

**JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2025, at 7:00 PM**

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, August 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
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 July 2, 2025. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

Approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on July 31, 2025. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)

Approve the Secretary Report. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)

Approve the July Payroll in the amount of \$58,772.41. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (6-0)

Approve the monthly payments from the capital improvements fund \$728.92. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

Approve monthly payments from the general fund in the amount of \$87,566.56. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)

REPORTS: Mayor Buckshon thanked Coleen and Jennifer for the proclamation for the Valley View Girls Softball Team, discussed the upcoming inaugural National Night Out on August 9th and the Block Party scheduled for September 20, 2025.

Planning Commission Chair Brittani Barscheski noted the Planning Commission submitted a letter regarding the zoning amendment. They suggested a minor revision concerning windmills.

Controller, Ben Cardoni read the financial report.

Tax Collector, Genevieve Lupini gave her monthly report.

Zoning Officer, Anthony Mengoni reported he is still waiting for hearings to be scheduled by the Magistrate. All the documents have been filed.

Police Department: Chief Derek Fozard gave an update on the abandoned vehicles. 4 have been towed to date and 3 came into compliance. There was an increase of 238 calls for the month.

Engineer, Peters Consultants – Megan Barone reported the work at the St. Ubaldo Society is ongoing. Plans are ready for Sarah Bratty Park and Kids Corner. Jessup Avenue bids will be opened at the August work session. There are upcoming meetings regarding JYSA and the Hill Street project.

Solicitor Maura Armezzani Tunis spoke with the school district, and the Land Bank is on the agenda for their upcoming meeting. The deed for 369 Lane Street has been transferred.

Borough Manager, Coleen Watt was contacted by Blakely Borough asking if Council would be interested in partnering with Blakely, Archbald and Dickson City to hold electronics recycling. Better Health Pharmacy contacted the Borough and would like to hold two vaccine clinics this year. One in September and one in August. Restoration is almost complete on Lawler Drive, and the Olga Street project is underway.

Gregg Betti is spearheading a committee to plan celebrations for the Borough's 150th Birthday. There will be a meeting August 25th at the American Legion. Summer Camp wrapped up for the season. Attendance averaged 45 kids per day.

Curt Camoni congratulated all involved with Summer Camp. Jessup 21st Century would like to close 4th Ave. from Church to Sturges, Third Ave between Jessup Corner Kitchen and Three Saints Barber Shop and no parking on Church Street from the Caverna to Station Park on September 20th for the lonza contest and block party. DCED has money available for America250 celebrations.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Walsh of HKQ law firm on behalf of Breaker Street Associates, LLC discussed the proposed zoning amendment and map overlay.

Aaron Repucci discussed the zoning amendment and map overlay.

Gabe Clark discussed the zoning amendment and map overlay.

Andrew Miller discussed the zoning amendment and map overlay.

Mabel Black asked if the fire hydrant on Erie Street is used because the people who live there park in front of it daily. She asked if J&F Collision can be stopped from parking cars close to the road. It makes it difficult for pedestrians to walk past and it's difficult to see when pulling out onto Church Street. She is also concerned with ATV's driving up and down the street.

Barbara Byzdick thanked DPW for clearing the vegetation by her home. She said this was a first and Joe Pollock did an outstanding job.

Mark Cordelli shared happenings throughout Lackawanna County.

Dave Muchal asked if there are any regulations in place for golf carts.

Genevieve Lupini noticed the old car sitting behind the salt shed and wondered if the Borough would consider donating it. She asked about the Arts and Culture grant and noted the Wine Train has been to town in the past.

PRESENTATION: James Margotta gave a presentation on the feasibility study for the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS/MOTIONS:

- A.** Motion to apply for the Local Share Assistance Grant (LSA) to secure funding for the Community Vision Plan. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)
- B.** Motion to apply for the TASA Grant to extend the Hill Street Sidewalk Project and authorize the engineer to provide cost estimates. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Jeff Castellani. Gregg Betti voted no. Aye carried. (5-1)
- C.** Motion to form a committee to review requests for proposals (RFP's) for engineering. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (6-0)
- D.** Motion to accept the resignation of crossing guard Jean Vagnarelli effective July 31, 2025. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella. Tom Fiorelli thanked her for her years of service to the Borough. The rest of Council echoed his sentiment. Aye carried. (6-0)
- E.** Motion to advertise for crossing guards. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Tom Fiorelli to advertise for crossing guards. Aye carried. (6-0)
- F.** Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference at Penn State October 3-5, 2025. Borough to pay hotel, meals, and mileage. Registration for the conference is already paid. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)
- G.** Motion to advertise for an alternate to the Civil Service Commission. A motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Gregg Betti to advertise. Aye carried. (6-0)
- H.** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15 of 2025 approving a master equipment lease purchase agreement between the Borough of Jessup and Community First National Bank. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (6-0)
- I.** Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2025 Governing Motorized Carts/Golf Carts within the Borough of Jessup. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (6-0)
- J.** Motion to pay for damage to the James Davis vehicle caused by a Borough lawnmower. Cost of repair \$857.90. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Jerry Crinella to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary