Jessup Borough Council
REGULAR MEETING
October 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of Jessup Borough Council was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.in the Jessup Borough Building, 395 Lane Street, Jessup, PA 18436.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Gregg Betti.

Roll Call:	Brian Barrett	Thomas Fiorelli - A
	Gregg Betti	Ron Kordish
	Curt Camoni	Robbie Martin
	Jerry Crinella	

Mary Liz Donato from Lackawanna County Planning and Chris Chapman from DCED gave an overview of multi-municipal zoning

Consent Agenda:

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 2, 2026.
Approve the Secretary's report
Approve the July payroll in the amount of $58,787.48
Approve monthly payments from the general fund in the amount of $44,176.09

Reports: Mayor Buckshon announced the 2nd Annual Jessup Block Party was a huge success. He thanked all involved. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 18th and December 5, 2026 will be the Santa Train and Christmas Tree Lighting at Station Park.
Planning Commission Chairperson, Brittani Hamer Barscheski: Brittani noted she was a stickler for minutes and she was not at the last meeting, Sara was. She asked for a continuance of the DBT Conditional Use Hearing because she did not have enough time.
Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson, Jeff Smith: There were 2 hearings held on Friday. Two (2) were approved and one (1) was denied.
Reports of Committees: Gregg announced they were waiting for an estimate from Alloy5
Tax Collector, Genevieve Lupini: Gave an overview of the Borough taxes collected for the month.
Police Department; Chief Edward Boettcher: The Police Department responded to 299 calls for the month of September. They had an unusually high number of requests for welfare checks.
Borough Fire Chief James Anderson: The Hose Company had 95 calls for the month. 77 were EMS.

Solicitor, Maura Armezzani Tunis: Updated Council on the sewer hookup ordinance and professionals Council plans to hire for the DBT Data Center conditional use hearing. There were zoning hearing board hearings on Friday evening as stated by the zoning hearing board chairperson.

Borough Manager, Coleen Watt: Announced the Trunk or Treat hours as 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on the 18th at Hose Company #2 on Hill Street. November kicks off the food drive for the NEPA Food Basket, Jessup Chapter.

Council Comments:
Robbie Martin commended all involved with the Block Party.
Jerry Crinella asked about prices for a pole barn for DPW
Curt Camoni commended all involved with the Block Party. He noted the restaurants downtown did incredibly well. Thanked LHVA, Steamtown, the Iron Horse Society, Lackawanna Historical Society and Jessup's own Genie Lupini for bringing in the reenactors. Discussed the posting videos motion to the website was to include work sessions. Please post asap. Trunk or Treat and the Santa Train are upcoming.
Ron Kordish thanked those in attendance and noted their opinions matter. He encouraged them to get involved and speak their peace.
Brain Barrett thanked all departments involved with the Block Party.

Public Comments: Genevieve Lupini thanked Jessup Borough for allowing the train come to town. She asked how many people are signed up for Jessup 411 and noted it is a wonderful service provided to the residents.

Stacey Gibson would like Council to consider passing an ordinance notifying residents of construction on their street and giving them 48 to 72 hours to move their vehicles from the area. There was recent construction on Sturges Street, her boyfriend's van was parked on the street because they do not have a driveway and it was towed. Notice was not given to her side of the street or they would have moved it. She does not want to see what happened to them happen to anyone else.

Barbara Bzdick thanked Council for the big signs at the viaduct. She listened to the work session where there were discussions about implementing a fire tax and other tax increases. She asked Council to please think about it before implementing these possible increases.

Andrew Tomaszewicz – Hats off to the Jessup 21st Century and all involved with the Block Party. He had a great time as a resident. He lives near Jessup Youth Sports Center and recently there have been issues with a gentleman who has a German Shepard without a leash running in the back of the Youth Sports Complex. Recently the dog began defecating in his yard and

roaming without a leash. He spoke to the owner who said it wouldn't happen again and three days later the dog was back doing the same thing. He has serious concerns.

Jeff Smith discussed motion O. Voyent Alert and motion T. sending a letter to Valley View School District. He wants Council to be proactive and go after the money as opposed to relying on the school district. Feels a business privilege tax is not worth it for the money you would make. Citizens for Healthy Jessup were contacted by the County to do a drug takeback event. He will contact the Borough Manager and Chief of Police about setting this up if it's ok.

Corey Slush has concerns about e-bikes. In the past month there were 2 accidents in front of his house. These kids are flying.

Motions:

A. Motion to advertise an ordinance to make Short Street one way from Court Street to Rear Hill Street. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Brian Barrett. Aye carried. (6-0)

B. Motion to advertise an ordinance to make parking on one side of Short Street from Court Street to Rear Hill Street. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)

C. Motion to hire Derk and Edson to implement the Community Vision Plan at a base fee of $56,600.00. Total price not to exceed $70,000.00. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)

D. Motion to hire Hailstone Economics to implement the Community Vision plan at a cost of $53,250.00. Total price not to exceed $70,000.00. Motion died

E. Motion to hire Environmental Planning and Design to implement the Community Vision Plan at a cost of $69,696.00. Total price not to exceed $70,000.00 Motion died

F. Motion to hire Michael Baker International to implement the Community Vision Plan at a cost of $74,852.00 Motion died.

G. Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-15 Lackawanna County 2026 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan Update. Motion was made by Robbie Martin second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)

H. Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-16 applying for the Monroe County LSA Grant for sewer upgrades to Ferdinand/Flynn and Morgan Streets. $400,000.00 Motion was made by Robbie Martin second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (6-0)

I. Motion to execute a proposal from benesch related to the review of the DBT Data Center conditional use application. Cost $3,000.00 Motion was made by Ron Kordish second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried. (3-0)

J. Motion to execute proposal with Environmental Planning and Design related to the review of the DBT Data Center conditional use application. Technical review $990.00, Meetings (assumes 1 hearing @ 2 hrs. and coordination with staff $1,044, and reimbursable expenses (1 hearing) $290.00 Motion was made by Robbie Martin second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (6-0)

K. Motion to execute proposal with JMS Acoustics for sound studies related to the DBT Data Center conditional use application. Hourly rates as follows: J. Michael Spencer $280.00, Technical Assistants $115.00, Expert Testimony $420.00. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (6-0)

L. Motion to execute proposal with EmPower Analytics Group (Michael Cork) for environmental review of the DBT Data Center conditional use application. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish to amend motion L. to include the hourly rate of $275.00 per hour. Aye carried. (6-0) Jeff Smith is a little concerned that this might be one hearing. This will take multiple hearings. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish to execute a proposal with EmPower Analytics Group (Michael Cork) for environmental review of the DBT Data Center conditional use application at the rate of $275.00 per hr. Motion died (1-5) Ron Kordish voted aye.

Melanie Davis Harrison has expertise as a statistician and unfortunately, she was unable to attend the meeting. She submitted comments for Council to consider. They are attached to the minutes.

M. Motion to execute a proposal with Don Graham to negotiate potential contracts with developers. Partners $450.00 per hr., Associates $350.00 per hr., Law Clerk/Senior Paralegal $250.00 per hr., Paralegal $150.00 per hr. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)

N. Motion to execute a proposal for Jessup 411 with Voyent for a one-year contract. Cost $3,200.00 Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Brian Barrett. Aye carried. (6-0)

O. Motion to execute a proposal for Jessup 411 with Voyent for a three-year contract to be paid in advance. Cost $9,000.00 Motion died.

P. Motion to reinvest $144,000.00 with Peoples' Security Bank to continue the ladder of investments. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Ron Kordish. Aye carried. (6-0)

Q. Motion to distribute State Fire Relief funds in the amount of $38,710.72 Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)

R. Motion to approve changes to the 2027 Ford dump truck upfit in the amount of $3,668.63 Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Robbie Martin. Ron Kordish voted not. Aye carried. (5-1)

S. Motion to advertise to hire a full-time DPW employee. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Robbie Martin. Aye carried. (6-0)

T. Motion to send a letter to Valley View School District in support of their tax assessment appeal to Lackawanna County. Motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Curt Camoni. Aye carried (6-0)

U. Motion to execute Resolution 2026-17 establishing an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Jefferson Township and Jessup Borough. Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Brian Barrett. Aye carried. (6-0)

V. Motion to enter into a three-year contract with Rainey and Rainey for auditing services. Year 1 - $9,575.00, Year 2 - $9,875.00, Year 3 - $10,175.00 Motion was made by Curt Camoni second by Jerry Crinella. Aye carried. (6-0)

Adjourn: There being no further business a motion was made by Jerry Crinella second by Robbie Martin. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Watt, Secretary