

JESSUP BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 3, 2025, at 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, September 3, 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 Vice-President, Gerald Crinella

Roll Call: Present 4

Gregg Betti

Curt Camoni

Jerry Crinella

Jeffrey Castellani – absent

Absent 3

Tom Fiorelli

Roberta Galati - absent

Joe Mellado - absent

Council heard presentations from engineering firms

Consent Agenda:

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 6, 2025, and August 19, 2025, Special Meeting

Approve the Secretary Report.

Approve the August Payroll in the amount of \$83,807.98

Approve the monthly payments from the capital improvements fund: \$593.25

Approve monthly payments from the general fund in the amount of \$72,674.94

A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli to approve the consent agenda. Aye carried. (4-0)

Reports: Mayor Buckshon reported on the Inaugural First National Night Out, he thanked Coleen, Jennifer, Jessup 21st Century and the Ambulance and Hose Companies. Jessup 21st Century will be hosting a Block Party on September 20th. There will also be a Lonza Tasting Contest, a gun raffle and our last Movies Under the Stars.

Zoning Hearing Board Chairman: Jeff Smith announced there has been some movement regarding Kearney Steel. Attorney Hanyon has been in conversation with their attorney.

Controller Benjamin Cardoni read the August financial report.

Tax Collector Genevieve Lupini reported she collected \$2,171.17 for the month of August. There is \$63,102.01 outstanding for the year.

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Zoning Officer Anthony Mengoni reported that he still had not heard back from the Magistrate regarding hearing dates.

Police Chief Derek Fozard reported the department hosted a training session at the 911 Center last week and there were 29 attendees. The abandoned vehicle clean up is complete. The department started with 23 vehicles and there are 2 remaining. In reviewing calls from last year at this time there has been an increase of 1,626.

Engineer: Peters Consultants, Inc. Megan Barone gave an overview of the existing projects going on through the Borough. Hill Street Sidewalks, Sarah Bratty Park, JYSA, Jessup Avenue Paving Project and Morgan/Flynn Street Sewer Awere among the topics.

Solicitor Maura Armezzani Tunis reported easement letters have been sent out and she will be holding a meeting with residents on September 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Borough Building. Jessup Borough received a land development plan from Breaker Street Associates back in June. That plan was ultimately rejected because it lacked zoning compliance. The property owners have appealed that decision to the zoning hearing board and the hearing is scheduled for September 18th. These plans were not reviewed by Jessup Borough Planning Commission because they lacked zoning compliance. Lackawanna County is still reviewing the plans, so the Borough did receive 2 letters from them regarding comments for this project. Again, Jessup Borough did not accept or review the plans. A lot consolidation plan was received by Lackawanna County. Jessup Borough has no record of a lot consolidation submission. There is no recommendation coming from Jessup Borough Planning Commission.

Borough Manager Coleen Watt reported that there will be a vaccine clinic September 11th from 3-5 in the Borough Bldg and another one October 9th. The last Movies Under the Stars will be held on September 20th. Gates open at 7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat will take place at Hose Company #2 on Hill Street on October 19th from 3 until 5. The online auction to dispose of surplus property is complete. The Borough collected \$5,328.00.

Communications: A letter from Lackawanna County Planning Commission regarding the revised Breaker Street lot consolidation and a second letter from Lackawanna County Planning Commission regarding the revised Breaker Street land development.

Public Comment: Helen Gillott complained about her neighborhood. Overgrown shrubs, tarps on the roof, overgrown grass, garbage cans left out for weeks and abandoned swimming pools. She called in May about her flagpole. She wanted the Borough to send the bucket truck to re-string the flagpole, and she was told no.

Genevieve Lupini is looking forward to the 150th Anniversary of Jessup Borough next year. She asked about securing a grant so the Borough could build their own show mobile. Any other cable companies coming to the Borough.

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Jeff Smith discussed motions A and J. He doesn't feel motion J fully reflects what was discussed at the meeting. He also noted the reason he has a rental is Jessup is because he and his wife wanted his wife's aunt who is 87 years old and has no children to live close to them.

New Business:

- A.** Motion to advertise to amend the rental registration ordinance to address when the immediate family of a property owner lives in a second residence but does not pay rent. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (4-0)
- B.** Motion to apply for the America 250 grants from Lackawanna County. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (4-0)
- C.** Motion to apply for the America 250 Grant through DCED. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (4-0)
- D.** Motion to apply for the Main Street Matters grant for the Community Vision Plan. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- E.** Motion to apply for the Statewide LSA grant for the Hill Street Sidewalk Project. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- F.** Motion to apply for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (4-0)
- G.** Motion to apply for the Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Grant on behalf of the Jessup 21st Century. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- H.** Motion to use liquid fuels money to replace the existing light fixtures with LED on the Casey Highway and at the on and off ramps. A motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- J.** Motion to sell the bank building at public auction utilizing the services of _____. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti to table motion J. Aye carried. (4-0)
- K.** Motion to contract with Alloy5 to continue the feasibility study for the Borough. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- L.** Motion to update the computers for the police department, tax collector and clerical. Cost \$8,502.90. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (4-0)
- M.** Motion to approve the MMO for the police pension in the amount of \$76,137.00 and DPW, Clerical and Administration (\$23,504.00). A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (4-0)
- N.** Motion to send the Borough Manager to the Lackawanna County Association of Borough's meeting September 18, 2025. Cost \$20.00. A motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (4-0)
- O.** Motion to advertise an Ordinance addressing the permitting and use for charging Electric Vehicles. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- P.** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 18 of 2025 CDL Drug and Alcohol Policy. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (4-0)
- Q.** Motion to appoint Arlene Caines as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission. Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- R.** Motion to appoint Ronald Moticki as an alternate to the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (4-0)

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- S.** Motion to adopt Resolution No. 19 of 2025 regarding the Electronics Recycling Program. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- T.** Motion to advertise separate requests for proposals for garbage and recycling collection throughout the Borough. A motion was made by Gregg Betti second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (4-0)
- U.** Motion to award the paving bid for Jessup Ave. to Stafursky Paving in the amount of \$49,078.15. A motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Gregg Betti. Aye carried. (4-0)
- V.** Motion to ratify police vehicle purchase from Kinley Automotive Group in the amount of \$67,898.86. Aye carried. (4-0)

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Gregg Betti to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary