

**JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2025, AT 7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 2, 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
Council held an executive session April 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. regarding personnel.

President Galati announced Motion J. will be removed from the agenda.

Roll Call: Present 6	Absent 1
Gregg Betti	Tom Fiorelli
Curt Camoni	Roberta Galati
Jerry Crinella	Joe Mellado – absent
Jeffrey Castellani	

Consent Agenda

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 5, 2025. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)

Approve the Secretary's Report. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (6-0)

Approve the March payroll in the amount of \$62,932.28. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

Approve monthly payments in the amount of \$51,339.32 from the General Fund. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

Old Business

Community Vision Plan – No action

Reports

Mayor Buckshon announced the Jessup 21st Century will be hosting a Wine Tasting and July 5th Celebration. Chief Fozard is spearheading Jessup's first National Night Out in conjunction with Movies Under the Stars.

Jeff Smith reported there is a hearing on April 7, 2025 with Judge Mazzone regarding Kearney Steel.

Zoning Officer Anthony Mengoni reported progress has been made on the 4th Ave. violation. The foundation has been removed from the property.

Police Department: Chief Derek Fozard – Calls continue to increase and there have been 57 more calls than last month. He gave a brief synopsis of a recent call involving gun shots in the Borough. Chief Fozard announced he applied for a grant for a crime scene camera and the department was awarded the grant. Not only will the Borough receive the camera but officers from the department will be trained to use it.

DPW Foreman: Joseph Cirba – Joe reported DPW completed mulching in the parks and at the Borough Bldg., poured sidewalks at JYSA and have started restoration on Constitution Ave. after the sewer line replacement.

Engineer: Peters Consultants, Inc. – Megan Barone of Peters Consultants reported the Ferdinand project is waiting for an outfall permit, there is an upcoming meeting with PennDOT regarding the Church Street manhole project, and the estimate for the Kids Korner bathroom project has been sent to Lackawanna County for review.

Solicitor: Maura Armezzani Tunis reported 369 Lane Street sold at the recent judicial sale. She reached out to the new owner but has not made contact. She will reach out to Lackawanna County for an address. There is a hearing scheduled for April 17th and if need be the complaint will be amended to include the new owner to move forward with demolition. She reached out to Kyle Mullins office regarding the proposed detour for the Church Street manhole replacement project. Maura gave an overview of the Land Bank. She spoke to Attorney Don Fredrickson from Lackawanna County regarding the implementation of a fire tax because of the hold on taxes for 2026 due to reassessment. Attorney Fredrickson's recommendation is to wait until 2027 because the Borough won't be able to have any increases in revenue for 2026.

Borough Manager: Coleen Watt announced the Borough recouped \$125,000.00 in uncashed checks from the Department of the Treasury. St. Ubaldo Society submitted a letter asking DPW tie up the wires for the upcoming race. Asked Council to consider renewing the adopt a highway contract at the park and ride as well as the east and west bound ramps. Spoke to Archbald Borough regarding recycling and plans to have a formal meeting in the near future. Spoke to JP Mascaro and asked about the cost difference in removing recycling from our contract.

Public Comment: Jeff Smith spoke to motion L. regarding the rental registration fees. He noted he registered today.

Brittani Barcheski thanked everyone for their efforts in seeing the foundation removed on 4th Ave. She also thanked Chief Fozard for his presence every morning on 4th Ave. She feels it has made a difference as the traffic has slowed down. Brittani also suggested the Borough consider sitting down with other communities to discuss the Land Bank with them.

New Business

- A. Alloy5 gave a presentation on the feasibility study they have been working on for the Borough. They evaluated both the property on Lane Street and the property on Church Street. They presented three (3) options. The first being demolition of the addition to the bank building, renovations of the remaining bank building structure and adding a two-story addition plus a small one-story addition to get to 11,000 sq. ft.. The second option

would be to demolish the existing bank building and erect a new two-story building on the site to get to 11,000 sq. ft. The third option would be to demolish the existing bank building and erect a new two-story building on the site to get to 14,000 sq. ft.

- B.** Motion to award bid for the St. Ubaldo Society Project – Curt Camoni spoke on behalf of the St. Ubaldo Society. They would like to include items 1,2,5,6,7 & 8 from the bid. They would like to exclude items 3,4 and 9. A motion was made by Jeff Castellani second by Gregg Betti to award items 1,2,5,6,7 and 8 of the contract, and to exclude items 3,4 and 9. Aye carried. (6-0)
- C.** Motion to purchase two (2) trash pumps for Hose Company #1 to pump out basements. The cost is \$2,120.00 per pump. Motion failed.
- D.** Motion to install catch basins and pipes on the property of Hose Company #2 to help with flooding issues. The projected cost for materials is \$3,700.00. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to approve the project. Aye carried. (6-0)
- E.** Motion to purchase a Knox Box for Hose Company #2's command car in the amount of \$2,433.00. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella to purchase the Knox Box. Aye carried. (6-0)
- F.** Motion to approve additional projects for Community Development Block Grant funding. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni to approve ADA compliant entrance to Sarah Bratty Park and to upgrade the equipment to become ADA compliant. Aye carried. (6-0)
- G.** Motion to renew Adopt-A-Highway contract with PennDOT for the park and ride as well as the east and west bound ramps on Rte. 6. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni to renew the contract. Aye carried. (6-0) Curt Camoni thanked the Sierra Club for volunteering for this cause.
- H.** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-7 to join the Lackawanna County Land Bank. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani to adopt Resolution 2025-7. Aye carried. (6-0)
- I.** Motion to approve a baby food drive to benefit the Bread Basket of NEPA's Jessup branch for the month of May. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti to approve the baby food drive. Aye carried. (6-0)
- J.** Removed from the agenda. Motion to hire a seasonal DPW employee.
- K.** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-8 updating the rental registration fee schedule. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to adopt Resolution 2025-8 to include a \$30 registration fee per unit plus a \$50 inspection fee per unit every three years. Aye carried. (6-0)
- L.** Motion to enter into a contract with NEIC for rental inspections as per the Rental Registration Ordinance. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani to enter into a contract with NEIC for the rental inspections. Aye carried. (6-0)
- M.** Motion to approve funding for the July 5th Fireworks display for Jessup 21st Century. Cost \$6,600.00. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni to approve funding for fireworks. Aye carried. (6-0)
- N.** Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding for the police department. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to table. Aye carried. (6-0)
- O.** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-9 authorizing the disposition of specified records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, as

amended. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella to adopt Resolution 2025-9. Aye carried. (6-0)

- P.** Motion to amend the employee handbook to include mandatory annual training for the abuse prevention policy and mandatory criminal background checks every five (5) years. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti to amend the employee handbook. Aye carried. (6-0)

- Q.** Motion to purchase tools for DPW to perform vehicle maintenance at a cost of \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Gregg Betti to approve the purchase of tools. Aye carried. (6-0)

Adjourn: A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary