

Jessup Borough Council
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessup Borough Building, 395 Lane Street, Jessup, PA 18434.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was given.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson, Gregg Betti.

Roll Call:

Gregg Betti	Thomas Fiorelli
Curt Camoni	Ron Kordish
Jeffrey Castellani	Robbie Martin
Jerry Crinella	

Announcements: Chairperson Betti announced Council held an executive session on January 5, 2026, regarding personnel.

Consent Agenda: Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 3, 2025, and the special meeting on December 30, 2025.

Approve the Secretary's report, December payroll in the amount of \$64,542.33, motor license fund payments in the amount of \$14,990.00, and general fund payments in the amount of \$53,418.83.

Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella to approve the consent agenda. Aye carried. (7-0)

Reports: Mayor Buckshon thanked everyone for a wonderful year in Jessup.

Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson: Jeff Smith thanked those who voted to reappoint him to the position and hoped to prove himself to those who did not. He reported there were no updates on Kearney Steel, and he met with the zoning hearing board solicitor to sign off on the decisions for the Williams Brothers and Breaker Street hearings.

Controller: Benjamin Cardoni congratulated all newly elected Council members and gave a synopsis of Borough finances for the month of December.

Tax Collector: Genevieve Lupini congratulated newly elected and appointed officials. She was unable to prepare a year end report because she needs to accept all payments postmarked by the 31st of December. She did a quick assessment of her delinquents and expects to turn over \$25,367.27 to tax claim for collection. Last year she submitted \$27,000.00 to tax claim for collection.

Zoning Officer: Amos Valenti gave an update on permits issued for the month of December. He issued a permit to Amazon for fire suppression, and a few residential applications were processed.

Police Department: Chief Derek Fozard congratulated the new appointees and gave an overview of calls for the year. The department responded to 4,982 calls for the year.

Solicitor: Maura Armezzani Tunis thanked Council for reappointment. She mailed a letter to Lowes Sales and Service on December 23rd indicating the Borough needs the truck complete by January 15, 2026.

Borough Manager: Coleen Watt thanked Council for reappointment and congratulated all newly elected Council members.

Borough Fire Chief: Jim Anderson thanked Council and gave an overview of calls for the year. The hose companies ran a total of 1,144 calls in 2025 which is an estimated 970 hours of service by our volunteers. Fire and Rescue made 243 emergency calls at an estimated 118 hours of service. Chief Anderson gave a breakdown of the types of calls responded to.

Public Comment: Gary Pezak thanked Council for their support of the EMT's. Robyn Buckshon thanked the Borough for supporting Jessup 21st Century throughout the year. Sarah Helcoski feels the reorganization meeting should have included public comment. She has concerns with the new dynamic of the Planning Commission as it relates to the engineer and attorney. Genevieve Lupini thanked Council for all of their interest in the 21st Century. She loves Jessup!!

New Business/Motions:

- A.** Motion to contact DCED to study both Hose Companies in the Borough. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (7-0)
- B.** Motion to post all videos of meetings on the Borough website. Motion was made by Robbie Martin second by Curt Camoni. Jerry Crinella, Ron Kordish, and Tom Fiorelli voted no. Aye carried. (4-3)
- C.** Motion to eliminate all unnecessary committees. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Jerry Crinella, Ron Kordish and Tom Fiorelli voted no. Aye carried. (4-3)
- D.** Motion to put the bank building out to bid. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Jerry Crinella, Ron Kordish and Tom Fiorelli voted no. Aye carried. (4-3)
- E.** Motion to reinvest \$139,000.00 matured treasury bill into a one (1) year treasury security investment to continue the ladder investment at People's Security Bank. Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (7-0)

- F.** Motion to retain Environmental Planning and Design for zoning and planning consultation services. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (7-0)
- G.** Motion to advertise to update Article 10, section 1005 of the Jessup Borough Zoning Ordinance and send the same to Lackawanna County Planning Commission for review. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (7-0)
- H.** Motion to advertise an ordinance regulating the repair of vehicles on public streets and sidewalks. Motion was made by Jeff Castellani second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (7-0)
- I.** Motion to send Borough Manager to the 2026 Newly Elected Municipal Officials Boot Camp March 6th and 7th. This course is required to obtain the PSAB Certified Borough Officials certification. Cost \$75.00. Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (7-0)
- J.** Motion to accept the resignation of Chief of Police Derek Fozard. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (7-0)
- K.** Motion to advertise for a Chief of Police. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (7-0)

Adjourn: Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jeff Castellani to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary