services at an hourly rate of \$17.00. Motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)

ADJOURN – Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Filipski
Administrative Assistant