

Jessup Borough Council
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 1, 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	

Council President Gregg Betti announced an executive session 4/1/2026 regarding personnel.

Mayor Joseph Buckshon swore in Jessup Borough Police Chief, Edward Boettcher

Consent agenda:

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 4, 2026, special meeting March 17, 2026, and special meeting March 24, 2026.

Approve the Secretary's report

Approve the March payroll in the amount of \$60,747.15

Approve monthly payments from the general fund in the amount of \$43,476.51

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

Reports:

Mayor Buckshon announced he was honored to attend the 2026 Arts and Culture Grant Award Ceremony where Jessup Borough received a grant to be used in conjunction with the AMERICA250 Celebration.

Tax Collector Genevieve Lupini gave an overview of taxes collected for the month of March.

Outgoing Chief of Police Derek Fozard recognized Officers Maria Savinelli, Guiseppe Ianni and Michael Arthur for their outstanding performance as officers of Jessup Borough. He also thanked Coleen, Maura, Jen, Tom, DPW and Council.

DPW Foreman Joe Cirba gave an overview of work DPW performed throughout the month of March.

Borough Fire Chief Jim Anderson gave a synopsis of the calls the Hose Companies and Ambulance responded to for the month of March. He also discussed the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) he would like Council to consider passing.

Solicitor Maura Armezzani Tunis thanked Chief Fozard for his time with the Borough. She received a request for a lien payoff for 916 Church Street. The Borough should receive a check soon.

Borough Manager Coleen Watt thanked Chief Fozard for his service and congratulated Ed Boettcher on his recent appointment. Gave an update on the upcoming events, and projects happening throughout the Borough.

Council Comments:

Robbie Martin thanked Derek for his service and welcomed Chief Ed Boettcher. He also thanked the officers Derek highlighted. He would like to look into a dog ordinance and make it stronger.

Jerry Crinella welcomed Chief of Police Ed Boettcher and thanked Derek Fozard.

Curt Camoni noted he supports the dog ordinance. He thanked Derk for his service to the Borough and wished Ed success as the new Chief of Police. He thanked Gregg Betti for all of his hard work on the Jessup 150.

Ron Kordish thanked DPW for all of their hard work. He acknowledged the VFW for all of the great work they do for the town. Acknowledged our first responders for a job well done.

Jeff Castellani thanked Derek Fozard for his service to Jessup Borough and congratulated Ed Boettcher.

Tom Fiorelli thanked Derek Fozard and congratulated Ed Boettcher. He noted that DPW did a great job overseeding Memorial and JYSA.

Gregg Betti announced that Jessup Borough will be kicking off their 150th Anniversary Celebration on 4/12/2026 at Fiorelli's. He noted he met with PennDOT about the bridge on Constitution and every idea costs the Borough money. Hometown Hero banners have been ordered.

Public Comment:

Russel Canaveri commented that VFW members are getting parking tickets. They have been parking the same way since 1948. He asked what changed.

Catrina Bauer voiced her frustration with the amount of trucks hitting and/or getting stuck under the bridge on Constitution.

Jeff Smith feels \$25.00 is plenty of money to pay for handicap parking signs in the amended ordinance. He noted that the Borough should be cautious if they adopt the motion to petition the Liquor Control Board in an effort to allow music at the VFW pavilion. He gave an update on the happenings with Citizens for a Healthy Jessup.

Mark Cordelli gave an overview of happenings going on throughout Lackawanna County.

New Business/Motions:

- A.** Motion to install ADA curb cuts on Second Ave and Hand, Second Ave and Dolph St, and Hand St and Third Ave using CDBG funds. Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (7-0)
- B.** Motion to pave the gravel parking lot at Memorial using CDBG funds. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (7-0)
- C.** Motion to pursue a grant to install a fitness court at Sarah Bratty Park through the National Fitness Campaign. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- D.** Motion to advertise an amendment to the handicap parking ordinance. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- E.** Motion to approve the upfit of the Peterbilt truck. Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jeff Castellani to table. Aye carried. (7-0)
- F.** Motion to advertise a budget work session April 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- G.** Motion to amend motion F. to hold the budget work session April 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. There was no public comment. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- H.** Motion to advertise a budget work session April 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- I.** Motion to advertise to hold a public meeting on April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Valley View High School Auditorium to explain the procedure for a conditional use hearing in the Borough. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (7-0)

- J.** Motion to hire a part time Police Officer Eric Faramelli. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- K.** Motion to adopt Resolution 5 of 2026 entering into a contract with Chief of Police Edward Boettcher. Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (7-0)
- L.** Motion to adopt Resolution 6 of 2026 authorizing the Council President to sign real estate documents related to the closing of property at Sarah Bratty Park. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- M.** Motion to adopt Resolution 7 of 2026 authorizing the signing of the Letter of Understanding (LOU) with DCED for a study of both Hose Companies. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (7-0)
- N.** Motion to approve licensing for Movies Under the Stars in the amount of \$1,430.00. Motion was made by Jeff Castellani second by Tom Fiorelli. Aye carried. (7-0)
- O.** Motion to reinvest \$139,000.00 to continue the ladder of investment with People's Security Bank. Motion was made by Tom Fiorelli second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (7-0)
- P.** Motion to petition the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to allow music at the Veterans of Foreign War pavilion. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (7-0)
- Q.** Motion to reapprove the Jessup Steel Land Development Plan. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jeff Castellani. Aye carried. (7-0)

ADJOURN: Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Tom Fiorelli to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary