

**JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, May 7, 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 on May 7, 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 - absent

Curt Camoni

Roberta Galati

Jerry Crinella

Joe Mellado

Jeffrey Castellani

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Joe Mellado to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on March 27, 2025. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 2, 2025. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion was made by Joe Mellado second by Gregg Betti to approve the minute of the Special Meeting on April 10, 2025. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani to approve the Secretary Report. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella to approve the April Payroll in the amount of \$ 65,413.84. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion was made by Joe Mellado second by Gregg Betti to approve monthly payments from the general fund in the amount of \$98,140.48. Aye carried. (6-0)

Old Business: Community Vision Plan

Reports: Mayor Buckshon reported Jessup 21st Century will be holding a wine tasting event on May 18, 2025, at Station Park. This is the kickoff to the St. Ubaldo celebration. July 5th there will be fireworks display and on August 9th the Borough will hold their first National Night Out event in conjunction with Movies Under the Stars.

Zoning Hearing Board – Jeff Smith gave an update on Kearney Steel

Controller – Ben Cardoni read the Borough financial report for the month.

Tax Collector – Genevieve Lupini noted she gave the Borough a \$525,000.00 advance and she has another \$150,000.00 to deposit. She requested a new computer from the Borough because hers is out of date and in desperate need of replacement. It is from 2013.

Zoning Officer – Anthony Mengoni reported he sent violation notices out to repeat offenders.

Solicitor – Maura Armezzani Tunis gave an update regarding 609 4th Ave. The project is almost complete. The contractor needs to place topsoil. The hearing has been continued until June 12, 2025. She has been trying to make contact with the new owner of 369 Lane Street. The property will be posted again. There has been no news from the School District regarding the Land Bank. Maura hasn't received any additional information from the DEP regarding the MS-4. Emily from Peters has provided the additional information requested.

Borough Manager – Coleen Watt announced there is a baby food drive underway until the end of May. This will benefit the Jessup location of the NEPA Breadbasket. Stafursky Paving graciously donated barriers for the upcoming Race of the Saints and James T. O'Hara donated light plants.

Public Comment: Gregg Betti announced Hometown Hero Banners will be given back to families May 17th 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and May 19th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Summer Camp will begin June 23rd and will run through July 31st. Sign ups will be announced on our website and Facebook page.

Jerry Crinella asked for an update on the Church Street project.

Curt Camoni announced Bedrock Technology (50 Alberigi Drive) will be holding an electronics recycling event on June 29th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. \$25.00 per car, \$50 per car with trailer and \$100.00 per business.

Genevieve Lupini asked if the Borough has a contract with Comcast and if there is any chance, they could invite other cable companies. She investigated another company in the area called Spectrum. The cable is \$40 per month and \$70 per month with internet. She asked if more sidewalk areas could be added to Station Park. She asked for clarification regarding vendor permits. She asked those in attendance to spread the word regarding the Property Tax and Rent Rebate program.

Mark Cordelli of Lackawanna County announced the upcoming events happening throughout the County.

James Margotta gave an overview of the feasibility process for the Borough moving forward.

Jeff Smith thanked Coleen, Cirba and Tom Fiorelli for their help with the cleanup at the park and ride. Ubaldo cleanup will be held on the Sunday after at 7:30 a.m. He suggested a one-time fee for registering as well as a timeframe for a new owner to register or there would be a consequence.

New Business/Motions:

- A. Motion to extend the feasibility study to look at 395 Lane Street to determine if the property could meet the needs of the Borough. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella to amend motion A to read a motion to extend the feasibility study to look at properties within the Borough to determine which property would best

meet the needs of the Borough. Aye carried. (6-0) A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to extend the feasibility study to look at properties within the Borough to determine which property will best meet the needs of the Borough. Aye carried. (6-0)

- B.** Motion to send letters to Representative Rob Bresnahan, Senator John Fetterman and Senator Dave McCormick supporting Coalition Against Bigger Trucks to not allow longer double trailers and heavier single trailer trucks. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni to send letters supporting CABT. Aye carried. (6-0)
- C.** Motion to sell surplus borough property via an online auction. Items to be auctioned are as follows: 2014 Ford Taurus, scooter, and miscellaneous vehicle tires. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Joe Mellado to approve the sale of surplus property. Aye carried. (6-0)
- D.** Motion to authorize Hose Company #2's request to use Jessup Police, various borough equipment and DPW at their upcoming Carnival and related events. A motion was made by Jeff Castellani second by Curt Camoni to authorize Hose Company #2's request. Aye carried. (6-0)
- E.** Motion to send the Borough Manager to the Lackawanna County Association of Borough's meeting May 15, 2025, at the Regal Room. Cost \$20.00 A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to approve sending the Borough Manager to the LCAB meeting. Aye carried. (6-0)
- F.** Motion to accept Corey Mahon's resignation from the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Joe Mellado to accept Corey Mahon's resignation. Aye carried. (6-0) Curt Camoni thanked Corey for his service to the Borough.
- G.** Motion to accept Robert Mycko's resignation from the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani to accept Robert Mycko's resignation. Aye carried. (6-0) Curt Camoni thanked Mr. Mycko for his service to the Borough.
- H.** Motion to advertise for two (2) Planning Commission members. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella to advertise for planning commission members. Aye carried. (6-0)
- I.** Motion to hire Audrey Yuhas as an independently contracted Emergency Medical Technician at a rate of \$17.00 per hour and subject to signing the Independent Contractor Agreement. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Joe Mellado to hire Audrey Yuhas. Aye carried. (6-0)
- J.** Motion to hire Theresa Pezak as an independently contracted Emergency Medical Technician at a rate of \$17.00 per hour and subject to signing the Independent Contractor Agreement. A motion was made by Jeff Castellani second by Joe Mellado to hire Theresa Pezak. Aye carried. (6-0)
- K.** Motion to hire Samantha Howey Summer Camp Counselor at the rate of \$28.00 per hr. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti to hire Samantha Howey. Aye carried. (6-0)
- L.** Motion to hire Kristen Hughes Summer Camp Counselor at the rate of \$14.00 per hr. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to hire Kristen Hughes. Aye carried. (6-0)

- M.** Motion to hire Mia Tomassoni Junior Summer Camp Counselor at the rate of \$14.00 per hr. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni to hire Mia Tomassoni. Aye carried. (6-0)
- N.** Motion to hire Natalie Sweeney Junior Summer Camp Counselor at the rate of \$14.00 per hr. A motion was made by Jeff Castellani second by Gregg Betti to hire Natalie Sweeney. Aye carried. (6-0)
- O.** Motion to hire Emma McNally Junior Summer Camp Counselor at the rate of \$14.00 per hr. contingent on passing all background checks. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti to hire Emma McNally. Aye carried. (6-0)
- P.** Motion to hire Madison Romero Junior Summer Camp Counselor at the rate of \$14.00 per hr. contingent on passing all background checks. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani to hire Madison Romero. Aye carried. (6-0)
- Q.** Motion to hire Kamryn Gale Junior Summer Camp Counselor at the rate of \$14.00 per hr. contingent on passing all background checks. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to hire Kamryn Gale. Aye carried. (6-0)
- R.** Motion to purchase safety barriers for DPW to use during St. Ubaldo. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella to strike this motion from the agenda. Aye carried. (6-0)
- S.** Resolution 2025-10 - Authorizing the Council President or Borough Manager to sign all documents from PennDOT related to the Hill Street Sidewalk Project. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti to adopt Resolution 2025-10. Aye carried. (6-0)
- T.** Motion to Advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Data Centers. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Aye carried. (6-0)
- U.** Motion to advertise a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. A motion to advertise a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was made by Jerry Crinella second by Joe Mellado. Aye carried. (6-0)
- V.** Resolution 2025-11 – Setting rental registration fees for all rental properties in the Borough. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani to adopt Resolution 2025-11. Vote ended in a tie. Gregg Betti – No, Curt Camoni – No, Jeff Castellani – No, Jerry Crinella – Yes, Joe Mellado – Yes, Roberta Galati – Yes. Mayor Joseph Buckshon voted no. Nae carried. Motion did not pass (3-4)
- W.** Motion to advertise an amendment to the Rental Registration Ordinance. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to advertise an amendment to the Rental Registration Ordinance. Aye carried. (6-0)

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Joe Mellado second by Curt Camoni to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary