

**JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, June 4, 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

Gregg Betti	Tom Fiorelli
Curt Camoni	Roberta Galati
Jerry Crinella	Joe Mellado - Absent
Jeffrey Castellani	

## Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 7, 2025. Aye carried. (6-0)

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

A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani to approve the May Payroll in the amount of \$ 66,685.15. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella to approve monthly payments from the general fund in the amount of \$125,772.66. Aye carried. (6-0)

A motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Gregg Betti to approve payments from the capital improvements account in the amount of \$19,025.00. Aye carried. (6-0)

## **Old Business: Community Vision Plan**

**Reports:** Mayor Buckshon reported May was a great month in Jessup. It started with the Wine Tasting at Station Park that included wine vendors and local restaurants and ended with St. Ubaldo. He thanked the Police Department and DPW for all of their hard work. On June 14<sup>th</sup> there will be community yard sales. The July 5<sup>th</sup> Celebration is right around the corner as is our first National Night Out on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson:** Jeff Smith reported the noise at Kearney Steel was horrible. He reached out to the attorney again.

**Controller:** Benjamin Cardoni gave an overview of the Borough's finances for the month.

**Tax Collector:** Genevieve Lupini reported she collected \$10,242.11 for the month of May.

**Zoning Officer:** Anthony Mengoni reported that he is still waiting on the Magistrate for dates regarding 3 properties he filed complaints against.

**Police Chief:** Chief Derek Fozard discuss his after action report he held with the Hose Company and the St. Ubaldo Society after the festivities. Calls for the month were 547. That was up 66 calls from the previous month. He reported he is in the process of addressing abandoned vehicles throughout the Borough. There are 18 on the list. Kost Tire donated LED stop signs for the Borough Crossing Guards. National Night Out T-Shirt sale is going on. They can be ordered online.

**DWP:** Tyler Havrilak gave a report on the work DPW has done throughout the Borough this past month.

**Solicitor:** Maura Armezzani Tunis reported she heard from the Planning Commission and they will be holding a special meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. She was in contact with H.R.G. but she still has not received a quote from them for services related to the zoning amendment. June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. there will be a public hearing regarding the zoning amendment. Lackawanna County Planning Commission will meet June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Borough Manager:** Coleen Watt reported the food drive wrapped up and she thanked all who participated. The Dodge dump truck is in need of a transmission. The cost is \$12,000.00. She will call for additional prices. Lawler Drive paving is complete. Lawn restoration will take place as soon as the weather cooperates. 924 Constitution Ave restoration is completed. The Church Street manhole project is to begin June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Roberta Galati thanked the police, DPW, Jen and Coleen for all they did leading up to the week long festivities related to St. Ubaldo and the parade.

Tom Fiorelli thanked everyone for all they did for St. Ubaldo festivities.

**Public Comment:** Bill Muchal thanked Council, the police department and DPW for all they did for Hose Company #2 during the carnival.

Ben Cardoni is concerned about parking at the bank. He is curious as to the liability on the Borough and suggested park at your own risk signs be installed.

Angela Muchal noted Citizens for a Healthy Jessup held a cleanup after the carnival and they will hold another one at Memorial Field after the July 5<sup>th</sup> celebration. There is a large pile of dirt on the corner of Ellen and Palmer. PPL had a contractor do work in the spring and they never came back.

Melissa Maus is concerned with the condition of her driveway after the project that was done on Lawler Drive.

Genevieve Lupini stated the site of the future data center will be in her backyard and she hopes Council does their due diligence, so this does not drain our power. She asked if it is possible for the Borough to partner with Jessup 21<sup>st</sup> Century for a grant.

Sabrina Shander said the road project on Jessup Ave. is a disaster. There are dips, ruts and rocks in the roadway where the construction took place. She voiced her concerns regarding noise coming from the recent Hose Company #2 Carnival. Moving forward she asked that Council consider amending the noise ordinance and she feels the bands should shut down an hour earlier than this year. She 100% supports the Hose Company. She also has concerns about people parking on Saxon and Vass the night of the parade. It causes gridlock in that area. She suggests closing the road until after the parade.

Jeff Smith asked why the grant writer for the Hose Company doesn't include their fee in the grant. He noted Citizens for a Healthy Jessup are very successful at writing grants and urged the Hose Company to reach out. He said he remembers the Olga Street stormwater project coming before the stormwater committee. He has a lot of concerns about data centers and suggests the Borough reach out to communities in Virginia.

- A. Motion to distribute the 2025 Fire Company Disbursements to Hose Company #1 and Hose Company #2. Each Company is to receive \$40,000.00. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)
- B. Motion to authorize a press release in conjunction with Senator Brown and Representative Mullins regarding the \$125,000.00 Jessup Borough received from the State Treasury from an uncashed check. A motion was made by Curt Camoni. Motion died for lack of a second.
- C. Motion to retain \_\_\_\_ for planning services to revise the Jessup Borough Zoning Ordinance. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni to table. Aye carried. (6-0)
- D. Motion to advertise for bids to pave Jessup Avenue from 109 to the intersection of Hudson Street. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)
- E. Motion to approve licensing for Movies Under the Stars in the amount of \$1,350.00. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (6-0)
- F. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2025 amending the Jessup Borough Rental Registration Ordinance. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried, (6-0)
- G. Motion to allocate \$3,000.00 for a grant writer for Hose Company #2 to help them secure grant funding for a new truck. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried (6-0)
- H. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2025 authorizing an application for a Flood Mitigation Program Grant in the amount of \$453,466.50 to be used for Flood Mitigation on Hill Street/Constitution Avenue. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella to table. Aye carried. (6-0)
- I. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 12 of 2025 authorizing an application for a Flood Mitigation Program Grant in the amount of \$208,607.85 to be used for Flood Mitigation on Lawler and Mary Jo Drives. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella to table. Aye carried. (6-0)

- J.** Motion to reinvest up to \$137,016.62 in a treasury security that matures on or about March 31, 2026 to continue the ladder investment at People's Security Bank and Trust Company. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (6-0)
- K.** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 13 of 2025 creating alternate members of the Jessup Borough Planning Commission and appointing Corey Mahon as an alternate member. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti to amend the motion to read Resolution No. 11 of 2025. Aye carried. (6-0) Motion to adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2025 creating alternate members of the Jessup Borough Planning Commission and appointing Corey Mahon as an alternate member. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)
- L.** Motion to appoint Steve Pitoniak to the Jessup Borough Planning Commission. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)
- M.** Motion to appoint Bill Urzen to the Jessup Borough Planning Commission. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)
- N.** Motion to hire Timothy Long as an independent contracted Emergency Medical Technical at a rate of \$17.00 per hour and subject to signing the Independent Contractors Agreement. Motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary