

Jessup Borough Council
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, March 4, 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 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Gregg Betti.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Buckshon presented Cora Castellani with a proclamation in honor of scoring her 1,000th point as a junior at Valley View. March 4, 2026 is Cora Castellani day in Jessup. Congratulations Cora

Consent Agenda: Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 4, 2026, and the special meeting on February 11, 2026.

Approve the Secretary's report, February payroll in the amount of \$65,848.02 and general fund payments in the amount of \$93,081.45

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

Reports: Mayor Buchshon noted the signs at the entrances to town are in disrepair and should be addressed. There is one missing on Hill Street and it should be reinstalled. In February Jessup celebrated its inaugural Groundhog Day. Hose Company #1 dedicated their hall to the late James Walsh.

Planning Commission Chairperson - Brittani Barscheski explained that she sends reports and letters when the Planning Commission is taking action. Sunnyside Road Associates, LLC land development plan is currently on hold pending an upcoming zoning hearing.

Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson – Jeff Smith noted he spoke with Mario regarding Kearney Steel and there has been no movement. There is a hearing on March 23, 2026, regarding Sunnyside Road Associates, LLC.

Controller Ben Cardoni gave an overview of the Borough accounts.

Zoning Officer Amos Valenti gave an overview of activity for the month of February.

Chief of Police Derek Fozard – The police department encountered an unusual amount of leave of officers for the month of February. Generally, there is an uptick in leave for June, July and August. This left the department somewhat short staffed which accounted for the decrease in proactive numbers he saw in comparison to January and February. Special thank you to DPW for putting together the new lockers for the department. There was a cost savings of \$300.00 per locker by taking on this task in house. The old lockers were donated to LaSalle Academy and they were very grateful. LaSalle asked for a police presence during mass which happens a few times per week. Jessup Police have been present for the past few months and LaSalle is very appreciative. The new reporting system is up and running. There will be a zoom call next week to work out the kinks.

DPW Foreman Joe Cirba – The Borough is in need of paving. The majority of Borough roads are full of alligator cracking. Storm drains in Winton are in need of replacement because the bottoms are rotted away.

Solicitor Maura Armezzani Tunis – She hasn't received any updates regarding the Borough truck. She asked if Council would like her to attend the upcoming meeting with PennDOT regarding the railroad bridge on Constitution Ave. She plans to attend the March 23rd zoning hearing unless Council directs otherwise.

Borough Manager Coleen Watt – Letter of intent was sent to DCED requesting a study of both Hose Companies. Met with Lackawanna County to look at installing handicap curb cuts near the VFW on Second Ave., the Sarah Bratty Park project will be going to bid in the coming weeks.

Council Comments: Tom Fiorelli discussed garbage receptacles for the parks. Jeff Castellani congratulated Cora Castellani on her proclamation. Ron Kordish asked about the Ferdinand, Flynn and Morgan Streets project. Robbie Martin commended Cora for her accomplishments and noted the award was well earned. He discussed the Borough finances, and he would like to implement a plan to address the Borough infrastructure. Jerry Crinella announced he attended a meeting with a prospective buyer for the bank. Curt Camoni congratulated Cora Castellani. He has concerns with the viaduct and traffic being cut off to the residents of Ferdinand, Flynn and Morgan Streets. He wants the Borough to look at a revitalization plan for the community. He would also like to see a financial plan put in place. Gregg Betti announced the tickets for the Jessup 150 dinner will go on sale next week. He looked at Dickson City's revitalization plan and thinks we should start our own committee.

Public Comment: Jeff Smith congratulated Ms. Castellani. He discussed Fell Townships' huge win in superior court. Shout out to DPW for fabricating a rack to hold the salt spreaders. He commended Council on the capital improvement projects they have completed and noted they have done a great job.

Brittani Barscheski noted the bridge is the railroad authority's responsibility. The next meeting is March 17th.

Catrina Bauer called State Representative Kyle Mullins, PennDOT and the Railroad Authority about the issues with trucks hitting the bridge on Constitution Ave. She recommends the Borough submit a complaint to PennDOT via the website. Her family was impacted by the most recent accident at the bridge for 7.5 hours. They were unable to go to and from their home because the road was blocked by a tractor trailer. Her children walk through neighboring yards to get the school bus because it's too dangerous to let them walk under the bridge to the market to get the bus.

Melissa Maus raised the same concerns she has been raising for the past three years. Speeding on Lawler Drive. Recently she found a two-year-old walking down the street without parents. She asked about installing speed humps or speed cushions. She is looking for a long term solution.

New Business/Motions:

- A.** Motion to advertise a public hearing on April 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to amend the Jessup Borough Zoning Ordinance. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (7-0)
- B.** Motion to direct Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board to submit written reports prior to the work session. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Tom Fiorelli to table. Aye carried. (7-0)
- C.** Motion to apply for Automated Red-Light Enforcement (A.R.L.E) grant funds to move the arm at the railroad crossing on Hill Street (This project is costly and would coincide with the Hill Street Sidewalk Project) Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (7-0)
- D.** Motion to apply for a Flood Mitigation grant for Hill Street and Constitution Avenue. Motion was made by Jeff Castellani second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (7-0)
- E.** Motion to advertise for RFP's for garbage disposal throughout the Borough. Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (7-0)
- F.** Motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2026 (repair of vehicles on street) Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (7-0)
- G.** Motion to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2026 (vacant property) Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- H.** Motion to adopt Ordinance 3 of 2026 amending Ordinance 9 of 2018 (Quality-of-Life Ordinance) Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- I.** Motion to adopt Resolution 3 of 2026 (Participating in 504 Compliance Program) Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (7-0)
- J.** Motion to appoint Coleen Watt Section 504 Compliance Officer Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (7-0)

- K.** Motion to send Borough Manager to PSAB Conference May 31-June 3 in Hershey. Borough to pay for registration, lodging, meals and mileage. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (7-0)
- L.** Motion to approve funding for the July 5th Fireworks display for Jessup 21st Century. Borough to pay up to \$7,500.00 Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- M.** Motion to adopt Resolution 4 of 2026 amending the zoning fee schedule. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- N.** Motion to purchase 2,000 tons of road salt for the 2026/2027 winter season through COSTARS. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (7-0)
- O.** Motion to advertise for summer camp counselors. Motion was made by Jeff Castellani second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (7-0)

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jeff Castellani to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary